

# McNeil Canyon Elementary

## *Magpie*

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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with After School Skiing – skiing or making hot chocolate

### **Check your child for head lice** by Nurse Sherrie

There have been multiple cases of head lice in our school in various grades. As a parent simply be aware of excessive itching and check your child's head if you suspect a problem. Teach your child not to share hats, combs, or other personal items and discourage head to head contact. If your child is found to have head lice, shampoo with a medicated shampoo and be sure to comb carefully with a fine toothed comb to remove all the nits (eggs). Wash clothing and sheets in hot water. Vacuum furniture and car. Non washable items can be placed in a plastic bag for 2 weeks. Remember anyone can get head lice. Here is a webpage to help <http://www.headfirstlicelessons.org>

### **Battle of the Books News**

Third and Fourth Graders who participated in Battle of the Books on Wednesday were: Wade Carroll, Hudson Loboy, Nathan Overson and Lucas Story. Keep reading! Thanks to Kendall for coaching.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Battle was held Tuesday. The team consisted of Sean Pilant, Matfey Reutov and Hannah Stonorov. They won all 4 of their battles and placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 21 teams Districtwide. Great job! Thank you to Alexandra for coaching.

### **Love of Reading**

Our Love of Reading celebration continues throughout the month of February. LOR, our Love Of Reading dragon, is growing many scales from the books students have read. LOR is hanging in the main hallway. Check it out if you are in the building.

On Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate "Books That Matter." 4-6th graders will choose a book that is meaningful to them and then share the reasons why with a K-3rd grader.

### **Community Council Meeting**

There will be a Community Council meeting on Thursday February 18th and 1:00. We will be finalizing plans for the talent show. Also more discussion about bussing issues. All parents welcome. Hope to see you there.

### **Spelling Bee Friday**

Interested students in 4, 5 & 6 Grade will participate in our annual Spelling Bee on Friday, February 19th at 12:30 pm. Good luck spellers!

### **Nerd Day**

Student Council is sponsoring Nerd Day on Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Join the fun!

### **Talent Show Coming Up!**

Remember the annual McNeil Family Talent Show is coming up on Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open and the silent auction will begin at 6 pm. We need pies and cakes for the silent auction and baked goods for the bake sale. Someone may be calling you soon. Come enjoy the fun!

### **Sub Training**

Sub training will be held on Wednesday, February 17th from 10 am to 12:30 pm. People who live in Homer can attend via polycom in the Homer Middle School Professional Development room. This is a sub training for anyone who would like to sub as a teacher, aide, tutor, secretary or custodian. This may be the last substitute training of the year. Please contact Larissa Mika to reserve your spot in the class. [lmika@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:lmika@kpbsd.k12.ak.us) or 714-8888

### **Paul Banks Winter Carnival**

On **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, Paul Banks Elementary will host their annual Kids Winter Carnival from 1-4 pm! There will be food, fun, games, prizes, face painting, etc. Check it out!

### **Safe Sitter Class**

South Peninsula Hospital will offer a Safe Sitter class for 11-14 year olds on March 17 & 18, 2016. Pre-registration is required. Call Bonita Banks at 235-0285. Safe Sitters learn: what to do when a child chokes, how to entertain children and keep them safe, safety for the Sitter, how and when to call for emergency help, babysitting business skills and basic child care skills.