

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

December 8, 2017

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help fit kids with skis
- Help with after school Skiing beginning in Jan.
- Help with after school Skating beginning when we can make ice

Helping Others

The Student Council is sponsoring “**The Helpful Holiday Tree.**” Continuing through December 15th, they are collecting gloves and travel size toiletries (like you get in hotels), to be given to homeless kids in our district. Please bring these items and hang them on the Helpful Holiday Tree or place them in the boxes under the tree that is in the school lobby.

We are 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.

Once again we will be making dry bean soup kits for the **Homer Food Bank**. We are asking each student to bring two cans of stewed, diced, or whole tomatoes, (14.5 oz. size), to include in these soup kits. Please bring them to school by Monday, December 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

Amazon Smile

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After School Cross Country Skiing

We are hoping to start our Skiing program on Mondays after Winter Break. We need parent helpers every Monday once the ski program starts. How many helpers we have will determine how many skiers we can have. Currently we have 8 parent helpers so that means 40 students will be able to sign up for skiing. Permission slips are being sent home today and should be returned to Laura in the office as soon as possible – first come, first served.

We also need a parent who can help with snack during skiing. This would be every Monday starting January 8th and continuing until March 5th (weather dependent).

Please contact Joanna at jgreene@kpbsd.org or call the school office if you can help with either of these things.

Bottled Water Available at McNeil

McNeil Community Council is selling Ohlson Mountain Mineral Springs bottled water as a fundraiser. The cost is \$10 plus a \$10 refundable deposit per bottle. You can buy your water on Thursdays from 2:30—4:00 pm at the first shed. Please bring exact change or pay by check. Thank you.

This is a new project so we would appreciate your feedback on what days or times you think might work better. If you would like to volunteer to sell water on a certain day/time every week, please contact the school office.

Winter is here!!

We are getting snow and it has been cold and windy up here on the hill. Please make sure your children bring proper winter gear so they are safe outside. Thanks for your help.

Mini-Workshops – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

On Wednesday, Dec. 20th beginning at 1:15 pm, we will be conducting mini-workshops. If you would like to help with one of the workshops or conduct your own, please let us know by Thursday, Dec. 14th so that we can plan accordingly. These workshops are something that the students and staff look forward to and we hope to have parents involved, as well. If you would like to conduct a workshop with a few students but don't know what to do, we are full of ideas! Just ask! Please complete the form below and return it to the school office or give Laura a call if you can help. Thanks much!

Mini-Workshop Sign-Up

Parent's name _____

Workshop description _____

Grade level(s) of students you'd like to work with _____

Desired number of students _____

Materials you need _____

Contact phone _____