

October 25 - October 29, 2010

# McKenzie Monitor

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### From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Picture Retake Day is this coming Tuesday, October 26, 2010, from 9:00am-1:00pm. If your child was absent, order forms are available in the office. If you would like your child's photo retaken, please return the photo package on Tuesday. When you registered your child in Power School this year, you were asked if you wanted your child's picture included in the school yearbook. If you have changed your mind since registering this summer, please be sure to change your preference in your Power School account. Thanks!

On Oct. 29th, our students will celebrate Halloween with a school-wide parade, beginning at **9:30 am**. Kindergartners will lead the way, as we travel outside around the perimeter of the building. On our second lap around the building, our students will form a circle on the blacktop so that they can see one another's costumes. Classes won't be able to stop for photos along the parade route, but parents are welcome to snap some photos as they watch for their favorite ghost or goblin to pass by. Because there is no PM kindergarten this shortened day, PM kindergartners may join in the parade if accompanied by their parents. Some reminders: Gr. 1-4 will dismiss at 12:15 and Kindergarten at 10:20. Students may wear their costumes to school this day, but we ask that parents use good judgment in keeping the costume simple. Please save the face masks, hair dye, or heavy makeup for trick-or-treating! As always, should rain dampen our plans this day, an email will be sent to you by 8:50, letting you know the parade has been cancelled.

Parent teacher conferences are coming up on Nov. 11-12th (Kdgn. also Nov. 10th). All appointments must be scheduled online by Nov. 5th. These are the only designated dates for conferences. Should you be unable to attend on those days, our teachers are happy to schedule a phone conference attend with you.

Calling all McKenzie Moms---On Friday, November 5th, our PTA will host **McKenzie Mingle**. We will have over 25 vendors to help you jumpstart your holiday shopping. Shop early because for every purchase made between 6 PM & 9 PM, you will receive a ticket for our **Thank You Raffle**. You could win fabulous prizes like a \$300 spa certificate. For those who like to roll the dice, Bunco will start at **9:30 p.m.** (for more information, please see the PTA News below).

Just a reminder: **Dismissal on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> is at 12:15 pm for Gr. 1-4; 10:20 for AM Kdgn.**

Best regards,

Dr. Welter

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## **THIS WEEK...**

### Monday 10/25

- **LUNCH:** Sloppy Joe on WW, Baked Chips, Fresh 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 10/26

- **LUNCH:** Salad Bar, WW Roll, Soup, 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
- **REMINDER:** School Picture Re-Take Day
- **F.A.N. LECTURE:** 7-8:30 p.m. "The Power of the Arts: Habits of Mind and Mood," The Skokie School Auditorium, 520 Glendale Avenue, Winnetka

### Wednesday 10/27

- **LUNCH:** Hot Dog on WW Bun, Baked Fries, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **McCLUBS:** 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Intro to Nerf Football, Express Yourself, Cheerleading, Painting

- **WORKSHOP:** 9 -10:30 a.m. "The Journey of Art: Sustaining Creativity Through Open-Ended Activities" at Winnetka Community House

## Thursday 10/28

- **LUNCH:** Round Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **McCLUBS:** 8-8:45 a.m. - Breakfast & Books; 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Flag Football, My Gym

## Friday 10/29

- **HALLOWEEN PARADE:** 9:30 a.m.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL:** 12:15 p.m. (no lunch today)

## From the P.T.A.

**McKenzie Mingle Tickets 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](http://www.mckenziepta.com/mckenzie_mingle.html)) for details and tickets.

**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!

**Please Bring Your Boxtops** to school and drop them in the collection boxes in the lobby in the next week or two. We are getting ready to send our boxtops to General Mills by end of October. Remember to cut them out as neatly as possible. Last year we raised over \$700 for the PTA and hope to collect even more this year.

**Picture Retake Day** is Tuesday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school auditorium (staff at 8:30 a.m.). If your child was absent on Picture Day, please be sure his/her photo is taken on Oct. 26 for inclusion in the yearbook and class composite photo. If you would like a retake of your child's photo, please return the photo package to the photographer on Oct. 26. You may order and pay online at [www.vipis.com/VIP/](http://www.vipis.com/VIP/); please send the receipt with your child to the photo session. Contact Genny Wert ([gennywert@gmail.com](mailto:gennywert@gmail.com)) with questions or call VIP customer service at 1-877-847-0210.

**Upcoming Lecture on Studio Thinking:** "The Power of the Arts: Habits of Mind and Mood" a FAN sponsored event will be held at The Skokie School Auditorium, 520

Glendale Avenue, Winnetka on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. Ellen Winner, Ph.D. will deliver a fascinating talk on her decades-long research into "studio thinking," the habits of mind developed by fine arts training. This program will appeal to parents of children of all ages. CPDU's will be available.

**Free Workshop for Parents on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** - There are still spots available for parents to attend the FREE workshop on October 27<sup>th</sup> The Journey of Art: Sustaining Creativity Through Open-Ended Activities - for parents of young children. Wednesday, October 27, 9 -10:30 a.m. at Winnetka Community House. Please visit <http://fan-ntts.ntnow.org/> for more information and to sign up for the Workshop or contact Jill Sutherland at [jillntodd@comcast.net](mailto:jillntodd@comcast.net) with questions.

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

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