

September 7 - 11, 2009



# McKenzie Monitor

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## This Week...

### Monday 9/7



Happy Labor Day!  
NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday 9/8



Waffles, Turkey Sausage,  
Carrots, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit,  
Milk



Grocery Dollar Subscription  
Drive began 9/1. [Click here  
for order form.](#)

### Wednesday 9/9



Chicken Fajitas, Yellow Rice,  
Green Beans, Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

### Thursday 9/10



Cheese Pizza, Veggies & Dip,  
Fresh Fruit, Milk

### Friday 9/11



Baked Tilapia, Mashed Potato  
Smiles, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

### Monday 9/14

## From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Our first full week of school was a successful one! Thank you for tending to all the details of getting off to a great start---from completing important forms to attending Curriculum Night. All of these help to ensure a great start to the year. Additional thanks for the special attention you have given to our start time. While it's always a little difficult to get back to "school hours" we have had very few tardies thus far. This helps everyone start the day on a positive note. We appreciate your support on this matter.

On Tuesday the PTA will host its first general meeting of the year, beginning at 9:15 in the cafeteria. All are invited. It is a great way to get involved in your child's school. We will also be holding our fall bus evacuation drills on Tuesday. These serve as a proactive, "safety rehearsal" reminding all of our students of appropriate bus behavior and teaching them what to do in case of emergency.

Questions have arisen regarding parents joining their children for lunch and recess. While we welcome parents throughout the day, our cafeteria does have limited seating. We would ask that should you choose to have lunch at McKenzie, that you save that for special occasions, such as a birthday. Also, please remember that our playground is an extension of our school building. All parents visiting during recess must first sign into the office and obtain a visitor's badge. This is not meant to exclude you, but to ensure the safety of all our children.

I have received much favorable email regarding the new format of our weekly newsletter. I am happy you find the layout to be user-friendly. A very special thank-you to McKenzie parent, Julie Geyer, as this is the result of her hard work! We will continue to send the Monitor to you both in paper and electronic copy through the end of this month, after which we will go "green" and send it only to your email address. If you are NOT currently receiving it electronically, I encourage you to check the email address you entered when you registered, as those were used to create our database. If you continue to have difficulty, please contact our office and one of the secretaries will assist you.



Turkey Tacos, Brown Rice,  
Mixed Vegetables,  
Applesauce, Churro, Milk

On Thursday evening we will host Curriculum Night for Grades 2-4. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,  
Dr. Welter  
Principal  
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[McKenzie Elementary School Website](#)

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## From the P.T.A.



**Introduction to the McKenzie Monitor, PTA Website and On-Line Calendars:** 9/10 at 7:30pm or 8:30 pm following ALL curriculum nights in the AUDITORIUM. Please join us for a ten-minute overview of your PTA's newly designed, electronic communication systems.



**McKenzie September PTA Meeting:** 9/8 at 9:15 am. Please attend our first PTA meeting for the 2009-2010 school year. Principal, Dr. Denise Welter, will be the featured speaker. Come meet other parents, learn what's planned for this year and volunteer!



**Curriculum Night Grades 2, 3 & 4:** 9/10 at 6:30 pm Grade 2; 7:30 pm Grades 3 & 4. This is a once a year, parent-only event you won't want to miss. Teachers give classroom specific overviews of curriculum, schedules and policies as well as provide opportunities for parents to sign up for classroom events.



**PTA Membership/Directory Purchase:** Don't forget to join the PTA! You'll support school programs, and receive your school directory. Please note that joining the PTA is the only way to get your school directory. The membership form is available at [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com) or by e-mailing Sonja Iribarren at [sonjabeals@gmail.com](mailto:sonjabeals@gmail.com).



**Ice Cream Social:** 9/13, 1pm- 3pm at the McKenzie Blacktop/Playground/Gym. Come join us for this welcome back to school event. A great place to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. [For more information, click here.](#)



**Picture Day:** Tuesday, 9/15



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES CO-CHAIR:** Are you interested in learning about the School Supplies Program and then Chairing next school year? This job includes working with grade level teachers to

coordinate school supplies lists for our vendor, publicizing the program and distributing orders. Please contact Maria Miller at [rerunmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:rerunmiller@yahoo.com) for more information.



**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** Don't forget to pick up extra school supplies for the McKenzie School Supply Drive! All supplies will be donated to needy children at schools in Chicago. Look for the drop box in the front lobby thru September 11th. [\(link to website flier here\)](#)



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Volunteers needed for this great community builder. Contact Margaret Drier at 920-9394 if you are interested.



**Thank you to McKenzie Alumni Nick Bonamici** who organized and led the construction of the new three bin composter as part of his Eagle Project this summer. Nick, a member of Wilmette Boy Scout Troop 5, chose to build composters for McKenzie and Ramona schools in order to enhance the curriculum by providing opportunities for hands-on learning regarding soil, ecosystems and conservation science. Funding for the project was obtained from the McKenzie PTA and a contribution from Home Depot. [Click here to see photos and details of the project.](#)



**Reminder:** The McKenzie Monitor format allows us to e-mail you once a week with up-to-date information about McKenzie School events and issues. **All information for the Monitor is due to the PTA inbox by Thursday at noon.** If you did not receive an electronic copy of the McKenzie Monitor, please e-mail or contact Mary Condon at [mcondon@mckenziepta.com](mailto:mcondon@mckenziepta.com) or 847-920-9194.

Paper copies of the McKenzie Monitor will be sent home via Back Pack Express on Mondays for the first four weeks of school. Beginning September 28th, paper copies will be available at the McKenzie front office, but will not be sent home via Backpack Express.



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