

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

October 23, 2015

Volunteer Opportunities

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

URGENT MESSAGE

To

Parents of McNeil Canyon Students

Our Fall Carnival is in jeopardy!! Some of our room representatives are having a hard time finding people to work for **JUST ONE HOUR** at one of the booths. We have already cancelled one of the planned booths and more are in danger of being cancelled. Our parent group, the Community Council, puts on the Fall Carnival and it is one of their two fundraisers for the year. Community Council gives money to each class for teachers to use for field trips, helps pay for swimming lessons and provides matching funds for the Artists in the Schools Program. At times teachers will request special items for their classrooms and Community Council tries to meet those needs.

If you are not signed up yet and can help, please call Laura at 235-8181. Carnival set-up will begin at 9 am on Friday, October 30 until we are done. Booth workers are needed for one hour shifts from 4 – 7 pm Friday evening. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!**

Mix It Up At Lunch Day

On Tuesday, October 27th, 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!

Early Release Day Oct. 28th

Our next early release day will occur on Wed., October 28, 2015. 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

Conferences notices were sent home last week with all students. If you did not receive a notice, please call the school office and Laura will let you know what time your child's conference is scheduled.

The Teachers look forward to seeing you at conferences next Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29th & 30th. There will be no school for students on these two days. Staff are required to have an in-service during this time also. Thus, we have a really tight conference schedule. Conferences are scheduled to last a maximum of 20 minutes. Please be on time for your conference also end on time. If there are still things that you need to discuss with the teacher, they will be happy to schedule another appointment for you. We appreciate your help keeping everything on schedule.

Report Cards

Report cards are being sent home with all students today, except those in 5th grade. 5th Graders will receive their report cards next Wednesday.

Fall Carnival Next Week!

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. The Community Council provides matching funds for the Artists in the Schools Program, field trip money to each class, and various other needs the teachers have that can't be covered by our regular school budget. Thanks for supporting our school!!

Books Needed

Thank you to all those who have already donated books for the Fall Carnival. We are still stockpiling so PLEASE, if you have any new to gently used age appropriate books that you are willing and able to part with, bring them by the office. Thank you.

Book Fair by Debbie

Our annual Book Fair this year is once again being held in cooperation with The Homer Bookstore. We are fortunate that 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. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to buy art supplies for school wide projects. The Book Fair will be held during the week of Oct. 26th through Oct 30th. Hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be during our lunch hour, 11:20-12:20. On Thursday and Friday during Parent Teacher Conferences books may be purchased between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Also, Saturday, Oct 31, will be "McNeil Day" at the Bookstore. Anyone who makes purchases at the bookstore on that day and mentions McNeil Canyon will be adding 20% of their purchase to our fundraiser. There are lots of ways to support our art program and the local bookstore!

Perfect Attendance for 1st Quarter

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 1st Quarter: Sydney Abell, Blaise Banks, Sam Banks, Briar Boyd, Cohen Boyd, Cassidy Carroll, Seamus Donovan, Ben Engebretsen, Bethany Engebretsen, Emma Fisher, William Greenstreet, Ava Johnson, Alexandria Jones, Shania Jones, Jenna Lapp, Alexander LeBlanc, Gryffyn Linder, Jayden Lyon, Mariah McGuire, Liam McHenry, Brianna Miller, Elsa Milne, Luke Nelson, Halen Nordstrom, Matthew O'Malley, Kappa Reutov, Sailey Rhodes, Payton Tobin, Daisy Walker and Zephaniah Weisser. It's great to have you here!

Mind A'Mazes News by Karen

Two teams participated in the Mind A'Mazes competition on Saturday, Oct. 10th in Kenai. The teams brought up their swinging pendulum devices and also competed in a crazy spontaneous challenge where they created bowling pins and then had three tries to knock them down for more points. The Super Monkeys (Sam B. Sean, and Payton) got 9th place overall and the Pendulum People (Lucas, Skye, and Blaise) got 12th. There were 29 teams in the Junior Division.

Fall Carnival Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to Anthony Basargin – 1st place, Charity Martin – 2nd place, and Hannah Stonorov – 3rd place. Thank you to everyone who made posters to help us advertise this annual event. Great job everyone!

School Shirts

Deadline for ordering is extended until Monday. Order forms are at school or on our school website.