



# DRAGON TALES

## Our Success Depends on You

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The first quarter of this school year is history and we are charging into the next one.

Your involvement in these events is a key to their success and we could not do it without you.

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This time of the school year always feels busy and we really are busy. Even a shortened week of school for students was busy with Parent/Teacher conferences and setting up for the Fall Carnival.

In fact, the success of McNeil Canyon Elementary is directly related to the level of involvement of our parents and other community members.

**Special points of interest:**

- Artists in the Schools
- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Winter Program
- Skiing

The Fall Carnival is a great example of the kinds of community-wide events that happen at McNeil. There are great opportunities to help as a volunteer with these kinds of events and the monies that are raised through all the activities are hugely important for funding so many of the activities that teachers plan for their classes throughout the

Please stay connected to the events and happenings that will be posted in the Dragon Tales and Magpie newsletters throughout this year.

These next seven weeks will fly by just as quickly as the past eleven so hang on and make sure you keep the newsletters handy to keep up on all the events and happenings at McNeil Canyon.

**Dates to Note:**

Student In- formance	10 Nov
Early Release	22 Nov
No School— Thanksgiving Holiday	23 & 24 Nov
Spotlight Lunch	28 Nov

## Moving Stories Workshop TONIGHT!!

Friday evening, Nov. 3, 7:00-8:00 pm there will be a Movement and Dance with Sarah Campen in our school gym. Families are welcome. Please wear inside shoes to this event.

This Artists in Schools project is supported by a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts with additional funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. Our parent group, Community Council, provides the required one-third of the funding.

## A Big THANK YOU from Community Council

The Community Council would like to thank the staff members who participated in the Carnival this year. Thank you Pete & Lenore, Kendall & Laura for selling tickets, Melon for running the lollipop tree, Corise for helping in the kitchen, Josh for setup and teardown assistance, Colten for cotton candy making, and Joanna for the haunted house. We love having you participate in this event, you are the heart of the school! And to all the FANTASTIC PARENTS who went FAR above and beyond (and there were MANY of you) to make this year's Fall Carnival so great, THANK YOU!!! The widespread effort and talent put forth this year was AMAZING!!!

## Time Change— Reset your CLOCKS!

On Saturday night, Nov. 4th, remember to set your CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR before you go to bed. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday.

## Artists in the Schools Informance

Parents and Community Members are invited to watch McNeil Students perform a school wide "Informance" (showing the audience what we have learned during our artist residency) in the gym from 10:30 – 11:30 am on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## After School Cross Country Skiing

Joanna Greene will be the coach and she is looking for a helper who is experienced with sizing to help size kids next month in preparation for beginning the ski program.

We are hoping to start our Skiing program on Mondays after Winter Break. We also need parent helpers every Monday once the ski program starts. How many helpers we have will determine how many skiers we can have. Please contact Joanna at [jgreene@kpbsd.org](mailto:jgreene@kpbsd.org) or call the school office.

## North Pole Musical

Our Winter Program, North Pole Musical, will be held on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at McNeil. In planning ahead for this great event, students are asked to dress as follows:

Corise's K—Elves—Black Bottoms (skirts, pants, tights) and Red or Green tops  
(no words or pictures)

Anne's 1st—Elves—Black Bottoms (skirts, pants, tights) and Red or Green tops  
(no words or pictures)

Melon's 2-3—Reindeer—Brown or Black bottoms and Brown or Tan tops (no  
words or pictures)

Kendall's 3-4—Snowflakes—Blue Jeans (without holes) and white tops (no words)

Timothy's 5—Snowman—Black bottoms, white tops

Joanna's 6<sup>th</sup>—Party—Dressy party clothes/Sunday best (including shoes)

**NOTE:** Drama Club students will have costumes already so do not need the clothing listed above.

We need a couple of mattress pads/mattress covers for making snowman costumes. Used is fine. Please drop them off at the school office as soon as possible so we can get sewing.

## Early Release

There will be an early release day on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. McNeil Students will be released at 1:20 pm and buses will leave at 1:30 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

## Hippie Day

Student Council is sponsoring Hippie Day on Wednesday, November 22nd. Join the fun!

## Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you get to relax and enjoy this time with family and friends.



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Next

Site Council Meeting

05 Dec 17

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Agenda:

- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News
- Set Meeting Dates for Year

We're on the Web!!  
[www.mcneilcanyon.org](http://www.mcneilcanyon.org)

## First Quarter Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 1st Quarter: Avery Cathey, Breyan Cathey, Emma Fisher, Robert Frost, Addi Grimes, Justus Grimes, Julie Guess, Maggie Guess, Paxton Horn, Kavindra Johnson, Leya Johnson, Shania Jones, Kayla Kalafut, Myra Kalafut, Sofia Loboy, Tilea Lockwood, Karmen Lyon, Liam McHenry, Brianna Miller, Elsa Milne, Ike Mitchell, Matthew O'Malley, Einar Pederson, Brenda Pennington, Ella Rainwater, Wynne Reed, Minadora Reutov, Raiden Skorski-O'Donnell, Juneau Turkington, Javan Weisser, Zephaniah Weisser, Olivia Wilkens and Amelia Young. It's great to have you here!

## Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of November: Brantley Erickson, Eiko Olson, Angeline Theriot, Katie Baum, Greta Schlotmann, Ila Sylce, Eli Weisser, Robbie Frost, Willow Rutter, Trinity Thayer, Ellen Barrett, Breyan Cathey, Wolfgang O'Phelan, Einar Pederson and Raiden Skorski-O'Donnell. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, November 28th at 11:45 am.

Spotlight Student forms are being sent home with these children today. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!!