

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

October 14, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with the Fall Carnival
- Help with the Book Fair
- Help in the Art Room

Spotlight Lunch

October Spotlight Students and their parents are invited to join Mr. Swanson for lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016. Parents can meet their students by the dragon at 11:15 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 \$4.25 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!

Fall Carnival Posters DUE TUESDAY!

All students are invited to make a poster (no bigger than 12" x 18") to help let people know about our Fall Carnival. **All poster contest entries will receive a prize.** Posters need to be submitted by Tuesday, Oct. 18th. The poster must have the student's name, grade and teacher's name on the back and **MUST** have the following information somewhere on the front of the poster:

McNeil Canyon School Fall Carnival
Friday, October 28
5:00-8:00 pm at McNeil Canyon School

Additional information that you could include if you wish is: "Come Join the Fun!". Food, Prizes, Games, Haunted House, everyone is welcome! Happy creating!

School Shirt orders DUE THURSDAY!

These are great shirts that have our school name and dragon on them. Show your school spirit! Order forms were sent home last week and are available in the office or on-line. They are due Oct. 20th.

Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Student Council is sponsoring Crazy Hair and/or Crazy Hat Day on Thursday, Oct. 20th. Join the fun!

Inservice Day/End of Quarter

First Quarter will be ending on Friday, October 21st. This is an in-service day for staff so there will be **NO SCHOOL** for students that day.

Community Council News

The *Fall Carnival* is coming up in two weeks and we will be asking parents to help run the booths at this great fun event which is also one of our major fundraisers for the year. Please sign-up for a one hour shift when the room representative calls. We need your help to make this a success!

We are collecting *children's books* for the cupcake walk at the Fall Carnival. You can drop off used books in the office with Laura.

If you have *Cotton Candy making experience*, we need your help. We will supply everything but need someone to make the cotton candy and put it in bags so it is ready for sale during the Fall Carnival. It could be made anytime on Thursday, Oct. 27th or before the Carnival starts on Friday, Oct. 28th. Please contact the office or Theresa Engebretsen at 399-3525 if you can help.

The *Book Fair* will be held during the week of Oct. 24th through Oct 28th. Hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be during our lunch hour, 11:20-12:20. On Thursday and Friday during Parent Teacher Conferences books may be purchased between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Our annual Book Fair this year is once again being held in cooperation with The Homer Bookstore and proceeds from the Book Fair are used to buy art supplies for school wide projects. You may receive a call asking you to help with this event.

We are raffling off *one cord of firewood* – cut, split and delivered. Tickets are available now in the office and they will also be available during the Fall Carnival. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held at the end of the Fall Carnival.

We are looking for an *art room parent volunteer* each day of the week. If this is something you are interested in, contact the school office.

Coast Walk Update

We had great weather for our Coast Walk and McNeil students collected 579 lbs. of trash from our local beaches. Great job everyone! If you have not turned in your Coast Walk envelope, please do so as soon as possible so this event can be wrapped up. Thank you.

Bussing and School Start and End Times

Attached to this newsletter is a news release about changes to school start and end times beginning next August. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Pete.

CACS Early Release Day Program

On our early release day, Oct. 26th, Kindergarten thru 4th Grade students are invited to participate in a program about Winter Birds of Homer at the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies from 1:30-4:30 pm. Call 235-6667 for more information.