

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

September 9, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Do a project at home for Laura

School Board meets in Homer on Monday

The KPBSD School Board meets at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm in the Mariner Theatre at Homer High School. Students and staff from McNeil will be making a presentation to them about our school. Please plan on attending if you can.

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't make it at this time, please contact Laura to set up another time.

After School Learning Lab begins Tuesday

After School Learning Lab will begin Tuesday, Sept. 13th. There is **ASLL** every Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session. There is an activity bus that will bring your child home afterwards. It leaves the school at 4:00 p.m. and transports the students who live farther out East End Road before heading back to town and dropping those students off. Students will be referred to stay for **ASLL** by their teacher. A permission slip is required to stay after school and they are available in the classrooms and in the office.

Early Release

The KPBSD School Board has approved an early release (1.5 hours) for all schools on one day of 6 months per school year. The first one will occur on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. McNeil Students will be released at 12:50 pm and buses will leave at 1:00 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

Band News by Mrs. Swanson

McNeil Band is about to begin. Band will take place one day per week during lunch recess.

Second year band will be on Tuesdays and start on September 20.

First year band will be on **Wednesdays and start until October 5.** Put a note on your calendar for Oct. 1 which will be a beginning band clinic for all McNeil 1st year students. More info. to come.

Scholastic News

Scholastic News is a publication that many teachers find very informative for students. Due to budget cuts, we are asking parents to please pay \$5.00 (for students in Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 only), so we can continue to receive this publication. This fee was included on the supply list and many students have paid. We would like to remind those who haven't had a chance to pay yet to please do so. Thank you.

Family Game Night – DATE CHANGE

Family Game Night has been changed to Friday, Sept. 30th at 7 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this fun event.

Coast Walk Clean-Up

Our Annual Beach Coast Walk Clean-Up Day will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Permission slips are being sent home today and should be returned as soon as possible. Students will need a sack lunch, (or order one from the school kitchen), rubber boots, warm coat and raingear. Permission slips are being sent home today.

Students will travel by bus into Homer at 8:45 am and clean up beaches as part of the CoastWalk organized by the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies. They will be returning to McNeil before the end of the school day. With the help of students, parents and staff, our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of garbage.

In combination with this all-school project, we will be collecting pledges from our friends and families to help fund field trips and special classroom needs this year. Collection envelopes will be sent home next Friday. All envelopes **MUST BE RETURNED** whether you collect any pledges or not. The deadline for returning envelopes is Monday, Sept, 26th.

Parent helpers are needed to help with this event to: accompany classes to town to help watch the students as they do their clean-up; take gathered bags of trash to the landfill and get them weighed. Contact Laura in the office or your child’s teacher if you can help. Thank you.

Talk and Look Like a Pirate Day

Monday, Sept. 19th, is Talk and Look Like a Pirate Day. Aaaargh. Join the fun!

Homegrown Carrots for Sale Next Week!!

Fresh carrots will be available from the fifth grade class on Tuesday, September 13th! The students will be digging local carrots and selling them as a fundraiser for fieldtrips. These tasty carrots are great for carrot sticks, cooking or juicing. Carrots are \$3 a pound. We recommend a minimum order of five pounds.

Please fill out the order form below and send it to school with your child. This will be your only chance to place an order and we will reserve carrots on a first come basis.

Please detach and return to school office.

Name _____

Please reserve _____ 5 lbs-\$15; _____ 10 lbs-\$30; _____ other

____ I will pay when I pick up the carrots at McNeil OR

____ Please send home the carrots home with _____ in _____'s class.

Attached is a check.