

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

December 4, 2015

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom

Winter Program on Thursday

The McNeil Winter Program, "A Holiday Moosical", will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm. All Drama Club students need to arrive by 5:30 pm and meet in the project room, Band students should arrive by 6:00 pm and go to the gym, all other students need to be here at 6:15 pm and go to the library.

Drama Club students should bring whatever they need from home to complete their costume on **Tuesday**. **All Students** need to bring what they will be wearing for the program on **Wednesday** for the dress rehearsal.

We ask that students come dressed in the following: K, 1, 2 & 3 grades – Dressy clothes

4th grade – Pajamas

5th grade – Solid color Shirt and Pants in grey, black, brown or beige.

6th grade – Dressy clothes

Drama Club students have different costumes based on their character.

Writer's Workshop and Tea

On Friday, December 11th at 10:20 am, we will have a Writer's Workshop and Tea. Student Council will make tea and deliver it to all of the workshop locations. Small groups of cross grade students will meet to share their writing with each other and enjoy a cup of tea.

Bussing Changes

The KPBSD School Board will be discussing, in a work session this coming Monday, Dec. 7th at 2:30 pm, a new request for proposals for transporting students to school. These changes will greatly impact our school by reducing the number of buses that serve our school, changes in where the bus will stop and much longer ride times for students. The following website has some additional information:

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=34978> If you have any questions, contact Pete or one of our Site Council Members – Sean Rhodes, Dale Banks, Matt Hakala or Mark Marette.

Camouflage the Turkey Contest

We had a wonderful flock of turkeys in hiding in a variety of ways on the library bulletin board last month. Congratulations to the following students: Elsa Milne – 1st place, Anthony Basargin – 2nd place and Sailey Rhodes – 3rd place. Thanks to everyone who helped a turkey hide, they were all great!

Skiing

We are hoping to begin after school skiing on Mondays when we return from Winter Break. Permission slips are being sent home with interested students today. 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 4th.

Lights

Thank you to Zach Casey for donating lights to help make our students more visible and safer while they are waiting for the bus on these dark mornings.

Sub Training

KPBSD is pleased to announce we have set a date for the next substitute orientation training. The training will take place in Soldotna on Monday, December 14th, 2015 from 9:30am – 11:30am in the Soldotna Prep - Professional Development Room. As a new option, we will also be offering a PowerSchool / SMART Board training following the orientation class from 12pm to 1pm. This is not a required training, but is recommended as these are software / tools they will likely use in some capacity - especially if subbing as a teacher or secretary. If you are interested in this training, please call Larissa Mika at 714-8888 to register.

Thank You Homer Bookstore

We would like to thank the Homer Bookstore for sponsoring the recent McNeil Days. Over \$200 was raised for our school art program.

Let's turn 10K into 20K for students who are homeless

A generous person who believes in kindness learned about the Candlelight Vigil for KPBSD students who are homeless, and wants to make a difference. So, the donor offered a gift: a 100% matching challenge up to \$10,000 for all financial donations to the Students In Transition (SIT) program through December 18, 2015. For additional information, including how to donate go to <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us> The information is in one of the photo stories on the home page.

Helping Others

Remember to bring gloves or a hat for **“The Helpful Holiday Tree,”** non-perishable food for **Share the Spirit**, and canned tomatoes (2 cans per student) for soup kits for the **Homer Food Bank**.

Aviation Art Contest

The theme this year is “Air Sports in Harmony With Nature.” Information is on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

Rings Found

Last week a set of wedding rings was turned into the office. Please call and describe if they are yours.

Mini-Workshops

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th beginning at 12:45 pm, we will be conducting mini-workshops. If you would like to help with one of the workshops or conduct your own, please let us know by Wednesday, Dec. 9th so that we can plan accordingly. These workshops are something that the students and staff look forward to and we hope to have parents involved, as well. If you would like to conduct a workshop with a few students but don't know what to do, we are full of ideas! Just ask! Please complete the form below and return it to the school office or give Laura a call if you can help. Thanks much!

Mini-Workshop Sign-Up

Parent's name _____

Workshop description _____

Desired number of students _____

Materials you need _____

Contact phone _____