

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

January 19, 2018

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with After School Skiing – on the trail or serving hot chocolate & snack
- Help with After School Skating – on the ice or serving hot chocolate & snack
- Help students study for Spelling Bee once a week during lunch

### **Spotlight Lunch**

January Spotlight Students and their parents are invited to join Mr. Swanson for lunch on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. Parents can meet their students by the dragon at 11:45 am. We hope to see you here!

If parents plan on eating a hot lunch, please notify the school office ahead of time so our cook can prepare enough food. Also, please come prepared to pay for your hot lunch. (An adult lunch is \$4.50 plus 60 cents for milk.) Our cook is not allowed to take money from a child's account for an adult lunch. Thanks for your help!

### **Star Lab & Family Math/Science Night – Thursday, Jan. 25th**

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the great family event. There will be several Math or Science stations to explore in the gym and the Star Lab will be set up in the library. Plan on joining us on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

### **Fake Injury Day**

Student Council is sponsoring Fake Injury Day on Friday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Join the fun!

### **Geography Bee News**

Congratulations to Willem Hakala, the winner of our 2018 Geography Bee and Zephaniah Weisser who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Thank you to those students who participated: Ellen Barrett, Kayla Kalafut, Zephaniah Weisser, Willem Hakala, Rebecca Trowbridge, Briar Boyd, Carly Nelson, Luke Nelson and Minadora Reutov. Great job everyone!

### **Child Find Screening**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). We will screen your child's motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Children are seen by appointment only. The screening will be held at McNeil Canyon School on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information contact Robin @ 714-8930.

### **T200 Dog Sled Race**

The Tustumena 200 will be held on Jan. 27 & 28, 2018. Musher's will begin arriving at our school at approximately 4 pm on Saturday afternoon and continue to arrive until late in the evening. They will come back for their final layover early Sunday morning and be there throughout the day until approximately 6 pm. Students, parents, community members and staff are welcome to come out to watch and also meet the mushers.

### **KPBSD Budget Meetings**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Seward High School Library
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School Library
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 5:30 pm. in the Soldotna High School Library
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Kenai Central High School Library

As new budget information becomes available it will be posted

here: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=38>. If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.

### **BP Teachers of Excellence Program**

Nominations for exceptional teachers are now open. Nominate your favorite teacher at [BPTeachers.com](http://BPTeachers.com) by Feb. 1, 2017.

### **Transportation Meeting**

There will be a transportation meeting to address transportation in Homer on Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at West Homer Elementary from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm