

October 4 - October 8, 2010

McKenzie Monitor

E-NEWS YOU CAN USE

From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Books, books, and more books! McKenzie's small gym was filled with a great assortment of new books this week. A special thank you to chairpersons, Lisa Hoffman and Kirsten Stadheim, along with their committee of volunteers, for making this year's Book Fair such a big success! Thanks to your generosity, our classrooms and library will be filled with many new titles.

This week we practiced our first fire drill of the school year. We evacuated our building in 1 minute and 20 seconds, which is a good first attempt. We will hold two more drills in the weeks to come to help us improve our safety effectiveness.

Coming soon:

Oct. 7th—Our **Parent Learning Network** is sponsoring a presentation on the topic of **21st Century Learning**. Dr. Sarah Jerome, Superintendent of the Arlington Heights public schools, will present timely information on global learning, sharing ways in which we can prepare our learners for tomorrow's challenges. She will be joined by other members of her district team. While McKenzie is hosting this event, parents, staff, and community members from across the district are invited to attend.

Oct. 15th—**Fall Frenzy!** We are in need of volunteers to make this fun evening a big success. Because we have gone paperless, it's important that you visit the PTA website: www.mckenziepta.com to sign up for a time to help out and to purchase your on-line Pizza/Ticket Pre-Orders (using PayPal). The sale of tickets will run through Oct. 12th.

Oct. 4th—**Spiritwear** deadline has been extended. It's not too late to pick out that favorite t-shirt! Please visit the PTA website to place your order this weekend.

Oct. 4-8—**Environmental Awareness Week** has arrived! A detailed list of activities for the week was sent to you today. The email omitted the following: **Bring your gently used Halloween costumes and sports equipment (cleats, helmets, balls, bats, gloves, bikes, scooters) to trade with friends. Drop off items in the school lobby from Monday-Thursday, then come to the blacktop on Thursday after school to select new costumes and sports equipment!**

Important reminders:

The **8:55 a.m.** bell signals the beginning of our school day (**12:40 p.m.** for afternoon kindergarten). Students (and parents) who arrive after this time **MUST** use the front entrance **ONLY**, and are required to sign in at the nurse's office. This prevents your child from being marked absent for the day.

Because of the number of children on McKenzie's blacktop before and after school each day, students are not permitted to ride their bikes/scooters on school property during the busy hours of the school day (8:00-4:00). Thank you for supporting our school's safety and security procedures.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Nov. 11-12th. Online sign-up will begin mid-October. I will be sharing more information in next week's Monitor.

Wishing you a great first weekend in October!

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THIS WEEK...

...Is Environmental Awareness Week!

Monday 10/4

- **LUNCH:** Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **ENRICHMENT:** Mad Science: Sound Basics (Grade 2) 9:15-10:15, 10:25-11:25, 1:15-2:15; Auditorium
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4 - 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- **GO GREEN:** Recycling Poster Contest at Recess (or bring to school office through Thursday)

Tuesday 10/5

- **LUNCH:** Fish Nuggets, Corn, Soup, Fresh Fruit, Milk

- **ENRICHMENT: Mad Science: Sound Basics (Grade 2) 9:15-10:15, 10:25-11:25, 1:15-2:15; Auditorium**
- **CHESS CLUB: Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.**
- **REMINDER: McClubs Online Registration Ends at 2 p.m.**
- **LECTURE: Youth Safety on a Living Internet; 7-8:30 p.m. at WJHS**
- **GO GREEN: Bring Waste-Free Lunch to School Today**

Wednesday 10/6

- **LUNCH: Elbow Macaroni w/wo Meat Sauce, WW Roll, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **GO GREEN: Join the McKenzie Walk to School Parade**

Thursday 10/7

- **LUNCH: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Veggies w/Dip, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **CHESS CLUB: Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.**
- **LECTURE: 21st Century Learning; 7-8:30 p.m. in McKenzie Auditorium**
- **GO GREEN: Halloween Costume and Sports Equipment Swap - After School**

Friday 10/8

- **LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Breast on WW, Baked Chips, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **MCCLUBS: Legos and Baseball, 3:20-4:15 p.m.**
- **GO GREEN: Learn about Gardening and Composting During Lunch/Recess**

From the P.T.A.

Go Green McKenzie! During Environmental Awareness Week (Oct. 4-8), **RECYCLE** your goods and earn money for McKenzie! **REDUCE** air pollution and jump on the Walking School Bus On Wednesday! **REUSE** Halloween costumes and sports equipment - it's new to you - swap gently used costumes and equipment on Thursday! Click here http://www.mckenziepta.com/environmental_awareness.html to see how you can join the fun all week long.

Sign up for McClubs - There is still time to register for McClubs by going to www.mckenziepta.com/mcclubs/. Space is available in After-School Sports, Amazing Minds, Baseball, Bollywood Dance, Express Yourself Through the Arts, Drum, My Gym, Scooters and More, as well as the Smartboard club. Registration closes on Tuesday October 5th at 2:00 pm. Please note that Friday's Clubs (Lego and Baseball) begin on Friday, October 8th.

Youth Safety on a Living Internet - Family Awareness Network (FAN) welcomes Anne Collier to WJHS on Tuesday, October 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. Anne is the Founder & Executive Director of Net Family News, Inc. and co-directs ConnectSafely.org. Please come to hear her talk about the impact of the social web on today's youth. CPDU's are available for educators. For more information, please visit www.fan-ntts.org, or click on the FAN link on the McKenzie PTA website.

Reminder - Parent Learning Network (PLN) lecture is this Thursday, October 7 from 7-8:30 pm in the McKenzie Auditorium. District 39 is invited to attend this engaging presentation by Dr. Sarah Jerome on 21st Century Learning. We look forward to seeing you there! Visit www.mckenziepta.com for more information.

Wanted: Drummer or Keyboardist - Do you like U2, Green Day, The Rolling Stones... or even Bonnie Tyler? The 2011 McKenzie Variety Show needs a parent drummer or keyboardist for our rocking live band. Please contact Musical Director Mike Flynn at mikef_1945@yahoo.com if you're interested.

Fall Frenzy Needs You! There are still many great spots available to work a shift: serve pizza, run a game or craft, or help with set-up or clean-up! Fall Frenzy is going paperless this year, so the only way to sign-up to help is online. Click here to volunteer: http://www.mckenziepta.com/fall_frenzy.html; then, go to the Sign-Up Genius button. Thank you for doing your part to make this year's Fall Frenzy a success.

Fall Frenzy Pizza & Ticket Pre-Orders are available today through October 12th. Have your hot pizza ready and waiting for you! Avoid long ticket lines! And, save money when you order in advance! Pre-ordered tickets & pizza vouchers will be sent home via Backpack Express prior to the event. To place your order, go to the PTA website at http://www.mckenziepta.com/fall_frenzy.html; then, scroll down to the Pizza & Ticket PreSale box for options.

McKenzie Mingle Tickets Now on Sale! Purchase your tickets now for our annual holiday shopping bazaar on Friday, November 5 at Winnetka Women's Club. Shop early, play late. Shopping starts at 6 p.m. For those who like to roll the dice, bunco will start at 9:30 p.m. (No skill is necessary, but space is limited for bunco, so be the first to sign up.) Go to the PTA website (http://www.mckenziepta.com/mckenzie_mingle.html) for details and tickets.

10% Back to Schools - Grocery Promotion: Don't forget to check the bottom of your Dominicks receipt for a BACK TO SCHOOL redemption code that allows McKenzie to earn 10% of your total bill. Visit <http://backtoschools.escrip.com/> and enter in the redemption code, or turn in your receipt directly to McKenzie. McKenzie's Group ID is 500013854.

The General Mills Box Tops program is back! Last year, we raised over \$700 for the PTA through this program, and with your help we can raise even more this year. Box top labels are found on most General Mills products, and each box top is worth 10 cents. To participate, cut out and collect box top labels, and then drop off the labels in one of the collection boxes in the main and kindergarten lobbies. Please cut labels along the perforated line and do not submit the entire package. Questions? Email christiane.shah@gmail.com or call 847-728-0123.

It's Not Too Late to Join the PTA - Don't be caught without *your* 2010-2011 McKenzie Directory - get your copy today by joining the PTA at www.mckenziepta.com. While you are there, buy your Yearbook too!

Reminder: Submissions for the **McKenzie Monitor** are due by **Thursday at 12:00 pm**. Go to <http://mckenziepta.com/communication.html> for the submission form. Questions? Contact Mindy Rittner, McKenzie Monitor Editor at mruttner@brinkshofer.com.

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