



DRAGON TALES

First Quarter is History

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The first quarter of this school year is history and we are charging into the next one. This time of the school year always feels busy and we really are busy. Even a shortened week of school for students is busy with Parent/Teacher conferences and setting up for the Fall Carnival.

ties are hugely important for funding many of the activities that teachers plan for their classes throughout the year. Your involvement in these events is a key to their success and we could not do it without you.

In fact, the success of McNeil Canyon Elementary is directly related to the level of involvement of our parents and other community members. Please stay connected to the events and happenings that will be posted in the Dragon Tales and Magpie newsletters throughout this year.

The Fall Carnival is a great example of the kinds of community-wide events that happen at McNeil. There are great opportunities to help as a volunteer with this event and the monies that are raised through all the activi-

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Special points of interest:

- Fall Carnival
- P/T Conferences
- Book Fair
- Bus Change Meeting
- Thanksgiving Holiday

Fall Carnival FRIDAY 5-8 pm

We hope to see you at the Fall Carnival! This event is fun for all. Tell your friends and neighbors. Come support our parent group and join the fun!

We are still looking for someone to make Cotton Candy sometime Friday before the Fall Carnival starts. Please contact the office or Theresa Engebretsen at 399-3525 if you can help.

Book Fair during Conferences

Be sure to visit the Book Fair when you come for your child's conference tomorrow or Friday. Proceeds benefit our Art Program. If you want a book that you don't see, The Bookstore will order it.

Community Council Meeting

Community Council will meet on Friday, Nov. 4th at 1:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Dates to Note:

Bus/Time change Mtg.	02 Nov
Set Clocks Back	06 Nov
Artist in the School	7-18 Nov
Sports Day	23 Nov
Early Release	23 Nov

Parent/Teacher Conferences & Report Cards

Report cards are being sent home with students today. The Teachers look forward to seeing you at conferences tomorrow and Friday, Oct. 27th and 28th. There will be no school for students on these two days.

Bus and School Start/Stop Time Changes

There will be changes to school start and end times effective in August, 2017.

Parents, KPBSD staff, students and community members are invited and encouraged to attend a community meeting to learn about the three options for new school start and end times and provide input. The Homer area meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm at Homer High School. If you are unable to attend this meeting and have questions or thoughts to share, please contact Doug Hayman, district facilitator, dhayman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us, talk to Pete, our Principal or use this online public comment link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthernPeninsulaSchoolTimes>

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.

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.

Artists in the Schools, “Exploring Chinese Traditions”

The Art Committee is excited to present this year’s Artists in the Schools Residency, “Exploring Chinese Traditions.”

Students will learn Chinese Brush Painting during our 2-week Artists in the Schools residency with Homer artist Sharlene Cline. Students will have painting sessions nearly every day beginning November 5, and we will conclude our art immersion with an open house “Gallery Walk” on November 18th, from 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 at 235-8181.

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.

Sports Day

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd will be Sports Day. Dress for playing your favorite sport or like your favorite team. Join the fun!



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Next

Site Council Meeting

29 Nov 16

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News

We're on the Web!!
www.mcneilcanyon.org

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of November: Wyatt Grose, Jace Nordstrom, Kimberly Donyes, Jayden Lyon, Liam McHenry, Kiril Basargin, Vasilisa Sanarov, Efrosinia Kuzmin, Sofia Loboy, Daisy Walker, Kavindra Johnson, Carly Nelson, Nathan Overson and Jake Tappan. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, November 22 at 11:15 am.

Spotlight Student forms are being sent home with these children today. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!!

Jars Needed for Project

Joanna is looking for donations of plain, pint size or larger glass jars for her mini-workshop. They do not need lids, but cannot have any label or texture on the jars. There will be a collection box in the office. Thank you.

First Quarter Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 1st Quarter: Briar Boyd, Cohen Boyd, Cadence Campbell, Jade Campbell, Cassidy Carroll, Alexandra Casey, Glenn Casey, Ben Engebretsen, Bethany Engebretsen, Jack Engebretsen, Skye Evans, Emma Fisher, Addi Grimes, Emma Grimes, Isaac Horn, Paxton Horn, Kieryn Huffman, Riley Huffman, Shania Jones, Kayla Kalafut, Alex LeBlanc, Brianna Miller, Elsa Milne, Halen Nordstrom, Jace Nordstrom, Faith Overson, Ella Rainwater, Minadora Reutov, Coleman Stephens, Juneau Turkington, Olivia Wilkens and Amelia Young. It's great to have you here!