

# DRAGON TALES

## Your Input Is Important

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It appears that the two weeks of vacation were very good for all of us. Almost everyone came back healthy and while they may have not physically rested, they seem to have been rejuvenated by the break.

It is important to remember that our second round of Parent/Teacher conferences is scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, 7&8 Feb 19.

Teachers at McNeil have a lot of great teaching planned for this second half of the year so it is important for students to stay healthy and rested so that they can be fully engaged in the learning process.

While you are helping your child to be fully engaged, I

would like to encourage you to stay connected with what is happening not only at McNeil but also with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and the State of Alaska. Funding, or actually lack of it, is going to be the driving force behind lots of decisions this year that will effect what McNeil and other local schools will be able to offer to students in the near future.

Please stay tuned to all the information and get involved. Your involvement and communication with our legislators is the most effective way to promote public education. More information regarding budget and next year's plans will be shared as they are presented.

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### Special points of interest:

- P/T Conferences
- Love of Reading
- Spelling Bee
- Crazy Hat/Hair Day

### Dates to Note:

Site Council Mtg.	31 Jan
Early Release	7 Feb
P/T Conferences	8 & 9
Spelling Bee	21 Feb
Snow Fiesta	22 Feb

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conference notices were sent home last Friday with the date and time of your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please call the school office by Monday, Feb. 4th to reschedule.

Conferences are an important communication tool. We really appreciate your efforts to attend so we can visit about your child's progress in school. There is NO SCHOOL for students on these days. We hope to see you here!



## Reading Challenge

February is LOVE of READING month at McNeil Canyon Elementary. This year we are going to spend our time sharing, talking and writing about books we enjoy. Each week we will have a school wide activity which will involve cross grade activities centered around our love of reading. Students will also have an opportunity to share what books they are reading by filling out dragon scales that will then hang in the hallway on Lor, our Love Of Reading dragon. Look for a booklet coming home with your child on February 1st with more information. Happy Reading!!

## Early Release

There will be an early release day on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. McNeil Students will be released at 1:20 pm and buses will leave at 1:30 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

## Crazy Hat and Hair Day

February 6th is our Student Council sponsored Crazy Hat and Hair Day. Join the fun!

## School Board Recognition Month



February is School Board Recognition Month. Take a moment to let them know we appreciate what they do. A list of all school board members and their contact information can be found on the district website: [www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us) Click on the "Board" tab on the left.

## Spelling Bee

Interested students in 4, 5 & 6 Grade will participate in our annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 21st at 1:30 pm. Good luck spellers!

## Snow Fiesta

Snow Fiesta will be held on Friday, Feb. 22nd in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join us for these fun outdoor activities. We will need hot chocolate servers. Come join the fun!

## Spotlight Student

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of February: Mari Bacher, Quinn Blackstock, Hadassah Giacalone, Teagan Huffman, Xander Roth, Jace Nordstrom, Alexandria Jones, Laif Rothenberger, Glenn Casey, Ben Engebretsen, Tilea Lockwood, Liam McHenry, Zafina O'Phelan, Ella Raub, Taylor Fraley, and Wynne Reed. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, February 21st at 11:45 am.



Spotlight Student forms are being sent home with these children today. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!!



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Next

Site Council Meeting

23 Apr 19

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News

## Nurse's Corner

### Does my child have a cold or the flu?

#### Cold

Symptoms that build over 48 hours

Runny nose, watery eyes

Stuffy nose and congestion

Sneezing and coughing

Symptoms may last 3-10 days

#### Flu

Fast onset of symptoms (especially fever and chills)

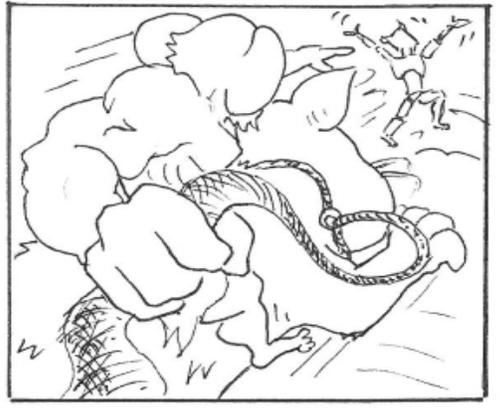
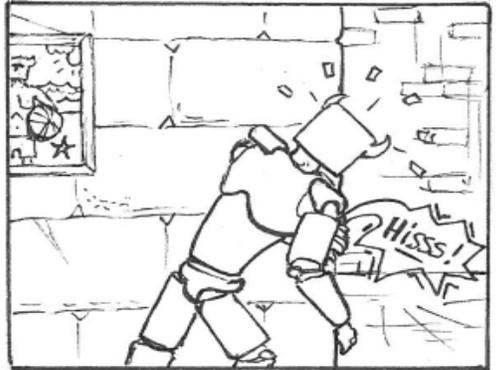
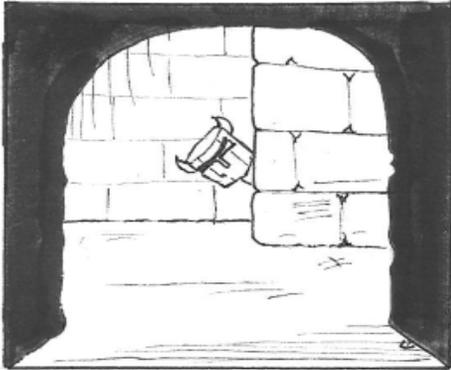
Fever and chills

Body aches and pains

Weakness and fatigue

Symptoms may last 7-14 days and may linger for up to 3 weeks

\*If you think your child has the flu please keep them home from school. Flu signs and symptoms can include feeling feverish or having a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. See your healthcare provider; they may prescribe antiviral drugs to treat flu illness. A flu vaccine is best way to help prevent seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications. Get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids to stay hydrated and you can take Ibuprofen to Acetaminophen for fever or body aches. Be sure to practice good handwashing.



The dog

Once upon a time there was a kid named Bob. Bob was walking through the woods when he saw ...

