

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

October 20, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.

Early Release on Wednesday

There will be an early release day on Wednesday, October 26, 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences next Thursday and Friday

Notices with your child's scheduled time for Parent/Teacher Conferences were sent home last week. Please contact the school office no later than Monday, Oct. 24th if you need to reschedule. Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 27th & 28th. We hope to see you here!

Fall Carnival

The annual McNeil Canyon Elementary Fall Carnival will be held on Friday, October 28th from 5 - 8 pm. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family and community. The Fall Carnival is sponsored by Community Council and is their one major fundraiser for the year. Plus it's a lot of fun! Parents may be receiving a phone call asking them to help at the Carnival. Your time commitment can be as short as one hour. Please consider helping with this great event.

Community Council News

The *Fall Carnival* is coming up next week 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.

Community Council News - continued

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.

Fall Carnival Poster Contest

Congratulations to Anthony Basargin for his first place winning poster in the poster contest, Halen Nordstrom for second place and Ellen Barrett for placing third. Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster. They all look great!

Spare Clothes

It's that time of year when students often get wet and muddy at recess. It would be helpful if your child had a spare set of clothes in their backpack. Also, I have sent several children home in borrowed pants and socks in the past couple of weeks. If you come across some clothes in your laundry that you don't recognize, most likely they came from here and it would be great to have them returned. Thank you.

School Shirts

Forms for ordering school shirts were sent home last week. These are great shirts that have our school name and dragon on them. Show your school spirit! Orders were due today but we have extended the deadline to Monday.

Technology Contests

The Alaska Society for Technology in Education is sponsoring their annual contests. This year they are: iDidaPhoto, iDidaTune, iDidaDoc, iDidaPodcast, iDidaMovie, iDidanApp, iDidaThing and iDidaBOOK. Entry deadline is January 31, 2017. Rules are on the bulletin board in the main entry. **For additional information go to:** www.iDidaContest.org