

May 16 - May 20, 2011

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Mother Nature is back to playing her tricks on us once again! In one week we have gone from 90 degrees to 50, causing us all to wonder just what to wear. It reminds us of the importance of packing both a jacket and a water bottle each and every day for the remainder of the year.

At this week's PTA meeting, we welcomed a new slate of officers for the 2011-12 school year. We also expressed our appreciation to the outgoing board members, especially the fourth grade parents who have contributed countless hours of service to our school over the past five years. You will be missed!

As mentioned in last week's Monitor, it's time for families to register for the upcoming year. Your online registration determines the number of classroom sections we will have at each grade level. It's easy to do, so please don't delay. So far, we have 250 out of our 550 students registered. Let's see if we can boost that number in the coming week! It will greatly help us with anticipating our needs. If you have questions, please contact our school office. As we think about next year, don't forget that the deadline for ordering school supply kits is coming up next Friday, May 20th.

SECOND GRADE PARENTS~ Today was the deadline for submitting your child's dental forms. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to send those to school this week.

FOURTH GRADE PARENTS~ Outdoor Education is fast approaching on May 25-27th. In the coming week, please watch for an email with some last minute reminders. We are looking forward to a wonderful three days of learning!

This past Wednesday, District 39 honored employees who are celebrating "milestones" in their careers. This year's McKenzie honorees are as follows:

5 years: Samantha Tabas (Kdgn.), Rachel Gerber (LBS), Alisa Kusznitzow (Spanish), Kaquana King (secretary), Connie Bergmann (music), Susan Kuta (Kdgn. Parapro), and Oshana Khoshaba (custodian).

15 years: Sheryl Greenstein (building parapro)

39 years (and retiring): Kathy Cedoz (4th grade)

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

As we approach the end of the year, some of you have begun to ask your child's teacher for practice/enrichment packets for summertime learning. In our continuing effort to go green, we will be posting some suggested activities through online links. You are welcome to download the things you find most applicable. In the meantime, I invite you to check out some free apps for iPods. The list can be found on our school's website under parent resources at:
http://www.wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=171&Itemid=132 Many of these were demo'd at our recent Technology Night. These provide a fun way for your child to reinforce skills. Because we are using many of these in our classrooms, your child will be excited to show them to you at home.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

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From the P.T.A.

Room Parent Round-Up Begins Now for the 2011-12 school year! If you are interested in serving as a Room Parent for your child's class, please visit the PTA website to sign up. Assignments will be made in August once class placements are finalized. Thank you for your willingness to help in this important, hands-on way! Questions? Contact Karen Dekker (ckdekker@comcast.net).

Bike To Highcrest Day is Wednesday - After school on May 18th, 4th grade kids and their parents will follow a path from McKenzie to Highcrest. We will be greeted by the principal of Highcrest and given a brief speech about bike riding protocol. Please join us on May 18th at 3:45 p.m. in the back of McKenzie!

FAN presents "The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of the Nature-Deficit Disorder" on Thursday, May 19 from 7-9 p.m. at Skokie School Auditorium (520 Glendale, Winnetka). Launch into summer by attending this fabulous evening with journalist and 2008 Audubon Medal winner Richard Louv. With our increased urbanization (and abundant investment and faith in technology), we need to have a

greater understanding of the mind-body-nature connection. The event is free and open to the public.

Movie Fun Night is Friday at 6:30 p.m. "Ponyo" will be shown in the auditorium on Friday, May 20. Admission is open to current McKenzie students and is \$4 at the door. Doors open at 6:20 p.m, and pick-up is at 8:10 p.m. Parents must enter the building to pick up their children at the end of the film. If you would like to volunteer as a parent usher, please contact Elizabeth Ward at dolceandward@yahoo.com or Kristen Danielsens at thedanielsens@sbcglobal.net.

Calling all McKenzie Moms and Dads! Field Day is Friday, June 3 (rain date: June 6). We need committee members and volunteers! Come watch your child compete in the long jump or 50-yard-dash, and help with all fun along the way. We can't have a successful Field Day without YOU! Volunteers are needed to keep score, help with the refreshment table and set up. Signup to volunteer online or email Kelly at kelly@foodallergymama.com for more info.

School Supplies for 2011-2012 - Parents, you should have received the order form in your child's backpack for school supplies for next year. Supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom on the first day of school in the fall. No running around to purchase supplies, and no sales tax! We do it all for you! Orders and payment are due by May 20, 2011. Checks should be made out to the McKenzie PTA. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Amy Wolfe @ amylwolfe@yahoo.com

Book Fair Organizers Needed - The Book Fair Committee is looking for a few members to help run next year's fair in September. Please contact Chris Peterson at petersoninternet@comcast.net if you would like to help with a committee position.

Looking for the Perfect Year-End Gift ? Give the gift that gives back to District 39 schools – honor a faculty or staff member or your 8th grade graduate with a Certificate of Appreciation from the District 39 Educational Foundation. Make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation (minimum online donation \$39) and you will receive a beautiful keepsake certificate for the honoree. For more information or to order a certificate, go to www.d39foundation.org.

This Week...

Click Here for the Lunch Menu:

www.mckenziepta.com/Archives/FromsDocuments/LunchMay2011.pdf

Monday 5/16

- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4; 3:20-4:20 p.m.
- **ENRICHMENT:** Chicago Field Trip - 3rd Grade: Flondro, Martin, Safran; bus leaves at 9 a.m., returns by 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 5/17

- **REMINDER:** Remember to Register Your Child for the 2011-12 School Year!

Wednesday 5/18

- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **REMINDER:** 4th Grade - Bike to Highcrest at 3:45 p.m.

Thursday 5/19

- **ENRICHMENT:** Chicago Field Trip – 3rd Grade: Brighty & Torf; bus leaves at 9 a.m., returns by 1:30 p.m.
- **LECTURE:** “The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of the Nature-Deficit Disorder” on Thursday, May 19 from 7-9 p.m. at Skokie School Auditorium (520 Glendale, Winnetka)

Friday 5/20

- **MOVIE FUN NIGHT:** See Ponyo at 6:30 p.m.!

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 mrirtner@brinkshofer.com.

On the Web...

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