



DRAGON TALES

Checking the List Twice

02 Dec 16

The only way we can keep up with all the activities and great things that are happening at McNeil Canyon over the next two and a half weeks is to make a list and check it regularly. So many special traditions and learning opportunities will occur in the next thirteen days of school that checking the list twice may not be enough to make sure you do not miss out.

Students across all the grade levels have been preparing diligently for their individual and collective parts they have in the Winter Music program that kicks off this flurry of activities next Thursday evening. The very next day is Writer's Workshop, an opportunity for all students to share some of their great writ-

ing with peers. Add to that the excitement of gingerbread cookies, soup-kit making and mini-workshops and you have all the makings of some great fun and wonderful opportunities for getting into the holiday spirit.

In just 19 calendar days, the first semester of this school year will be over and students will be headed home for two weeks of well earned vacation. McNeil students have really been working hard on all of the assignments and activities that teachers have been planning and guiding them through.

Happy Holidays and thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of McNeil Canyon School.

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Special points of interest:

- Winter Program
- Mini-Workshops
- Cookie Decorating & Soup Kit Making
- Winter Break

Dates to Note:

Winter Program	8 Dec
Mini-workshops	20 Dec
Pajama Day	21 Dec
No School for Students	22 Dec
Winter Break begins	23 Dec

Christmas Break

There will be NO SCHOOL for students from Thursday, December 22, 2016, which is an inservice day for teachers, through January 8, 2017 due to the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2017. We hope you and your family have a peaceful, restful, joyous holiday!

Winter Program Dec. 8th

Our Winter Program will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm here at McNeil. In planning ahead for this great event, students will be asked to dress as follows:

Corise's Kindergarten – black bottoms (pants or skirt), white top

Anne's 1st Grade – Boys – black pants, white shirts

Girls – fancy, twirly, bright colored dresses

Melon's 2&3 Grade – black, green or red bottoms, white top

Kendall's 3&4 Grade – black bottoms, white shirts

Bill's 5th Grade – dressy party clothes

Joanna's 6th Grade – **CHANGED TO** – dressy party clothes

For boys that will be wearing white shirts, ones that are button down with a collar are preferred. Thank you for your help.

Helping Others

The Student Council is sponsoring “**The Helpful Holiday Tree.**” Beginning Monday and continuing through December 16th, they are collecting socks to be given to homeless kids in our district. Please bring socks (with tag or packaging so they can tell the size) and hang them on the Helpful Holiday Tree in the school lobby.

We are collecting non-perishable food for **Share the Spirit** to use in the holiday food and gift baskets they provide to local area residents in need. Canned items or other non-perishable food can be brought to school and placed in the boxes under the Christmas tree.

Once again we will be making dry bean soup kits for the **Homer Food Bank**. We are asking each student to bring two cans of stewed, diced, or whole tomatoes, (14.5 oz. size), to include in these soup kits. Please bring them to school by Friday, December 9th. Thank you for your generosity!

Winter is here!!

We are getting snow and it has been very cold up here on the hill. Please make sure your children bring proper winter gear so they are safe outside. Thanks for your help.

Indoor Soccer at the Herc

Indoor Soccer for Grades 4th thru 7th starts Wednesday, Dec. 7th at the Herc. They will play every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 3:30 to 4:45 pm until February. \$2/session—punchcards are available! It is sponsored by the City of Homer Community Rec Dept. Call 299-6425 for more information.



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Next
Site Council Meeting
07 Feb 17
3:30 p.m.
McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Discipline Procedure
- McNeil Site News

Pajama Day

Join the fun! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Please be sure your PJ's are appropriate for school and will keep you warm enough.

Mini-Workshops – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

On Tuesday, Dec. 20th beginning at 12:45 pm, we will be conducting mini-workshops. If you would like to help with one of the workshops or conduct your own, please let us know by Wednesday, Dec. 14th so that we can plan accordingly. These workshops are something that the students and staff look forward to and we hope to have parents involved, as well. If you would like to conduct a workshop with a few students but don't know what to do, we are full of ideas! Just ask! Please complete the form below and return it to the school office or give Laura a call if you can help. Thanks much!

Mini-Workshop Sign-Up

Parent's name _____

Workshop description-- _____

Grade level(s) of students you'd like to work with _____

Desired number of students _____

Materials you need _____

Contact phone _____