

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# *Magpie*

January 8, 2016

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with After School Skiing – skiing or making hot chocolate
- Help with After School Skating (when we have ice)

### **Report Cards**

Report cards are being sent home today. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### **Community Council Meeting DATE CHANGED**

Community Council will meet on **Thursday, Jan. 14**, 2016 at 1:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Your McNeil Canyon Community Council is in transition and we need your help. Community Council is paramount in fund raising for the school. We supply funds for the swim program, artist in the school, buses for field trips- all sorts of activities that would be sorely missed if this group were no longer functioning to its fullest capacity. Several of our current council members are retiring and we would like to fill these positions as soon as possible. Seats available are vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The current council members will be available to make the transition smooth. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your child's school. The time commitment is minimal and it is fun and gratifying. Now is the time to act. If interested come to the next council meeting or contact one of us for more information. Amy 299-1881 or Britt 399-0163.

### **Link Up Concert next Friday**

All of our students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade are performing with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. "The Orchestra Rocks" concert will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Homer High School Mariner Theater. Link Up is a program of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute.

Students should wear white tops and black bottoms and must arrive by 5:15 pm for a dress rehearsal before the concert. Please feed your child dinner before they arrive at 5:15 pm.

### **Skiing**

We hope to be After School Skiing on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. Students must have turned in a signed permission slip to participate. Skiers always appreciate a snack and some hot chocolate when they return. Donations of snacks would be welcome.

We have close to 40 kids signed up for skiing so need more volunteers to help make this a great experience for them. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

### **Perfect Attendance for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 2nd Quarter: Sydney Abell, Lauren Allen, Blaise Banks, Sam Banks, Ellen Barrett, Cohen Boyd, Cadence Campbell, Jade Campbell, Seamus Donovan, Nico Erickson, Emma Fisher, Willem Hakala, Jenna Lapp, Charity Martin, Brianna Miller, Elsa Milne, Melanie Morris, Carly Nelson, Matthew O'Malley, Kappa Reutov, Sailey Rhodes, and Eli Weisser. It's great to have you here!

### **Space Night**

We will be hosting a Space Night for our students and students from Chapman Elementary on Friday, January 29 at 6:00 pm. The Star Lab from the Anchorage Museum will be here and there will be telescopes set up on the soccer field. We need some parents to help us make this night a success. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

### **Spotlight Students**

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of January: Jayden Lyon, Thomas Martin, Ellen Barrett, Kiril Basargin, Halen Nordstrom, Wynne Reed, Ryder Rhodes, Alexandra Casey, Ava Johnson, Chase Jones, Jake Tappan, Ariya Dooley, Eryn Field and Tatiana Reutov. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, January 28 at 11:15 am.

Spotlight Student forms were sent home with these children earlier this week. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!!

### **BP Teachers of Excellence**

The BP Teachers of Excellence Program is now accepting nominations to honor Alaska's exceptional teachers. The nomination deadline is February 1, 2016. To nominate an outstanding educator, go to [bpteachers.com](http://bpteachers.com).

### **Contests**

The Tustumena 200 drawing contest is being held for students in grades 1-6. Entry details can be found on the bulletin board in the main entrance. The entry deadline is 5 pm Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

UAF is sponsoring "One Arctic" Student Art & Video contest for students in grades K-12. The entry deadline is February 10, 2016. Additional information is on the bulletin board in the main entrance. See complete contest rules and guidelines at [assw2016.org/engage/contest](http://assw2016.org/engage/contest).