

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

March 25, 2016

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Help in your child's classroom
- Picture Day Volunteer

### **Report Cards**

Report cards are being sent home with all students today, except those in 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades. These students will receive their report cards next week. 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will bring them home on Monday and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade report cards will be mailed next week.

### **Swimming for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Swimming for students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will be held the week of March 28-31, 2016. Students need to remember to bring their swimsuit, goggles, towel, dry underwear, comb and waterproof bag to put wet things in. Students with long hair should have a rubber band to tie their hair back. Please label all your child's belongings. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help in the locker room, pool or provide snacks.

### **Spotlight Lunch**

March Spotlight Students and their parents are invited to join Mr. Swanson for lunch on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Parents can meet their students by the dragon at 11:15 am. We hope to see you here!

If parents plan on eating a hot lunch, please notify the school office ahead of time so our cook can prepare enough food. Also, please come prepared to pay for your hot lunch. (An adult lunch is \$4.25 plus 60 cents for milk.) Our cook is not allowed to take money from a child's account for an adult lunch. Thanks for your help!

### **Picture Day & Volunteers**

Spring Picture day will be on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and we need two volunteers to help out from 8:15 am to 10:30 am. Volunteers receive a free packet of pictures for their assistance. Please contact Laura in the office if you can help. Picture Day flyers are being sent home with students today.

### **Wood Raffle Ends Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Get your tickets now!!**

McNeil is raffling one cord of firewood, cut, split and delivered. Tickets are available in the office. There will be a maximum of 100 tickets sold at \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20. If you are unable to stop by the school to get your tickets, you can send a check with your child and we will give them the tickets to return to you. Thanks for supporting McNeil.

### **Perfect Attendance for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 3rd Quarter: Blaise Banks, Briar Boyd, Cohen Boyd, Benjamin Engebretsen, Bethany Engebretsen, Willem Hakala, Tilea Lockwood, Charity Martin, Carly Nelson, Luke Nelson, Sean Pilant, Ryder Rhodes, and Sailey Rhodes. It's great to have you here!

### **Child Find Preschool Screenings**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). The screening will be held in Homer at the McNeil Canyon School on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will screen your child's motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Children will be seen by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information contact Robin @ 714-8930.

### **KPBSD Parent Survey**

Dear KPBSD parents and guardians,

KPBSD Parent Survey: Do student early release days make a difference?

**Please take a brief online four question survey, open March 11 – March 28, 2016**, to share your perceptions and thoughts about the six early release days for students.

“Each school day, more than 1,200 KPBSD employees do all that they can to provide a quality education to our district's students. A part of this work is our continuous improvement process that requires us to regularly evaluate our practices so that we can in turn, make the necessary changes to help our students find success. An intricate piece of our improvements is our professional development for our certified staff. With the need to do more for our staff in this area, for the past two school years we designated six school days as minimum days—with a 90 minute early release for students, while staff works a maximum day in order to deliberately devote time to collaborate and collectively address the learning needs of our students. Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. [Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments.](#) Thank you very much for your time.” – Sean Dusek, Superintendent

The direct link is: <http://bit.ly/2016EarlyReleaseSurveyPARENTS> and a link is also in the community interest section on the KPBSD homepage and in the KPBSD website in section: Students/Parents > Surveys.

### **Earth Day Poster Contest**

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society is celebrating Earth Day 2016 by offering a \$50 prize (K-6) for a poster! Details are on the bulletin board in the front entrance. Entry deadline is April 8, 2016.