

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

November 4, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help in the Art Room

Time Change— Reset your CLOCKS!

On Saturday night, Nov. 5th, remember to set your CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR before you go to bed. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday.

Artists in the Schools, “Exploring Chinese Traditions” Nov. 7-18, 2016

Over the next two weeks, every grade will receive individual instruction in Chinese Brush Painting with Homer artist Sharlene Cline. Each classroom will explore Chinese art, music, crafts, games, history and culture in cross-curricular lessons.

This first week, students will be painting subjects such as dragonflies, bamboo, pushki, and blossoms while learning about the tools and principles of Chinese Brush Painting.

Mark your calendars for the open house “Gallery Walk” on Friday, November 18, 12:45-2:00. Pre-schoolers are also invited to attend a special viewing on the morning of Friday, November 18. To schedule a visit, contact Laura in the school office.

This residency is made possible with funds provided by the Alaska Legislature through the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts with additional funding from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Art Committee

The Art Committee invites you to attend an informational meeting about art at McNeil on Monday, November 7, at 2:30 in the art room.

This is an opportunity to learn about the diverse art programs at McNeil, and how these enriching activities happen. The Art Committee will be seeking individuals who would like to lead a project or lend a hand.

Student Store

Student Council has taken over the running of the Student Store. It will be open on Tuesdays during lunch and recess beginning next week.

After School Cross Country Skiing

We are hoping to start our Skiing program on Mondays after Winter Break. Joanna Greene will be the coach and she is looking for parent helpers. How many helpers we have will determine how many skiers we can have. Please contact Joanna at jgreene@kpbsd.org or call the school office.

Winter Program

Our Winter Program will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm here at McNeil. In planning ahead for this great event, students will be asked to dress as follows:

Corise's Kindergarten – black bottoms (pants or skirt), white top

Anne's 1st Grade – Boys – black pants, white shirts

Girls – fancy, twirly, bright colored dresses

Melon's 2&3 Grade – black, green or red bottoms, white top

Kendall's 3&4 Grade – black bottoms, white shirts

Bill's 5th Grade – dressy party clothes

Joanna's 6th Grade – Hawaiian

For boys that will be wearing white shirts, ones that are button down with a collar are preferred.

Thank you for your help.

Pumkin Chunkin at West Homer Elementary today

From 4-6 pm on Friday, Nov. 4th you can bring your pumpkin to WHE and for \$5 you can launch it in a trebuchet. A trebuchet is similar to a catapult. Participants will pull a rope that pulls a pin out, which will launch the pumpkin. The big trebuchet will have a throwing arm over 10 feet long and the stand is 8 feet high. If you don't have a pumpkin, they will have some for sale from \$7-\$20 depending on the size of the pumpkin (includes the chucking cost).

Great Candy Exchange at the Health Fair on Saturday at HHS

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm kids 10 and under can trade their Halloween candy for fabulous prizes at the Rotary Health Fair at Homer High School. The candy collected will be sent in holiday care packages to U.S. troops overseas. While you are there, make a personal greeting card to send with your candy! This event is sponsored by South Peninsula Hospital.