

# McNeil Canyon Elementary

## *Magpie*

December 16, 2016

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help in the Art Room
- Help with Mini-workshops
- Help with After School Skiing
- Help with After School Skating – on the ice or serving hot chocolate & snack

### Mini-Workshops

Mini-Workshops will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who is conducting a workshop. It is always great fun for the kids. Parents who haven't signed up to lead a workshop are always welcome to join us and help out.

### Pajama Day

Join the fun! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal on Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure your PJ's are appropriate for school and will keep you warm enough.

### Celebration on Wednesday

On Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a school-wide celebration from 12:45 – 1:30 pm in the gym. Students will be eating gingerbread cookies they will make earlier. We need some donations to help decorate our cookies that day so we are asking the following classes to bring something:

**5th Grade** – 1 can of white frosting

**1st Grade** – small decorations for gingerbread men such as raisins, M&M's, Skittles, red hots, mini marshmallows, chocolate chips, etc. We have plenty of sprinkles.

Thank you to Two Sisters Bakery for donating the sheets of gingerbread dough.

### Happy Holidays!

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> is an Inservice/Work Day for staff and marks the end of Second Quarter. There will be NO SCHOOL for students from Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We hope you and your family have a peaceful, restful, joyous holiday!

### Helping Others

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of socks and hats to benefit local homeless children. The District Homeless Liaison will be picking them up for distribution.

Bean Soup kits were made yesterday and will be delivered to the **Homer Food Bank** next week.

We are still collecting non-perishable food for **Share the Spirit** to use in the holiday food and gift baskets they provide to local area residents in need. Canned items or other non-perishable food can be brought to school and placed in the boxes under the Christmas tree.

### NAEP Testing for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

All 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are bringing home a letter today explaining their participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing that will be held on Jan. 30, 2017. Please ask your child for this letter.

## **Chinese Brush Painting Supplies**

Our Artist in the School, Sharlene Cline, wanted to pass the following information on to you. She said a lot of students and parents were interested in where they could get supplies. Happy creating!

**[www.Awesomeartsupply.com](http://www.Awesomeartsupply.com)**

### **Brush we used**

Pure Jade Sheep Brush ABS-4SB04  
\$5 each

[http://www.awesomeartsupply.com/ABS-4SB04-Pure-Jade\\_p\\_1203.html](http://www.awesomeartsupply.com/ABS-4SB04-Pure-Jade_p_1203.html)

### **Ink**

AIB – 28100 Yi-De-Ink 100 ml \$6.00

**Ink Dish** (I would get two. One for black and the other to get the right hue of black)

ABA- Dish \$0.89

### **Felt**

(This is the splurge item, if you want. We painted just on white copy paper but you could use rice paper which then you would need felt to put on your table then put the rice paper on top. Or you could use on old army blanket or swath of felt.)

### **Paper**

Double Shaun (Xuan, Shen) rice paper or Shuan is the best when painting special works in color. There's also student grade practice paper. We didn't use rice paper in class, instead we used plain copy paper.

### **Blueheronarts.com**

Starter sets, felt, color paints, red seal ink, magic practice cloth, brush stand

<https://www.blueheronarts.com/starter-beginners-c-52.html?osCsid=2862827e30945cc779d600171399f7bc>

### **[www.char4u.com](http://www.char4u.com)**

Customized Chops (Seal/Stamp)

<http://www.char4u.com/arts-crafts/chinese-chop-stamp.html>