

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# *Magpie*

December 17, 2015

### **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)

### **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!

### **Community Council News**

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.

Community Council will meet on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **Helping Others**

Thank you to everyone who helped us help others by donating food, hats, and gloves that will be passed on to those in need. Our students finished assembling soup mixes that will be delivered to the Homer Food Pantry today.

### **Skiing**

After School Skiing will begin on Monday, Jan. 4, 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.

### **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.

### **Geography Bee and Spelling Bee**

Students in 4th through 6th grade are invited to participate in both the Spelling Bee and the Geography Bee. The Geography Bee will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016. You can go to [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com) for information to help you study. There are several web sites you can access from there. Here are some that might be particularly helpful: [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee), and [www.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine). You can also download their app at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/apps](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/apps).

The Spelling Bee will be held Friday, February 19, 2016. You can go to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) for study tips or [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com) for free online access to 2016 Spell It! Thank you to Tanya Lee for helping kids study during lunch on Fridays.

### **Talent Show**

It's not too early to think about the talent show in February. Some of the most memorable skits in the past were family productions and the Christmas holiday may be a good time for the family to work on a skit. We are looking for someone to co-coordinate this wonderful event. Please contact the office if you can help.

### **Parents Making On-Line Payments for Food Service (Student Meals)**

If you wish to put lunch money on your student's account, you can now purchase them on-line. You will need your child's last name and their student number. Most kids know their student number. It is the number they use to sign on to a computer.

1. Go to [www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us)
2. Student/Parents tab
3. Online Payments
4. Food Service Payments