

Back To School Edition - August, 2010

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Greetings! We are busily preparing for the start of an exciting new school year. We look forward to welcoming you soon. The recent mailing you received contains important information regarding the start of school. In addition to the mailing, please be sure to visit the McKenzie School website (www.wilmette39.org/mckenzie/Home.html) and click on the bright red BACK-to-SCHOOL button. There you will find numerous links to the information and forms you will need. One such form is the **Parent Information Exchange (P.I.E.)**. We ask that you bring this completed form to your child's classroom at **Meet and Greet**. Your taking a few extra minutes to complete this form greatly assists us in successfully transitioning your child to his/her new classroom. A copy of this form can be downloaded from the Back-To-School link. If you have difficulty printing it from home, we will have extra copies on hand in each classroom.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Best regards,

Dr. Welter

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Coming Up...

Wednesday 8/25

- **Meet and Greet, Gr. 1-4** – from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in your child's classroom
- **PTA Staff Luncheon** – from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the cafeteria

- **New Family Orientation** – at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the auditorium

Thursday 8/26

- **First Day of School, Gr. 1-4** – Early release at 12:15 p.m.
- **Meet and Greet, Kdgn.** – AM 8:55-9:55 (names A-L); PM 10:30-11:30 (names M-Z)
- **PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair** – from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the blacktop outside the cafeteria

Friday 8/27

- **First FULL Day, Gr. 1-4** – from 8:55 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- **Cafeteria opens**
- **Bus transportation begins, Gr. 1-4**
- **Meet and Greet, Kdgn.** – AM 8:55-9:55 (names M-Z); PM 12:40-1:40 (names M-Z)
- **Room Parent Meeting** – from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria

Sunday 8/29

- **New Family Picnic (K-4)** – from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Vattmann Park

Monday 8/30

- **First Day of Kindergarten** – AM 8:55-11:30 a.m.; PM 12:40-3:15 p.m.
- **PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair for Kindergarten Parents** – from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the kindergarten classrooms

From the P.T.A.

PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair: The McKenzie PTA welcomes you back to school! Please join us for the PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair on Thursday, August 26, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Reacquaint yourself with McKenzie friends, sign up for various committees and subscribe to the Grocery Dollar program!

Coffee For Kindergarten Parents: The PTA is having a mini version of the Coffee and Volunteer Fair for the kindergarten classroom parents on Monday, August 30, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. outside the kindergarten classrooms.

Calling All Cooks! Please join us in welcoming back our teachers and staff at the annual fall luncheon on Wednesday, August 25. We're looking for volunteers to bring salad elements, desserts, and paper products. We also need volunteers to help serve the lunch, which runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please contact Gilda Fox or Meg Joseph at petenfox@sbcglobal.net or megjoseph@yahoo.com if you can help!

The Sharing Committee will be collecting new or gently used school supplies for Carman-Buckner Elementary, our sister school, located in Waukegan. Please consider donating crayons, markers, glue sticks, pencils, scissors and any other useful supplies to the donation boxes in the school lobby. Carman-Buckner's students greatly appreciate your help!

Ice Cream Social Committee 2010: Delicious ice cream, family, friends, crafts, and an afternoon of all sorts of entertaining fun. Does that sound like a great time to you? Our back-to-school Ice Cream Social which will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m. at McKenzie. If you are interested in helping with the planning of the event or volunteering the day of the event, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Arend at rachel.arend@gmail.com.

Help Reinvent McClubs! This year McClubs will be new and improved. We're looking for a few fun volunteers to jump in and help with our re-introduction of this McKenzie favorite. We need YOU to help decide which clubs to feature and include, poll the McKenzie community and streamline registration. Be part of the team that reinvents McClubs and volunteer on our committee today. Contact Saloni Desharnais at desharnaiss@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

New time of year for the Book Fair: The McKenzie Book Fair, "Reading Saves the Day!" is being held Tuesday, September 28 through Thursday, September 30. Volunteers can sign up at the PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair.

McKenzie Mingle Stop, Shop & Roll (the event formerly known as Ladypalooza): Intrigued by the new name? Stop by the event table at the PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair on August 26 and sign up to help and find out what is being planned.

Be a Star to the Kids: Visit the 2011 Variety Show table at the PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair on August 26, and sign up to participate in McKenzie's best-loved tradition!

Cafeteria Sign-Ups: Sign up to help out in the cafeteria on August 26 during the PTA Coffee and Volunteer Fair. Your children will love seeing you in the middle of the day!

School Pictures are scheduled for September 14.

Save the date for PLN Lecture: The McKenzie Parent Learning Network (PLN) will be hosting a lecture on the topic of 21st Century Learning, Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the McKenzie auditorium. More information to follow. Questions? Contact Julie Johnson at jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net or (847) 251-4828.

Reminder: Submissions for the **Monitor** are due by **Thursday at 12:00 pm** to McKenziePTA@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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