

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

September 2, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Serve as a Room Representative

Open House and Fall Harvest Fair by Melon

On Tuesday, September 6, 2016 we will hold a Fall Harvest Fair. Parents will be able to enjoy looking at the Fair during Open House which begins at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you here.

Students and community families are invited to bring fruits, vegetables and flowers to the Harvest Fair. Bring your entry to display to school with you on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Consider which category suits your entry best:

- Largest . . . vegetable, fruit, grain, leaves, and flowers
- Smallest . . . vegetable, fruit, grain, leaves and flowers
- Unusual Looking. . . vegetable, fruit, grain and flowers
- Harvest Hat . . . Decorate one or make one with fruits, vegetables or flowers
- Tiniest flower arrangement
- Most colorful flower arrangement
- Smelliest – good or bad
- Creations: (children attempt to create characters or objects with vegetables i.e. stick a carrot on a potato face for a nose)
 - Funniest
 - Dragons
 - Unique Setting or Scene
 - Camouflage Creatures
- Family Project (any category)
- People's Choice (students will vote for the entry they consider most outstanding)

Water Line Break

The main water line that comes from the water shed to the school had a major leak. Because contaminants may have entered our water system, we will be using bottled water to drink for a period of time until the water has been thoroughly tested and determined safe to drink. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle for use at school. Drinking fountains will not be in use. Thank you.

Garage Sale DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED!!

It's time again to clean out your garages and closets!!! Joanna's class will be holding a Garage Sale at McNeil on **Sat., October 8th**. You will get a clean, dry room to sell your items and WE do all of the advertising!!! \$10 rent for 1/2 of a table and \$20 for a full table. We will also have a 6th grade table for those of you with clean items in good shape that you would like to donate to our fundraiser. A bake sale will be held in conjunction and we welcome donations for that as well. Please contact Laura Sheldon at the school to reserve your table now!

School Board Meets in HOMER

The KPBSD School Board meeting this month will be held at 7 pm in the HHS Marine Theatre on Monday, Sept. 12. Several important decisions will be made at this meeting including bus plans for next year. Our school will be making a presentation to the Board about our school. Please plan on attending and show your support for McNeil.

Parent Volunteer Training

The McNeil Canyon Elementary School **Parent Volunteer Workshop** will be held Monday, Sept. 12th at 12:30 pm. We will be covering the Parent Volunteer Handbook, how to run most of the school equipment, and safety issues such as Blood-borne Pathogens and the Emergency Action Plan. Any parents who have not previously had this training here need to be here. If you can not make it at this time, please contact Laura to set up another time.

Physical Address

To assist the school in planning for possible critical incidents and in evaluating our bus transportation routes, it is vitally important for the school to have your physical address in addition to your mailing address. If you have not provided a physical address to the school or your physical address has changed, please assist us in updating our school records by call the school offices at 235-8181 or by mail to: Laura Sheldon, McNeil Canyon Elementary, 52188 East End Rd., Homer, AK 99603. Your assistance is appreciated.

Committee Members Needed

The Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association (KPSAA) is seeking a Parent Representative to serve the remainder of the current term ending with the current school year. Parent Representatives are an important voice on the KPSAA Board, and will seek information from other KPBSD parents to report back to the KPSAA Board at our quarterly meetings. For more information, please contact Tiffany Eck no later than September 9, 2016 via email teck@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or by phone 907-714-8884. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Soldotna Prep school.

The KPBSD Wellness Committee is seeking nominations for a Parent Representative. The Wellness Committee is responsible for reviewing Board Policy 5141.6 *Student Nutrition and Physical Activity* for districtwide compliance and seeks input from our schools, parents and community members. The committee meets 2-3 times per year, typically in the Central Peninsula area. For more information, please contact Tiffany Eck no later than September 15, 2016 via email teck@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or by phone 907-714-8884. Our first Wellness Committee meeting will be held on October 4, 2016 at the District Office building from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.