

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

October 6, 2017

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Garage Sale TOMORROW!!

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm will be the annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade garage and bake sale. Several different families have rented tables and we have received lots of donations for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade table. It should be a great sale! Come check it out.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be selling any leftover treats from the sale, after lunch on Monday.

### Drama Club news

Students who are interested in participating in Drama Club, must turn in their permission slip by Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals start on Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Twin Day

Student Council is sponsoring Twin Day on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Dress alike with someone and join the fun!

### Community Council Meeting

The McNeil Community Council will meet on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents are invited to attend. It is especially important for Room Representatives to attend if at all possible. We will be handing out information about the booths each class will be having and directions to help get volunteers to work the booths during the Fall Carnival.

### Fall Carnival Poster Contest

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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 27  
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! Please make posters family friendly. Happy creating!

We are also collecting books for the cupcake walk and stuffed animals for the prize stand. You can drop off used books and gently used stuffed animals in the office with Laura.

### 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. Thank you.

### **School Pictures**

Picture packets are being sent home with students today. Picture retakes will be on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017. Please return the entire picture packet if you would like to have your child's photo retaken. If your child was absent on Picture Day, or you didn't get a chance to order photos, new order forms are also being sent home today.

Two parent helpers are needed on picture retake day. Volunteers receive a free packet of pictures for helping. Call Laura in the office if you would like to help. Thank you.

### **Battle of the Books**

We are still in need of coaches for the 3/4 and 5/6 Battle of the Books team. Usually an adult meets with interested students one day a week during recess from about November thru February when the battles with other schools are held. Please contact the office if you would like more information or can help.

### **Coast Walk Update**

All Coast Walk envelopes need to be turned in as soon as possible whether you collected any pledges or not. Call the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

### **Geography Bee and Spelling Bee**

These contests are for students in grades 4 – 6. Our school Geography Bee will be held on January 12, 2018. There is a form attached to newsletter for grades 4-6 with study tips. Our school Spelling Bee will be held on February 16, 2018. If you go to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) there is a "Parents & Students" tab that has study tips, a Word Club, Spell It! book, etc. Good luck!

### **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 are due Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Poetry Contest**

Scholastic Publishing is sponsoring a Student Poetry Contest for students in grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The deadline for submission is November 8, 2017. Additional information and entry forms are located on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

### **Technology Contests**

The Alaska Society for Technology in Education is sponsoring their annual contests. This year they are: iDidaPhoto, iDidaTune, iDidaDoc, iDidaPodcast, iDidaMovie, iDidaApp, iDidaThing and iDidaBOOK. Entry deadline is January 31, 2018. Rules are on the bulletin board in the main entry.

**For additional information go to:** [www.iDidaContest.org](http://www.iDidaContest.org)