



DRAGON TALES

First Quarter Flying By

These first six weeks of school have really been packed with lots of activities and great instruction.

All of our McNeil students spent last Friday down at Bishop's Beach and the Spit picking up trash and recording the items collected for our participation in the Coast-Walk. All students have a unique button to remember their involvement in that community service project.

We also had a great Harvest Fair with lots of wonderful entries and lots of families showing for our Open House.

We are looking forward to the end of the First Quarter in just three weeks, our annual

Fall Carnival will be happening just a week after that, and our Artist-In-Schools culminating event will follow on Friday, 10 November.

This is shaping up to be another great year of school at McNeil Canyon. Please stay tuned for all the great activities and events that will be available throughout the year and remember that it is your direct involvement that makes this such an amazing school. All of these activities represent a lot of work from teachers, students and parents. We would not be able to provide or accomplish these without your support. Keep up the great work!!

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Special points of interest:

- Garage Sale
- Picture Retakes
- End of 1st Quarter
- P/T Conferences
- Fall Carnival

Dates to Note:

Garage Sale	7 Oct
No School for Students	20 Oct
Early Release	25 Oct
No School for Students & P/T conferences	26 & 27 Oct
Fall Carnival	27 Oct

Family Game Night TONIGHT!!

Family game night will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our school goal is 3,000 minutes of Game Playing fun and cooperation! Student Council is sponsoring Family Game Night and will be holding a Bake Sale and selling popcorn during this event. Come join the fun!



Garage Sale

The annual McNeil Garage/ Bake sale, sponsored by our 6th grade class, will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9 am—1 pm. There are still tables available for rent or you can donate items to the 6th grade table. Call the school office if you have any questions or would like to rent a table.

Drama Club by Corise Story and Mrs. Swanson

North Pole Musical

Auditions are underway for the 400th Anniversary of North Pole Musical, and everyone is in a panic! The dancing Reindeer are “hoofin’ it,” but don’t know what to do with Rudolph and his 4 left hooves. The elves are tired of always getting the short end of the stick, and are singin’ the blues. The snowman are “chillin,” but worried about the funky hot lights, and the toys are trying to do the entire Nutcracker Suite in 3 minutes! The annual Christmas show keeps getting bigger and bigger, but, wait a minute! Is bigger really better? See how Santa finds a way to remind everyone of the true meaning of the season.

Drama club will be on Mondays and Thursdays after school, starting Thursday, October 12th from 2:50- 4:20pm. There will be an informational meeting for all students interested in participating on Thursday, October 5th after lunch in Corise’s room. Permission slips will go home at that time and are due on Monday, October 9th. Kindergarten through 6th graders are welcome to participate.

Students who live further out East End Road past McNeil, will be able to ride the bus home after Drama Club. Students who live toward town from McNeil will have to be picked up at 4:20 pm.

Community Council

The McNeil Community Council will meet on Friday, October 13th at 1:00 pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents are invited to attend. It is especially important for Room Representatives to attend if at all possible. We will be handing out information about the booths each class will be having and directions to help get volunteers to work the booths during the Fall Carnival.

Fall Carnival

The annual McNeil Canyon Elementary Fall Carnival will be held on Friday, October 27th from 5 - 8 pm. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family and community. The Fall Carnival is sponsored by Community Council and is their one major fundraiser for the year. Plus it's a lot of fun! Parents may be receiving a phone call asking them to help at the Carnival. Your time commitment can be as short as one hour. Please consider helping with this great event.

School Shirt

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for school shirts. We only order these once a year so if you would like a school shirt, please complete and return the order form by October 20th.

Fall Carnival Poster Contest

All students are invited to make a poster (no bigger than 12" x 18") to help let people know about our Fall Carnival. **All poster contest entries will receive a prize.** Posters need to be submitted by Tuesday, Oct. 17th. The poster must have the student's name, grade and teacher's name on the back and **MUST** have the following information somewhere on the front of the poster :

McNeil Canyon School Fall Carnival
Friday, October 27
5:00-8:00 pm at McNeil Canyon School

Additional information that you could include if you wish is: "Come Join the Fun!". Food, Prizes, Games, Haunted House, everyone is welcome! Please make posters family friendly. Happy creating!

We are also collecting books for the cupcake walk and stuffed animals for the prize stand. You can drop off used books and gently used stuffed animals in the office with Laura.

Twin Day

Student Council is sponsoring Twin Day on Friday, October 13th. Dress alike with someone and join the fun!

KPBSD Budget Meeting

The KPBSD will have a District wide budget development presentation on Tuesday, October 17th at 5:30 pm at Homer Middle School. McNeil Site Council Members, as well as all interested parents, are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

This meeting will be used to provide a brief overview of the KPBSD budgeting process and the fiscal reductions we are facing. The purpose of the meeting is to gain feedback on areas of your school budget that can be reduced, areas that should remain priorities and suggestions for legislators about solutions to our shortfalls. This input will then be presented to the Board at the November and December board meetings and work sessions.



Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017. Please return the entire picture packet if you would like to have your child's photo retaken. If your child was absent on Picture Day, or you didn't get a chance to order photos, new order forms will be sent home before retake day.

Two parent helpers are needed on picture retake day. Volunteers receive a free packet of pictures for helping. Call Laura in the office if you would like to help. Thank you.



First Quarter Ends/Inservice Day

First Quarter will be ending on Friday, October 20th. This is an in-service day for staff so there will be NO SCHOOL for students that day.

Early Release

The KPBSD School Board has approved an early release (1.5 hours) for all schools 6 days per school year. The next one will occur on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. McNeil Students will be released at 1:20 pm and buses will leave at 1:30 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 26 & 27 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Notices with your child's scheduled conference date and time will be sent home with them on Friday, Oct. 13th. If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please contact the school office to reschedule as soon as possible or no later than Oct. 23rd. Conferences are an important communication time for parents and teachers. We hope to see you here!



Battle of the Books—Coaches Needed

We are in need of coaches for the 3/4 and 5/6 Battle of the Books team. Usually an adult meets with interested students one day a week during recess from about November thru February when the battles with other schools are held. Please contact the office if you would like more information or can help.

Mix It Up At Lunch Day



On Tuesday, October 31st, McNeil Canyon will once again participate in the National Mix It Up At Lunch Day. This is a day to promote tolerance by getting to know fellow students outside your circle of friends. Students will be encouraged to make new friends by sitting by someone new that day!

Artists in the Schools

The Artists in the Schools program will be happening October 30th through November 10th. Our artist this year is Sarah Campen. She is from Southeast Alaska and will be working with our student on storytelling and movement. Mark your calendar for some special events that are happening during this residency. Friday, November 3rd from 7—8 pm, Sarah Campen will lead a Community Movement Activity/Dance here at McNeil. Then on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 am, our students will present an informance of what they have learned during this two week residency. We hope you can join us!

Coast Walk Update



Students collected a total of 710 pounds of trash from our local beaches last Friday when we participated in the Coast Walk organized by the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. All Coast Walk envelopes are due in the school office on Monday, October 2nd. You must turn in your envelope whether you collected any pledges or not. Call the office if you have any questions. Great job everyone. Thanks for making our community a better place.



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Next

Site Council Meeting

17 Oct 17

5:30 p.m.

Homer Middle School

Agenda:

- District Budget Meeting

Book Fair

BUY A BOOK AND HELP SUPPLY THE ART ROOM! Our annual Book Fair this year is once again being held in cooperation with The Homer Bookstore. We are fortunate the Homer Book Store offers us the opportunity to provide quality literature to our families while supporting our art program through this fundraiser. On top of purchasing books at the Book Fair in our hallway, you can place orders for books you want at that time, the book store will order your books or provide them from their stock, and consider those sales part of our fundraising event. The Book Fair will be held during the week of Oct. 23rd through Oct 27th. Hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be during our lunch hour, 11:50 am-12:50 pm. On Thursday and Friday during Parent Teacher Conferences books may be purchased between 8 am and 3:30 pm. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to buy art supplies for school wide projects.

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of October: Robert Donyes, Ike Mitchell, Dottie Sylce, Brilliant O'Phelan, Antoni Reutov, Jayden Lyon, Faith Overson, Ella Rainwater, Bella Loboy, Ulita Anfilofev, Halen Nordstrom, Zephaniah Weisser, Matthew O'Malley, Michael Reutov and Rebecca Trowbridge. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, October 24th at 11:45 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!!