

November 1 - November 5, 2010

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Halloween “spirits” were everywhere today as McKenzie prepared for a weekend of trick-or treat fun. Thanks to all our loyal parents for cheering on our parade, and to all the room parents who provided the classroom celebrations. Our staff spent this afternoon preparing for parent-teacher conferences. We are looking forward to meeting with you Nov. 10-12th. The deadline for online sign-up is Nov. 5th.

As we approach the month of November, we turn our attention to a new **Habit of Mind**. It seems fitting that we focus on the habit of ***Managing Impulsivity*** during two of the busiest and most festive months of the year. From now until winter break, our staff will embed the importance of this habit in their daily lessons, calling attention to the benefits of practicing impulse control. We will remind our students that effective problem-solvers think before they act, intentionally creating an action plan with a destination in mind. As we delve into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a 21st century learner, we realize our students need to do more than be the first to shout out a correct answer or to be quick to judge what is not easily understood. Our students will be required to know how to behave when they don't know the answer! As you meet with your child's teacher(s) in the weeks to come, I hope you will learn both **what** he/she is learning AND **how** he/she is learning it.

In the month of November there are several **noteworthy calendar dates**:

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| Nov. 3-5 | 3 rd Grade CogAt Testing |
| Nov. 5 | McKenzie Mingle (see below) |
| Nov. 10-12 | Parent Teacher Conferences (no student attendance Nov. 11-12) |
| Nov. 22-28 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 30 | Deadline for Share the Warmth & Share the Feast donations |
| | PLN event: <i>Race to Nowhere</i> film discussion (see below) |

Wishing you a **spooktacular weekend~**

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THIS WEEK...

Monday 11/1

- **LUNCH:** Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Baked Chips, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4 - 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- **McCLUBS:** 8-8:45 a.m. - Scooters and More; 3:20-4:15 p.m. - After School Sports, Dance/Hip Hop, Legos

Tuesday 11/2

- **LUNCH:** Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Turkey Roll-up, Soup, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **McCLUBS:** 8-8:45 a.m. - Smart Board; 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Bollywood Dancing, Hoops, Amazing Minds, Drum Club

Wednesday 11/3

- **LUNCH:** Italian Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes Smiles, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **ENRICHMENT:** 1st Grade (Dolkart) Botanic Gardens - Bus leaves at 9:30; returns at 1 p.m.; bring a sack lunch/drink
- **McCLUBS:** 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Intro to Nerf Football, Express Yourself, Cheerleading, Painting

Thursday 11/4

- **LUNCH:** Round Cheese Pizza, Veggies w/Dip, Fresh Fruit, Milk

- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **ENRICHMENT:** 1st Grade (Moroschan, Krumholz) Botanic Gardens - Bus leaves at 9:30; returns at 1 p.m.; bring a sack lunch/drink
- **McCLUBS:** 8-8:45 a.m. - Breakfast & Books; 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Flag Football, My Gym

Friday 11/5

- **LUNCH:** Turkey or Ham Sandwich on WW, Baked Chips, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **ENRICHMENT:** 1st Grade (Aten, Luskin) Botanic Gardens - Bus leaves at 9:30; returns at 1 p.m.; bring a sack lunch/drink
- **REMINDER:** McKenzie Mingle – Shop, Drop and Roll from 6 p.m. until midnight at the Winnetka Women's Club

From the P.T.A.

McKenzie Mingle Around the Corner! Purchase your tickets now for the PTA's 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 http://www.mckenziepta.com/mckenzie_mingle.html for details and tickets.

Get Your Cheetah On! Last call to buy your favorite McKenzie t-shirts, sweatshirts and other items! Stay warm and look cool all year! Great gifts for students, teachers, staff or parents! Take care of some holiday shopping! Go to <http://www.mckenziepta.com/> for the order form. Orders due 11/15 for delivery week of 12/13 via backpack express. Call Maria Bock with questions at (847)256-3388.

See *Waiting for Superman* with Friends - Please join the McKenzie Parent Learning Network (PLN) on Wednesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. for a viewing of the movie, *Waiting for Superman*, <http://www.waitingforsuperman.com/> at the Evanston Century 12 Theater. PLN discussion will follow directly after the movie. For more information or to RSVP, contact Julie Johnson at jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net. At least 8 RSVPs are needed for this event to occur. Come make a friend or bring a friend!

Boxtops Top Out at \$400 - Thank you all for collecting box tops for McKenzie. With the October submission we raised \$400 for the McKenzie PTA. The next submission will be in February, 2011. Please cut out the boxtops exactly on the dashed line to make the committee work a little easier!

Box Tops Chair Needed - The PTA is looking for help with the box tops fundraising program. This is a great opportunity if you are interested in helping from home. The chair is in charge of collecting and submitting the box tops to General Mills twice a year with a lot of help and support from the Student Council. Please contact Eleanor Lipinski at eleanor.lipinski@gmail.com to learn more about the position.

Share the Warmth Hat and Mitten Drive - The McKenzie Sharing Committee is collecting NEW hats and mittens for children in need at Carman-Buckner School in Waukegan. Keep your eyes open for these winter items when shopping for your own kids. Please bring your purchases to the McKenzie lobby and look for the Sharing box. Thanks for your support!

Share the Feast Grocery Dollar Collection - Put food on the holiday tables of the neediest families at Carman-Buckner School by purchasing grocery dollars. Purchase on-line by clicking on the link or drop-off a check to the Sharing Committee in-box written in an increment of \$25 (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$200, etc.) to the McKenzie PTA. Collection ends Tuesday, 11/30.

Yearbook Cover Contest Coming! Tell your children to start getting their ideas together for the Yearbook Cover Contest! How will they draw what McKenzie means to them? Entry rules and submission forms will be available on-line next week. Questions? Contact Sara Kurensky sara@kurensky.org or Sharon Panzica spanzica@comcast.net.

PLN Event Rescheduled - PLN invites McKenzie parents to view the documentary film, *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture*, <http://www.racetonowhere.com/>, on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at New Trier HS (Winnetka campus). McKenzie parents are invited to meet at the entrance of Gaffney Auditorium at 6:45 pm. Dr. Welter will facilitate an informal discussion with McKenzie parents following the movie. Please RSVP to Julie Johnson at jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net.

PTA Membership Directories are in and delivered! If yours was not delivered, or if you have not yet joined the PTA to get your directory, please contact Sonja Iribarren at sonjabeals@gmail.com.

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.

On the Web...

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