

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

December 11, 2015

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom

### Winter Program

Thank you to everyone for attending last night's program. It was a wonderful production and all of the students and staff did a great job. Thanks also to our volunteers for their many hours of painting, cutting, gluing, sewing, etc. What a great McNeil team!

### Helping Others

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of hats and gloves to benefit local homeless children. There is also a need for socks. The District Homeless Liaison will pick them up on Monday for distribution.

Bean Soup kits will be made and will be delivered to the **Homer Food Bank** next week.

We are still collecting non-perishable food for **Share the Spirit** to use in the holiday food and gift baskets they provide to local area residents in need. Canned items or other non-perishable food can be brought to school and placed in the boxes under the Christmas tree.

### Mini-Workshops

Mini-Workshops will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who is conducting a workshop. It is always great fun for the kids. Parents who haven't signed up to lead a workshop are always welcome to join us and help out.

### Pajama Day

Join the fun! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal on Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure your PJ's are appropriate for school and will keep you warm enough.

### Celebration on Thursday

On Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a school-wide celebration from 12:45 – 1:30 pm in the gym. Students will be eating gingerbread cookies they will make earlier. We need some donations to help decorate our cookies that day so we are asking the following classes to bring something:

**5th Grade** – 1 can of white frosting

**1st Grade** – small decorations for gingerbread men such as raisins, M&M's, Skittles, red hots, mini marshmallows, chocolate chips, etc. We have plenty of sprinkles.

Thank you to Two Sisters Bakery for donating the sheets of gingerbread dough.

### Gift ideas from Nurse Sherrie

Need a gift idea? Give your child something to encourage them to be active and PLAY 60 every day such as a soccer ball, jump rope, bike, basketball hoop, hacky sack, or hula hoop. Get creative and teach the whole family!

### **School Shirts have arrived**

If you ordered school shirts, they are being sent home with your child today.

### **Happy Holidays!**

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> is an Inservice Day for staff and marks the end of Second Quarter. There will be NO SCHOOL for students from Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We hope you and your family have a peaceful, restful, joyous holiday!

### **Skiing**

We are hoping to begin after school skiing on Mondays when we return from Winter Break. Permission slips are available in the literature rack outside the office. Please return them as soon as possible so we can plan and also get skis fitted for those student who need them. That way we will be ready to go on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safe Sitter Class**

South Peninsula Hospital will offer a Safe Sitter class for 11-14 year olds on December 29 & 30, 2015. Pre-registration is required. Call Bonita Banks at 235-0285.