



DRAGON TALES

New Snow and New Semester

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We are just three weeks into the new semester and things are happening at McNeil Canyon School. Teachers have many great activities and projects planned for the weeks ahead. We also begin to look at plans for next year. Those plans are based upon the staffing that we will be given based on projected enrollment and available funding. McNeil Canyon anticipates an enrollment similar to our 127 students this year. Unfortunately, because our state legislators chose last year to not produce a budget that involves other sources of revenue, we are stuck in the uncertainty of previous years and we will not know the staffing levels for next year until the legislators make their final decision in April.

Between now and then there is much that you can do to get the word out to as many people as possible regarding the importance of K-12 education. Our students deserve the best we can provide. Please let your legislators know what kind of difference their funding decisions have made for your child. You should also contact your local school board members and borough assembly members to let them know your interests. Letters from parents or e-mails are the kind of information that influence their decisions. Your input is very valuable. On the lighter side, the snow is piling up and we are having some great fun enjoying it.

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Special points of interest:

- Family Math & Science Night
- P/T Conferences
- Love of Reading
- Talent Show

Dates to Note:

Family Math & Science	2 Feb
Early Release	8 Feb
P/T Conferences	9 & 10 Feb
Talent Show	17 Feb

Star Lab & Family Math/Science Night

Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 6:30-8:00 pm the Star Lab will be set up here in our library. There will also be several Math or Science stations to explore in the gym. We hope you can join us for this great family event.

Spotlight Lunch

January Spotlight Students and their parents are invited to join Mr. Swanson for lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017. Parents can meet their students by the dragon at 11:15 am. We hope to see you here!

If parents plan on eating a hot lunch, please notify the school office ahead of time so our cook can prepare enough food. Also, please come prepared to pay for your hot lunch. (An adult lunch is \$4.25 plus 60 cents for milk.) Our cook is not allowed to take money from a child's account for an adult lunch. Thanks for your help!

Reading Challenge

February is LOVE of READING month at McNeil Canyon Elementary. This year instead of just celebrating once on Dr. Seuss's birthday, we are going to spend the entire month celebrating reading. Instead of counting minutes, we are going to spend our time sharing, talking and writing about books we enjoy. Each week we will have a school wide activity which will involve cross grade activities centered around our love of reading. Students will also have an opportunity to share what books they are reading by filling out dragon scales that will then hang in the hallway on Lor, our Love Of Reading dragon. Look for a booklet coming home with your child on February 1st with more information. Happy Reading!!

Early Release

The next early release day will occur on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. McNeil Students will be released at 12:50 pm and buses will leave at 1:00 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conference notices are being sent home today with the date and time of your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please call the school office by Monday, Feb. 6th to reschedule.

Conferences are an important communication tool. We really appreciate your efforts to attend so we can visit about your child's progress in school. There is NO SCHOOL for students on these days. We hope to see you here!

School Board Recognition Month

February is School Board Recognition Month. Take a moment to let them know we appreciate what they do. A list of all school board members and their contact information can be found on the district website: www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us Click on the "Board" tab on the left.



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Next

Site Council Meeting

07 Feb 17

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Discipline Procedure
- McNeil Site News

Talent Show Only 3 Weeks Away!

The McNeil Canyon Family Talent Show will be held on Friday, Feb. 17th at 6:30 pm here at McNeil. Are you working up a skit with your friends or your Dad? Are you brushing up on a piano piece or your ukulele? How about a favorite poem to recite for us? Talent Show permission slips are being sent home today. There will be an orientation meeting for all students interested in participating in the Talent Show next Tuesday, January 31st at 12:00 Noon.

The silent auction, sponsored by Community Council, will include delicious pies and cakes along with other items to bid on. The Community Council has already received a few generous donations to auction off and we are looking for a few more. If you have an item or a service you are willing to donate let Arwyn 299-7074, Theresa 399-3525, or Laura know! Thank you.

Room reps will be calling soon, so be thinking of those delicious pies and cakes to make.

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of February: Cevir Basargin, Brenda Pennington, Olivia Morris, Baron Theriot, Eli Weisser, Kieryn Huffman, Willow Rutter, Nico Erickson, Evalyn Trejo, Jade Campbell, Avery Cathey, Michael Reutov, Haley Baker, Skye Evans, Ava Johnson and Luke Nelson. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, February 23rd 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!!