













McKenzie Minute

Your at-a-glance guide to this week at McKenzie

May 11 - May 15, 2009

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING	LUNCH
Monday May 11	  Monday – Friday: Performance Series Testing, Grades 2-8 Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University (buses leave at 12:30 pm; return at 2:30 pm) Krumholz & Dolkart	Rotini & meatballs, ww roll, corn, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday May 12	   Last PTA Meeting, 9:15 am – 10:30 am (kids welcome) Bike Safety Day Mad Science “Wonderful Weather” (auditorium presentations: 8:55 am, 9:50 am, 10:45 am, 12:50 pm, and 1:45 pm)	Warm bagel sandwich w/ turkey or ham, soup, carrots, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday May 13	   Student Council 8:25 am in the Auditorium Bike to Highcrest, 3:45 pm	Chicken fajitas, yellow rice, broccoli, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday May 14	 Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University (buses leave at 12:30 pm; return at 2:30 pm) Moroschan & Happ	Pepperoni pizza, minestrone soup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk
Friday May 15	 Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University (buses leave at 12:30 pm; return at 2:30 pm) Freed	Tilapia, mixed vegetables, ww roll, celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

Upcoming & Noteworthy

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Second Grade Bike Safety Day is Tuesday, May 12. Second graders are reminded to bring their bikes, helmets, and locks to school that day. Questions? Call Ruth Schmit, 847-251-0810.

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Reminder: Fourth graders don't forget the **Bike to Highcrest on May 13th begins at 3:45.** After school go home, get your bikes, helmets and a parent if possible. We meet on the blacktop.



Parent volunteers are being sought to help plan this year's **Field Day** on Friday, May 29th. If you'd like to be involved in putting together this fun and thrilling annual McKenzie event we'd love to have you on the volunteer committee. You won't want to miss your kids and their classmates competing in the 50-yard dash, long jump, “tug-of-peace” and much more. The sign-up roster for day-of assistance will be posted in the school lobby soon, but right now we need parents to help us pull the event together. Please contact Kelly Rudnicki at kellywoyan@yahoo.com, or Lew Wint at lewin.wint@sbcglobal.net. Thanks so much for your support!

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REMINDER

This month's PTA meeting, the final one of the year, will be held at 9:15 am on Tuesday, May 12th, in the McKenzie cafeteria. The morning's program will focus on the "District 39 Financial Report". Dr. Ray Lechner, Superintendent, will be the featured speaker. (Kids are welcome!)



REMINDER

What does it take to prepare all students for a bright future? Join former District 39 Superintendent Max McGee on **Thursday, May 14 from 7-9 pm** at the New Trier High School Northfield Campus (7 Happ Road, Building C. Room 234, Northfield) to discuss the The Future of Illinois Education and What We Can Do About It. Questions? Contact gail@interfaithhousingcenter.org



Cub Scouts: All boys and their parents are invited to come and learn what Cub Scouts is all about on **Wednesday, May 13th** at 7:00 pm. in the McKenzie Auditorium. Come meet other Scouts from McKenzie's Pack One and find out more about upcoming activities and programs. Contact Cub Master Peter Rodes with questions at peterrodes@yahoo.com. For registration materials contact Jill Pinkerton at jill@brianpinkerton.com.



REMINDER

GIFT CARDS: The last Gift Card order for the school year will be placed on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**, with delivery by the following Wednesday. They will be delivered in time for coach gifts, as well as end-of-year teacher gifts! The May Order Forms are on the PTA website. Any questions, call Kathy at 847-920-0336 or kfreedman@ameritech.net.



Thank you to Annette Beitel our Family Awareness Network (FAN) liaison for helping to bring Dr. Aaron Cooper's lecture to McKenzie last week. It was an informative presentation that focused on parenting children while keeping their emotional resiliency in mind. Dr. Cooper's lecture is available on video in our Parent Resource Library at McKenzie. We invite you to check out this enlightening presentation!

It is with heartfelt thanks that I would like to recognize the **2008-09 PTA Executive Board**. The individuals listed below have worked tirelessly all year to represent the best interest of the PTA Membership, help oversee 74 + PTA Committees, and be an available resource to families and McKenzie staff alike.



The Board has met monthly throughout the year to discuss ways to meet the needs of our McKenzie students, families and faculty. They have also helped to develop PTA guidelines, policies and procedures to enhance our effectiveness within the school. In addition, these individuals have partnered with PTA members and McKenzie staff to insure the PTA is meeting its goals with our student population.

A special thank you goes to our Principal, **Dr. Denise Welter**, who has been an incredible resource to the PTA Executive Board and the PTA at large. Her support, guidance, and wisdom have been appreciated by all and have made for a solid partnership between McKenzie School and the PTA. Should you see the people listed below, please thank them for their time and dedication!

Dr. Denise Welter, Principal
Kimbra Burnside - Pres. Elect
Kimberly Alcantara and **Kim Ratkin** - Secretary
Lisa Hoffman - Treasurer

Mary Condon - VP Communications
Barbara Shields - VP Enrichment
Jane O'Malley - VP Fundraising
Micaela Daly - VP Room Parents

Thank you all for a wonderful year!

With Gratitude,
Julie Johnson

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