

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Get involved with Community Council

Artist in the Schools News

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and delivering cardboard to the school for our upcoming Artist in the School Program. We have received enough cardboard now for this project so you can stop saving it.

The next step in preparation for this great event is to cut the cardboard into small pieces and sort it by color. If you have a spare hour or two, please stop by the school anytime and Laura or Debbie will show you how you can help. This is also a great project to work on at home. Stop by any time and we will get you set up to take this project home.

Volunteer Training

The McNeil Canyon Elementary School **Parent Volunteer Workshop** will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 12:30 pm. We will be covering the Parent Volunteer Handbook, how to run most of the school equipment, and safety issues such as Blood-borne Pathogens and the Emergency Action Plan. Any parents who have not previously had this training here need to be here. If you can not make it at this time please contact Laura to set up another time.

Community Council Meeting by Amy Stonorov

Our parent group, the Community Council, will met here at school on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 1 pm in the staff lounge. We welcome all parents to come to the meetings and join in as you can.

It is a tradition at McNeil that as the children grow and move up through the school, the parent leadership and involvement in Community Council shifts also. We have some wonderfully dedicated parents who have led and been involved with Community Council since their children were new to McNeil, and now their children have moved up and some even have moved on. So the time has come for another group of parents to join us and get involved, and make it a smooth transition. If you have questions or want to help contact Amy Stonorov (235- 0172), April Rhodes (235-3971), or Britt Milne (235-9024).

Early Release on Wednesday

The KPBSD School Board has approved an early release (1.5 hours) for all schools on one day of 6 months per school year. The first one will occur on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. McNeil Students will be released at 12:50 pm and buses will leave at 1:00 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

Coast Walk Clean-Up

Our Annual Beach Coast Walk Clean-Up Day will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17th. Permission slips are being sent home today and should be returned as soon as possible. Students will need a sack lunch, (or order one from the school kitchen), rubber boots, warm coat and raingear.

Students will travel by bus into Homer at 9:30 am and clean up beaches as part of the CoastWalk organized by the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies. They will be returning to McNeil before the end of the school day. With the help of students, parents and staff, our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of garbage. We will celebrate our hard work in the gym when we return to school at 1:40 pm.

In combination with this all-school project, we will be collecting pledges from our friends and families to help fund field trips and special classroom needs this year. Collection envelopes are being sent home today. All envelopes **MUST BE RETURNED** whether you collect any pledges or not. The deadline for returning envelopes is Monday, Sept, 21st.

Parent helpers are needed to help with this event to: accompany classes to town to help watch the students as they do their clean-up; help prepare cocoa/cider for their return; take gathered bags of trash to the landfill and get them weighed. Contact Laura in the office or your child's teacher if you can help. Thank you.

Talk and Look Like a Pirate Day

Friday, Sept. 18th, is Talk and Look Like a Pirate Day. Aaaargh. Join the fun!

Family Game Night

Family game night will be held on Friday, Sept. 25 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Bring snacks and board games to share. Our school goal is 3,000 minutes of Game Playing fun and cooperation!