

October 18 - October 22, 2010

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Our school was a frenzy tonight—a Fall Frenzy, that is! Pumpkins, pizza, games, and baked goods galore helped us to get into the Halloween spirit. Each year we welcome this event, I am delighted to witness what a great time is had by both students and parents—what a fun way for us to come together. A very special thanks to the MANY families who supported the event and especially to Karen Dekker and her hardworking committee of volunteers!

On Oct. 29th, our students will celebrate Halloween with a school-wide parade, beginning at 9:30. 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 other another's costumes. Classes won't be able to stop for photos along the parade route, but parents are welcome to snap some candid as they watch for their favorite ghost or goblin to pass by. Because there is no PM kindergarten this shortened day, afternoon 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.

At 9:00 am on Monday parents are invited to sign up for a parent-teacher conference on either Nov. 11-12th (Kdgn. also Nov. 10th). Please use the link provided below for more information:

http://www.wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=726:2010-11-fall-ptc&catid=1&Itemid=31

Those of you who were able to attend this week's PTA meeting had the opportunity to hear our superintendent speak about District 39's current financial state of affairs. If you were unable to attend, and would like more information, you are encouraged to attend the upcoming Board of Education meetings (Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and beyond).

In the PTA news below you will find a special invitation to stop by the newly improved McKenzie Gardens at dismissal this coming Monday. We will have a small open house

to show off all the hard work that has gone into making them what they are today. I hope you and your child will be able to stop by, even for just a short while !

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Dr. Welter

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THIS WEEK...

Monday 10/18

- **LUNCH:** Waffles, Turkey Sausage, Carrot Sticks, 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
- **OPEN HOUSE:** McKenzie Gardens - 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday 10/19

- **LUNCH:** Italian Beef on WW Bun, Baked Chips, Veggies w/Dip, 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 10/20

- **LUNCH:** Rotini w/wo Meat Sauce, WW Roll, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **ENRICHMENT:** Grade 2 (Siegel, Weil) - The Grove - Bus leaves at 9:30, returns at 12:30; sack lunch in room, dress for outdoors
- **ENRICHMENT:** Grade 2 (Bourisaw, Schroeder) - The Grove - Bus leaves at 11:45, returns at 2:30; sack lunch in room, dress for outdoors

- **McCLUBS:** 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Intro to Nerf Football, Express Yourself, Cheerleading, Painting

Thursday 10/21

- **LUNCH:** Sausage or Cheese Pizza, Fresh Veggies w/Dip, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **ENRICHMENT:** Grade 2 (Malmquist) - The Grove - Bus leaves at 11:45, returns at 2:30; sack lunch in room, dress for outdoors
- **McCLUBS:** 8-8:45 a.m. - Breakfast & Books; 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Flag Football, My Gym

Friday 10/22

- **LUNCH:** Italian Chicken Tenders, Broccoli, Mashed Potato Smile, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **McCLUBS:** 3:20-4:15 p.m. - Legos, Baseball

From the P.T.A.

Can You Dig the McKenzie Gardens? Please join us for a McKenzie Gardens Open House on Monday, October 18, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Come see all the new things in the gardens -- plants, log seats, path, and more. We will have arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, and treats.

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) for details and tickets.

Share the Warmth Hat and Mitten Drive - The McKenzie Sharing Committee will be 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 starting October 18 and look for the Sharing box. Thanks for your support!

Student Council Back in Session - Led by Jessica Torf and Lynsee Whitman, Student Council members from grades 1-4 are meeting every Wednesday from 8:25-8:50 a.m. McKenzie parents involved with community service projects or those with ideas for Student Council projects are encouraged to contact either leader to discuss possible opportunities for Student Council participation.

Book Fair Backorders - If you purchased a book at the Book Fair that was on backorder, you should have received it by now. If you haven't received your books, please contact Kirsten Stadheim at stadheimwefing@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Birthday Books Has Gone Paperless! During your child's birthday month (or half-birthday month for summer birthdays), look for an email about birthday books from birthdaybooks@mckenziepta.com. For more information, see the PTA website at: http://www.mckenziepta.com/birthday_book.html.

A Fall Frenzy Thank You to the MANY parent volunteers, Scout troops and McKenzie alums who have donated their time, energy and baking talents to the success of tonight's event. McKenzie children and their families will enjoy an evening of Fall fun, thanks to YOU!

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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