

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

October 25, 2017

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- **HELP WITH THE FALL CARNIVAL – URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

URGENT MESSAGE

To

Parents of McNeil Canyon Students

Our Fall Carnival is in jeopardy!! Some of our room representatives are having a hard time finding people to work for **JUST ONE HOUR** at one of the booths. We have already cancelled one of the planned booths and more are in danger of being cancelled. Our parent group, the Community Council, puts on the Fall Carnival and it is one of their two fundraisers for the year. Community Council gives money to each class for teachers to use for field trips, helps pay for swimming lessons and provides matching funds for the Artists in the Schools Program. At times teachers will request special items for their classrooms and Community Council tries to meet those needs.

If you are not signed up yet and can help, please call Laura at 235-8181 or Theresa at 399-3525. Carnival set-up will begin at 11 am on Thursday, October 26 until we are done. Booth workers are needed for one hour shifts from 5 – 8 pm Friday evening. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Report cards are being sent home with students today. The Teachers look forward to seeing you at conferences tomorrow and Friday, Oct. 26th and 27th. There will be no school for students on these two days.

Book Fair

Be sure to visit the Book Fair when you come for your child's conference tomorrow or Friday. Proceeds benefit our Art Program. If you want a book that you don't see, let Laura know and the The Bookstore will order it for you.

Fall Carnival, Friday October 27th, 5 – 8 pm

We hope to see you at the Fall Carnival! This event is fun for all. Tell your friends and neighbors. Come support our parent group and join the fun!

Artists in the Schools News

Our artist this year is Sarah Campen. She will work with all classes on “Moving Stories” for two weeks beginning Monday, Oct. 30th. There are a couple of special events happening with this residency that we want to invite parents and community members to:

1. Friday evening, Nov. 3, 7:00-8:00 Movement and Dance with Sarah Campen in our school gym. Families are welcome. Please wear inside shoes to this event.
2. McNeil Students will be performing a school wide “Informance” (showing the audience what we have learned during our artist residency) in the gym from 10:30 – 11:30 am on Friday, November 10th.

This Artists in Schools project is supported by a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts with additional funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. Our parent group, Community Council, provides the required one-third of the funding.



Mix It Up At Lunch Day

On Tuesday, October 31st, McNeil Canyon will once again participate in the National Mix It Up At Lunch Day. This is a day to promote tolerance by getting to know fellow students outside your circle of friends. Students will be encouraged to make new friends by sitting by someone new that day!

Community Council Meeting

Community Council will meet on Friday, Nov. 3rd at 1:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.