

May 23 - May 27, 2011

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Thank you to all who have gone online to register your child(ren) for the new school year. Our count is growing! Parents of incoming kindergartners and first graders are especially urged to **act now**, as these particular grade levels are approaching the point at which we may need to add an additional section. We cannot do so until we have the registered numbers to justify the need. If you will not be returning to us next fall, please be sure to inform our school office.

4th Grade's Outdoor Education is fast approaching. Buses will be departing on Wednesday morning and arriving back at school on Friday before dismissal. We are looking forward to an exciting three days of hands-on learning at Lorado-Taft!

Please be aware that warmer weather encourages more children to walk and ride their bikes to school. This requires heightened attention on everyone's part when driving--most especially at the crosswalks surrounding our school. Thanks, in advance, for your help in keeping our children safe!

Lastly, I am very pleased to announce that on Monday evening, the Board of Education approved the hiring of a new elementary Assistant Principal, to be shared equally at McKenzie and Central Schools. Mrs. Lori Naumowicz comes to us from East Maine School District 63, where she is currently serving as a Positive Behavior Intervention Specialist. She is also a Professional Development Coach, coordinating problem-solving systems using reading, math, and behavior interventions. Previously, she taught K-8 PE and received a Blue Ribbon Award for her outstanding program. We are very excited to welcome Lori and look forward to all she will bring to our two schools!

Wishing you sunny skies this weekend,

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From the P.T.A.

Field Day is Around the Corner! 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. Sign up to volunteer online or email Kelly at kelly@foodallergymama.com for more info.

Movie Fun Night is Tonight 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 Danielsen at thedanielsens@sbcglobal.net.

Room Parent Round-Up is in Progress 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).

Join the Benefit Committee: Looking for ways to give back to McKenzie? Planning for next year is already moving forward. The McKenzie Benefit committee needs volunteers. Please contact rebecca_lieber@sbcglobal.net or emilyzivin@yahoo.com if you are interested in being a member of the committee.

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 5/23

- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4; 3:20-4:20 p.m.

Tuesday 5/24

- **REMINDER:** Remember to register your child for the 2011-12 school year

Wednesday 5/25

- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **ENRICHMENT:** 4th Grade Outdoor Education

Thursday 5/26

- **REMINDER:** Sign up to help with last day of school coffee – see the PTA website
- **ENRICHMENT:** 4th Grade Outdoor Education

Friday 5/27

- **REMINDER:** No school on Monday for Memorial Day!
- **ENRICHMENT:** 4th Grade Outdoor Education

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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