



# DRAGON TALES

## It's PEAKS TIME

31 Mar 17

Tuesday, 28 Mar 17, Alaska opened the testing window for the new state assessment PEAKS. All the 3rd—10th grade students in Alaska will be taking the Performance Evaluation For Alaska's Schools in the areas of English Language Arts, and Mathematics during the 31 day window that closes Friday, 28 Apr 17. 4th, 8th and 10th grade students will also be taking a Science assessment. McNeil students will be participating in those assessments and the results of their efforts will be used to determine how effective our educational efforts have been this year.

graders will be taking the Science assessment on Tuesday, 25 Apr 17.

Each year the individual and school site results are reported and used to determine our school's Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI), the measure the Alaska Department of Ed. uses to rate schools throughout the state.

McNeil students have always performed very well on these annual assessments. We expect that they will continue to do the same this year.

You can help them do well by making sure that they are fed well and get plenty of rest.

We want to make sure that they do not have anything that would get in the way of their best performance.

Our students will be taking the tests during the next two weeks, 3-14 Apr, and our 4th

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### Special points of interest:

- Testing
- Kindergarten & New Student Registration
- Spotlight Lunch
- Science Fair

### Dates to Note:

Early Release	05 Apr
Kindergarten & New Student Registration	13 Apr
Camo/Tie Dye Day	14 Apr
Volunteer Lunch	25 Apr

## Volunteer Lunch

In honor of our many dedicated volunteers, we will be having a luncheon on Tuesday, April 25th, at 11:50 am. We truly appreciate and depend on all of the help our school receives on a daily basis. We hope our volunteers can join us for this special event in their honor.

## Jubilee News

Jubilee! A Celebration of Children's Art is a delightful way our community honors the arts for children. We will be having an exhibit of students' art here at school starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, the Community's Jubilee Celebration begins with a First Friday exhibit on April 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the Pratt Museum. The exhibit will include art works created by McNeil students alongside that of other students from other area schools.

## Kindergarten/New Student Registration

It's time to register for the 2017-2018 school year. New kindergartners must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017. **Immunization records and birth certificate are required at registration.** Registration will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Kindergarten students are invited to visit the classroom from 10:20 – 11:20 am and stay for recess (accompanied by an adult) and lunch from 11:20 am – 12:20 pm. You can either bring your own lunch or purchase a school lunch for \$2.85 (children) and \$4.25 (adults.) It is important for us to know how many Kindergarten and New Students we are going to have next year for staffing purposes. **If you are unable to register your child on the dates indicated, please call the school office and let us know your child plans on attending McNeil Canyon this Fall.**

## Pirate Costumes for the Spring Musical

Our concert this Spring will be a Pirate Musical. Please be on the look-out for pirate like clothes or a costume for your child. Drama Club members will be provided with shirts and head coverings.

## Camo/Tie Dye Day

Student Council is sponsoring Camo/Tie Dye Day on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Join the fun!

## Bookmobile coming to McNeil

The Homer Bookmobile will be visiting our school in early May. They are asking for donations of gently used books that can be given out to students on that day. Donations can be dropped off in the big white bus in the hallway. Thank you.

## Science Fair

We will be having a Science Fair on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of science fair project websites to help you with ideas. Here are some:

[www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org) or [www.sciencebob.com](http://www.sciencebob.com) or [http://](http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/)

[school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/](http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/) Do some research! Make a Collection! Do a Demonstration! Perform an Experiment! Display boards are available for purchase in the office for \$4.00. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Szynskie, [dszynskie@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:dszynskie@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

## Community Council Meeting

Community Council will meet on Friday, April 14th at 1 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of April: Antonina Snegirev, Madisen Donyes, Bella Loboy, Ben Engebretsen, Zafina O'Phelan, Ellen Barrett, Willem Hakala, Breyan Cathey, Halen Nordstrom, Seamus Hatton, Einar Pederson, Wade Carroll, Eze Daniels, Charity Martin and Brianna Miller.

Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, April 27th 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!!

## Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to flatten and mount artwork for the McNeil Jubilee Student Art Show. We have a press for flattening the pieces. No artistic ability required. Contact the school office or just stop by when you have a little time.

## Student Store

Student Store will reopen next Thurs., April 6, and will be open every Thursday.

## Dates to Remember

April 5	Early Release
April 6	Site Council Meeting 3:30 pm
April 13	Kindergarten Registration and Open House
April 14	Camo/Tie Dye Day
April 14	Community Council Meeting 1 pm
April 24-28	Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 25	Volunteer Lunch
April 26	Science Fair
April 27	Spotlight Lunch
May 1-5	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
May 3	Early Release
May 5	Student Council Elections
May 8	All School Field Trip—Beach Day
May 11	Spring Musical 6:30 pm
	Site Council Elections
May 12	Hawaii Day
May 23	6th Grade Spotlight at 11:50 am
	6th Grade Graduation & Step Up Day 12:45 pm
May 24	Last day of school for students—Play Day



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Next  
Site Council Meeting  
06 Apr 17  
3:30 p.m.  
McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News
- District Budget Impact

## Site Council Nominations

Nominations for parent representatives to the McNeil Canyon Site Council are being accepted until April 10, 2017. There are openings for a one-year term and a two-year term. Elections will be held the evening of our Spring Musical, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you have any questions, are interested in serving on the Site Council or would like to nominate someone.

### Homer Youth String Orchestra Club

HYSOC will hold their 2017 Spring Concert on April 9 at 3 pm in the HHS Commons. Visit their website, [www.hysoc.org](http://www.hysoc.org) for more information.

### Art Note Cards for Sale

**We will be making notecards as a fundraiser for our art program.**

Please consider supporting our art program by purchasing art notecards. These notecards will have artwork created by your child specially selected and printed as a set of 12 cards. Sets with envelopes can be preordered for \$10 each. Contact Laura or Corise if you have questions or fill out and return the order form below.

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) art on note cards.

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of sets (12 cards per set) \_\_\_\_\_