

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with the Fall Carnival

Mind A'Mazes

Good Luck to the two Mind A'Mazes teams from McNeil that are travelling to Soldotna tomorrow for a District wide competition. "The Pendulum People" – Lucas Story, Skye Evans and Blaise Banks. "The Super Monkeys" – Sean Pilant, Sam Banks and Payton Tobin. These teams have worked hard and solved a lot of problems to make sure their device is ready for judging tomorrow! They will compete against teams from all over the district who all solved the same long term problem. This year's problem was to create a pendulum device that could pick up an object, knock over an object, pop a balloon, ring a bell, and draw a picture! Mind A'Mazes is hosted by the Quest program and is open to all 4-12th graders across the district.

A Holiday Moosical / Drama Club by Corise and Mrs. Swanson

This year for our winter concert we will be performing a "Holiday Moosical" about a moose named Marty who desperately wants to be a reindeer and fly with Santa on Christmas Eve. Every student will have a part with their class, which will be taught in Music classes by Mrs. Swanson.

Students are needed to fill out the cast with speaking parts, additional songs and other characters. These additional parts will be rehearsed during an after school DRAMA CLUB taught by Corise Story and Mrs. Swanson.

Drama Club will meet every Tuesday after school, beginning **next Tuesday, October 13th**. This first meeting will be an important one and consistent attendance will be expected. Students will need to have a permission slip signed by our first meeting; students may ride the activity bus home.

Please consider sending a group snack in for Drama Club. Children will need some afterschool nourishment to fuel all that we plan to accomplish.

We will need **parent help** making sets and sewing costumes. Please let Corise or Lenore know if you'd be willing to help us prepare for this show. It promises to be lots of fun for all!

Sports Day

Student Council is sponsoring Sports Day on Thursday, October 15th. Come dressed for your favorite sport, player or team. Join the fun! Rah! Rah!

KPBSD Budget Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is requesting input from interested persons at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled for October 15, 2015, starting at 6:00 p.m. at twenty-two school sites, via MS Lync. For information, or to find a convenient location, visit the www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us homepage, then community interest, and district-wide budget development meeting. If you have questions, please call Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

Site Council Meeting

The McNeil Site Council will attend the KPBSD budget meeting mentioned above. Immediately following the budget meeting, our Site Council will meet at that same location to review their bylaws and discuss McNeil site news.

Fall Carnival Poster Contest DEADLINE THURSDAY!!

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 Thursday, Oct. 15th. 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 30
4:00-7:00 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! Happy creating!

We are also collecting books for the cupcake walk. You can drop off used books in the office with Laura.

School Shirts

Attached to this newsletter is the form for ordering school shirts. These are great shirts that have our school name and dragon on them. Show your school spirit!

Fall Carnival

The annual McNeil Canyon Elementary Fall Carnival will be held on Friday, October 30th from 4 - 7 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.

Entries sought for Subsistence Student Art Contest

The Federal Subsistence Management Program is sponsoring its annual art contest for all students in Alaska grades K-12. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2015. This year, the theme is Alaskan subsistence wildlife. The winner's artwork will be published on the cover of Federal Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska book. The art contest offers an exciting opportunity for students to express their talent and creativity while supporting the value of subsistence in their lives. The books are distributed statewide.

The Maker Club at Homer Public Library

Homer Public Library is hosting The Maker Club for ages 10-13 on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. For more information, call Claudia Haines at 235-3180 or check the poster in the front entry.

Spare Clothes

It's that time of year when students often get wet and muddy at recess. It would be helpful if your child had a spare set of clothes in their backpack. Thank you.