

March 28 - April 8, 2011

# McKenzie Monitor

## E-NEWS YOU CAN USE

### From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

The much-awaited **SPRING BREAK** has arrived! As we pack our bags and head out the door, there are a few important reminders and newsworthy items to share. Online **parent-teacher conference sign up** will be available until April 8th. Be sure to take a moment to select a time on either April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (13th is also available for K only).

**Fourth grade parents** are encouraged to attend the **Outdoor Education** informational meeting being held in our auditorium on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (parents only). The director of Lorado Taft will give parents a virtual tour of the camp and all necessary forms will be distributed. Fourth grade parents are also invited to attend **Highcrest Middle School's Orientation** on April 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Please help us get the word out to your neighbors that enrollment packets for **incoming Kindergartners** are available for pick up in our school office. Parent orientation, including a school tour, will be held on Wed., April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm.

**Previews:** When we return from break, our Student Council will help us kick off a school-wide **Japanese relief** drive entitled, "McKenzie's *Bakeless* Bake Sale". Watch for more information when school resumes on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup> our **Parent Learning Network** will be sponsoring a **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Fair**. Parents, along with their child(ren), will be invited to join in technology-based activities using the SmartBoard, laptops, iPods, iPads, etc. Space for this exciting evening of learning will be limited, so watch for online registration during the first week of April.

As you can see, there is much to do when we return! In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderfully relaxing **Spring Break**! Whether you're traveling far or staying nearby, enjoy this precious time with your family and friends!

See you on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Welter

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## **From the P.T.A.**

**Voting Information:** There are less than two weeks until Election Day, April 5th. If you are going away spring break, you can vote early now. Go to Centennial Park, Glenview Village Hall, or Skokie Court House, Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm or any other Cook County election location. For info on other locations, go to [www.wilmette39.org](http://www.wilmette39.org).

Despite what you may have read recently in the papers or heard on a "robocall," District 39 is only asking for an additional \$6.375 million in funding -- \$58.80 per \$1,000 in taxes paid -- if the referendum passes and no more. The District passed a Statement of Intent at the January 18 Board meeting, confirming that the District will collect no more than this amount. For more detail, go to [www.wilmette39.org](http://www.wilmette39.org).

**First Friday Spirit Day on April 8** - Students are invited and encouraged to wear their shirts backwards for April's First Friday Spirit Day. The idea was selected in honor of April Fool's Day, which falls during Spring Break.

**Movie Fun Night Rescheduled:** The Movie Fun Night originally scheduled for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please watch the PTA website in early May for more information on this event.

**The PTA Needs a Few Good Men or Women** - The PTA is already planning next year's fantastic line-up of enrichment activities, service projects and fun events. We still need volunteers to co-chair several of our committees. It is our wonderful group of volunteers that enable us to provide the McKenzie kids with their field trips and special presentations by guest authors and scientists. If you are interested in learning more about open positions or other ways to volunteer next year, please contact PTA President-Elect Jennifer Konz-Alt at [jdkonz@hotmail.com](mailto:jdkonz@hotmail.com) or 847-256-3639.

**Variety Show DVDs Available** - Celebrate the 2011 Variety Show for years to come. Order the commemorative DVD at the PTA website ([www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com)). For only \$15 you can treasure "McKenzie Celebrates Holidays." Order your very own copy today!

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## **This Week...**

[Click here for the Lunch](#)

Menu: [www.mckenziepta.com/Archives/FromsDocuments/LunchApril2011.pdf](http://www.mckenziepta.com/Archives/FromsDocuments/LunchApril2011.pdf)

## Monday 3/28 - Friday 4/1

- **SPRING BREAK:** School Closed
- **REMINDER:** Get Out and Vote! Last Day for Early Voting is **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## Monday 4/4

- **LUNCH:** Citrus French toast, turkey sausage, carrots, fresh fruit, milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4; 3:20-4:20 p.m.

## Tuesday 4/5

- **LUNCH:** Nachos w/wo turkey taco meat, brown rice, mixed veggies, fresh fruit, milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **ENRICHMENT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Wooten, Lauer) – Adler Planetarium, bus departs 9:15 a.m., returns 2:30 p.m. (sack lunch/drink needed)

## Wednesday 4/6

- **LUNCH:** Tuna or turkey on WW, baked ships, carrots, fresh fruit, milk
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **ENRICHMENT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Uhler, Cedoz) – Adler Planetarium, bus departs 9:15 a.m., returns 2:30 p.m. (sack lunch/drink needed)

## Thursday 4/7

- **LUNCH:** Square pepperoni pizza, fresh veggies w/dip, fresh fruit, milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.

## Friday 4/8

- **LUNCH:** Fish nuggets, baked fries, corn, fresh fruit, milk
- **SPIRIT DAY: Wear your shirt backwards!**

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**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](mailto:mruttner@brinkshofer.com).

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## **On the Web...**

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