



DRAGON TALES

Lots of Excitement for Winter

25 Nov 15

As the snow continues to fall and the ice is being built up, the excitement for Winter activities grows.

There is an excitement building too for all of the activities that will happen in the next three weeks. In just 14 calendar days, the first semester of this school year will be over and students will be headed home for two weeks of well earned vacation. McNeil students have really been working hard on all of the assignments and activities that teachers have been planning and guiding them through. In the next three weeks, McNeil students will have the opportunity to perform in the Win-

ter program for their parents, extended family and community members. This year, students have been working hard on a show called "A Moosical!!" That is always a great show with great music and tremendous performances! Mini-workshops is a great opportunity for students to make something for the holidays. They will also have the opportunity to participate in giving back to other members of our community when they prepare bean soup kits for the Homer Food Pantry.

We have so much to look forward to, so get involved with the fun happenings at McNeil Canyon School.

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Special points of interest:

- Winter Program
- Mini-Workshops
- Cookie Decorating & Soup Kit Making
- Winter Break

Dates to Note:

Winter Program	10 Dec
Mini-workshops	16 Dec
Pajama Day	17 Dec
No School for Students	18 Dec
Winter Break begins	19 Dec

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, 2015, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you get to relax and enjoy this time with family and friends.

Community Council Meeting

McNeil Canyon Community Council will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Winter Program – A Holiday Moosical

The Winter Program will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar and join us for this great event. We ask that students come dressed in the following: K, 1, 2 & 3 grades – Dressy clothes

4th grade – Pajamas

5th grade – Solid color Shirt and Pants in grey, black, brown or beige.

6th grade – Dressy clothes

Drama Club students have different costumes based on their character.

There will be an extra drama club practice on Thursday, December 3rd from 2:20-4pm. All drama club students should plan on attending.

Helping Others

The Student Council is sponsoring “**The Helpful Holiday Tree.**” Beginning Monday and continuing through December 14th, they are collecting hats and gloves to be given to homeless kids in our district. Please bring a new pair of gloves or a hat and hang them on the Helpful Holiday Tree 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 Friday, December 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

Pajama Day

Join the fun! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal on Thursday, Dec. 17th. Please be sure your PJ's are appropriate for school and will keep you warm enough.

Christmas Break

There will be NO SCHOOL for students from Friday, December 18, 2015, which is an inservice day for teachers, through January 3, 2016 due to the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016. We hope you and your family have a peaceful, restful, joyous holiday!

The Orchestra Rocks

Mark your calendars for a special concert, “The Orchestra Rocks.” Students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade are practicing for a concert at the Mariner Theater with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. The concert will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. More information will follow after Winter break.



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Site Council Meeting

03 Dec 15

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Discipline Policy
- SIP goal
- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News

Mini-Workshops – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th beginning at 12:45 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 Wednesday, Dec. 9th 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 _____