

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

December 21, 2017

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with After School Skiing – on the trail or serving hot chocolate & snack
- Help with After School Skating – on the ice or serving hot chocolate & snack
- Help students study for Spelling Bee once a week during lunch

Happy Holidays!

Dec. 22nd is an Inservice Day for staff and marks the end of Second Quarter. There will be NO SCHOOL for students from Dec. 22nd through Jan. 7th due to the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 8th, 2018. We hope you and your family have a peaceful, restful, joyous holiday!

Helping Others

Thank you to everyone who helped us help others by donating food, toiletries and gloves that will be passed on to those in need. Our students assembled soup mixes that will be delivered to the Homer Food Pantry today.

After School Skiing and Forensics

On Monday, Jan. 8th, After School Skiing (for Grades K-6) and Forensics (for Grades 4-6) will begin. Permission slips are available in the office.

After School Skating and Time for Tinkering

On Wednesday, Jan. 10th, After School Skating (for Grades K-6) and Time for Tinkering (for Grades 3-6) will begin. Permission slips are available in the office.

Geography Bee and Spelling Bee

Students in 4th through 6th grade are invited to participate in both the Spelling Bee and the Geography Bee. The Geography Bee will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018. You can go to www.nationalgeographic.com for information to help you study. There are several web sites you can access from there. Here are some that might be particularly helpful: www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, and www.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine. You can also download their app at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/apps.

The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018. You can go to <http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students> for study tips or www.myspellit.com for free online access to 2017 Spell It!

Talent Show – Plan your Family Act

It's not too early to think about the McNeil Family Talent Show in February. Some of the most memorable skits in the past were family productions and the Christmas holiday may be a good time for the family to work on a skit.

Combined Band

There will be a Combined Band Practice on Wednesday, Jan. 10th when we return from Winter Break. There *will not* be band practice on Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

BP Teachers of Excellence Program

Nominations for exceptional teachers are now open. Nominate your favorite teacher at BPTeachers.com by Feb. 1, 2018.