



DRAGON TALES

First Six Weeks Already Done

These first six weeks of school have really been packed with lots of activities and great instruction.

All of our McNeil students spent this past Wednesday down at Bishop's Beach and the Spit picking up trash and recording the items collected for our participation in the Coast Walk. All students have a unique button to remember their involvement in that community service project.

We also had a great Harvest Fair with lots of wonderful entries and lots of families showing for our Open House.

We are looking forward to the end of the First Quarter in just three weeks and our annual Fall Carnival will be happening just a week after that. We are looking forward to Debbie Piper com-

ing for the next two weeks as our Artist In School this year. Debbie will be working with all of our students on different kinds of clay/ceramic projects.

This is shaping up to be another great year of school at McNeil Canyon. Please stay tuned for all the great activities and events that will be available throughout the year and remember that it is your direct involvement that makes this such an amazing school. All of these activities represent a lot of work from teachers, students and parents. We would not be able to provide or accomplish these without your support. Keep up the great work!!

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Special points of interest:

- Garage Sale
- Picture Retakes
- End of 1st Quarter
- P/T Conferences
- Fall Carnival

Dates to Note:

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| Garage Sale | 6 Oct |
| No School for Students | 19 Oct |
| Early Release | 24 Oct |
| Fall Carnival | 27 Oct |
| P/T Conferences | 1 & 2 Nov |

Family Game Night TONIGHT!!

Family game night will be held on Friday, Sept. 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our school goal is 3,000 minutes of Game Playing fun and cooperation! Student Council is sponsoring Family Game Night and will be holding a Bake Sale during this event. Come join the fun!






Artists in the Schools

The Artists in the Schools program will be happening October 1st through October 15th. Our artist this year is Debbie Piper. She will be working with our students on how to create clay artwork. Mark your calendars for a special event that will be happening during this residency. Monday, October 15th from 6:30—7:30 pm, there will be a Gallery Walk for parents and the community to enjoy the students' creations. We hope you can join us!

Garage Sale

The annual McNeil Garage/ Bake sale, sponsored by our 6th grade class, will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 9 am—1 pm. There are still tables available for rent or you can donate items to the 6th grade table. Call the school office if you have any questions or would like to rent a table.

Community Council



The McNeil Community Council will meet on Friday, October 12th at 1:00 pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents are invited to attend. It is especially important for Room Representatives to attend if at all possible. We will be handing out information about the booths each class will be having and directions to help get volunteers to work the booths during the Fall Carnival.


School Shirt

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for school shirts & hoodies. We only order these once a year so if you would like a school shirt or hoodie, please complete and return the order form by October 18th.

First Quarter Ends/In-service Day

First Quarter will be ending on Friday, October 19th. This is an in-service day for staff so there will be NO SCHOOL for students that day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 1st & 2nd from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Notices with your child's scheduled conference date and time will be sent home with them on Thursday, Oct. 18th. If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please contact the school office to reschedule as soon as possible or no later than Oct. 30th. Conferences are an important communication time for parents and teachers. We hope to see you here!



Picture Retakes


Picture retakes will be on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2018. Please return the entire picture packet if you would like to have your child's photo retaken. If your child was absent on Picture Day, or you didn't get a chance to order photos, new order forms will be sent home before retake day.

Two parent helpers are needed on picture retake day. Volunteers receive a free packet of pictures for helping. Call Joy in the office if you would like to help. Thank you.

Mix It Up At Lunch Day

On Tuesday, October 23rd, McNeil Canyon will once again participate in the National Mix It Up At Lunch Day. This is a day to promote tolerance by getting to know fellow students outside your circle of friends. Students will be encouraged to make new friends by sitting by someone new that day!

Early Release



The KPBSD School Board has approved an early release (1.5 hours) for all schools 6 days per school year. The next one will occur on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. 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.


Dress-Like-a-Teacher Day

Student Council is sponsoring Dress-like-a-Teacher Day on Wednesday, October 24th. Join the fun!

Fall Carnival

The annual McNeil Canyon Elementary Fall Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 4 - 7 pm. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family and community. The Fall Carnival is sponsored by Community Council and is 1 of 2 major fundraisers for the year. Plus it's a lot of fun! Parents may be receiving a phone call asking them to help at the Carnival. Your time commitment can be as short as one hour. Please consider helping with this great event.

Amazon Smile



Have you ever heard of Amazon Smile? You shop, Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. (Pick McNeil Canyon Elementary School Community Council.) Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support McNeil Canyon Elementary by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Fall Carnival Poster Contest

All students are invited to make a poster (no bigger than 12" x 18") to help let people know about our Fall Carnival. **All poster contest entries will receive a prize.** Posters need to be submitted by Tuesday, Oct. 16th. The poster must have the student's name, grade, and teacher's name on the back and **MUST** have the following information somewhere on the front of the poster :

McNeil Canyon School Fall Carnival
Saturday, October 27
4:00-7:00 pm at McNeil Canyon School

Additional information that you could include if you wish is: "Come Join the Fun!". Food, Prizes, Games, Haunted House, everyone is welcome! Please make posters family friendly. Happy creating!

We are also collecting books for the cupcake walk and stuffed animals for the prize stand. You can drop off used books and gently used stuffed animals in the office with Joy.

Coast Walk Update

Students collected a total of 500 pounds of trash from our local beaches on Wednesday when we participated in the Coast Walk organized by the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. All Coast Walk envelopes are due in the school office on Tuesday, October 3rd. You must turn in your envelope whether you collected any pledges or not. Call the office if you have any questions. Great job everyone. Thanks for making our community a better place.

Book Fair

BUY A BOOK AND HELP SUPPLY THE ART ROOM! Our annual Book Fair this year is once again being held in cooperation with The Homer Bookstore. We are fortunate the Homer Book Store offers us the opportunity to provide quality literature to our families while supporting our art program through this fundraiser. On top of purchasing books at the Book Fair in our hallway, you can place orders for books you want at that time, the book store will order your books or provide them from their stock, and consider those sales part of our fundraising event. The Book Fair will be held during the week of Oct. 29th through Nov. 2nd. Hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be during our lunch hour, 11:50 am-12:50 pm. On Thursday and Friday during Parent Teacher Conferences books may be purchased between 8 am and 3:30 pm. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to buy art supplies for school wide projects.



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KPBSD Budget Meeting

The KPBSD will have a District wide budget development presentation on Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 pm at Homer Middle School. McNeil Site Council Members, as well as all interested parents, are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

This meeting will be used to provide a brief overview of the KPBSD budgeting process and the fiscal reductions we are facing. The purpose of the meeting is to gain feedback on areas of your school budget that can be reduced, areas that should remain priorities and suggestions for legislators about solutions to our shortfalls. This input will then be presented to the Board at the November and December board meetings and work sessions.

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of October: Tobias Porter, Isaiah Rutter, Avien Ryder, Robert Donyes, Ike Mitchell, Dottie Sylce, Antoni Reutov, Jayden Lyon, Faith Overson, Ella Rainwater, Ellis Lorentz, Ulita Anfilofev, Halen Nordstrom, and Zephaniah Weisser. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, October 25th 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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Site Council Meeting

15 Nov 18

3:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- Handbook Review
- Budget