

April 25 - April 29, 2011

# McKenzie Monitor

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## From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Happy **Earth Day**, everyone, and a big thank you to all our families who participated in McKenzie's Earth Week activities. Yesterday's email blast reminded you that today is the final day to sign up for next week's Technology Night on April 27th. Please take a moment today to click onto [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com) to select the things you and your child can learn together! While today is the deadline for donations to our Japanese relief efforts, last minute donations will be accepted Monday morning due to today being a day of non-attendance. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously!

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed to McKenzie over 60 incoming kindergarten families. A big thanks to the parents who served as tour guides! If you (or anyone you know) were unable to attend the Orientation, please stop by the office to pick up the informational packet that was distributed. A lottery for AM kindergarten will be held next week, and letters will be mailed to all incoming families indicating your child's placement for next fall.

Speaking of next year.... **Student Registration** letters were emailed to you this week. If this has not found its way into your inbox (or spam), please contact Dane McGregor at: [mcmgregod@wilmette39.org](mailto:mcmgregod@wilmette39.org). Families who have not provided us with an email address will soon receive their letters via the mail. I highly encourage you to register your child as soon as possible as it is the actual number of registered students that determines the number of sections we have at each grade level. Your quick response will help us to better anticipate our staffing needs and assist us in student placement for the coming year. Please remember that Monday is the deadline for submitting **parent input forms**.

Fourth grade parents are reminded that next Friday is the deadline for submitting **Outdoor Education** registration forms and payment.

During this week, our new school nurse, Andrea Angiony, began her transition to McKenzie by working alongside Kathy Moran. I know that several of you have already made "Mrs. A" feel right at home. As we wish Mrs. Moran all the best in her endeavors, please continue to help Mrs. Angiony get to know you—remembering that there are 550 students (multiplied by parents) and a staff of nearly 100. No small feat, indeed!

The close proximity of Passover and Easter gives us ample opportunities to celebrate the ways in which our family and friends enrich our lives. Springtime—even though it can be a little soggy at times—also renews our spirits. There **WAS** green grass underneath all that snow after all!

May your weekend be filled with love and laughter!

Dr. Welter

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## From the P.T.A.

**Reminder! Friday, April 22 is the LAST DAY** to register for the McKenzie's upcoming Technology Night on Wednesday, April 27, from 6:30-8:30 pm at McKenzie. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of technology and learning fun led by McKenzie teachers. Hope to see you there as this is evening you won't want to miss! To register visit [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com) or for more information, contact Julie Johnson at [jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net)

**Bike Safety Rescheduled for 4th Grade** – Bike Safety for 4th Graders is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 26th. This class is done indoors and requires that students bring helmets to school.

**Bike Safety for 2nd Graders:** April 29 is Bike Safety Day. Please bring your helmets and bicycles on Friday, April 29th for this fun educational event!

**Teacher Appreciation Lunch Sign-Up** – A few items are still needed for the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on March 6th. To sign up, go to [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com) and look for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon link. If you have any questions, please call or email Monica Thompson at [thethompson6@gmail.com](mailto:thethompson6@gmail.com).

**Birthday Books now accepts PayPal!** Even if your child's birthday has long passed or is yet to come, the deadline to order a Birthday Book for your child is May 1st. Please see [www.mckenziepta.com/birthday\\_book.html](http://www.mckenziepta.com/birthday_book.html) for the online form. Questions? Contact: [birthdaybooks@mckenziepta.com](mailto:birthdaybooks@mckenziepta.com) or [rebecca\\_lieber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rebecca_lieber@sbcglobal.net).

**McKenzie Outdoor Classroom Needs You!** Volunteers are needed for the McKenzie Gardens Outdoor Classroom on Mondays and Fridays during recess! We are especially in need of help on Monday, 5/2 and Monday, 5/9. Please sign up via the link on the PTA website.

**Citizen of the Year Celebration:** On Tuesday, May 3, the D39 Educational Foundation is honoring Carole Dibo as the Citizen of the Year. Carole, the first HMS and WJHS Variety Show director and owner of the Wilmette Theatre, has greatly influenced the lives of many young actors in Wilmette. You are invited to help us honor Carole for her contributions to the community and to the creative arts in Wilmette on May 3. Invitations were recently mailed to all D39 families and tickets can be purchased online at [www.d39foundation.org](http://www.d39foundation.org).

**4th Grade Parents – Highcrest Middle School** will be using the convenient services of SchoolKidz, Inc. and their Teacher Tailored® back-to-school supply kit program. This program will save you time and is competitively priced, and all proceeds support the Highcrest PTO. All kits will be delivered to the school and ready for your child at the Meet & Greet in August. Look for the order forms coming home soon and also available on the Highcrest Middle School website. Orders will be accepted 4/27 through 5/04. Contact Angi Meyers for more information at [angimeyers@yahoo.com](mailto:angimeyers@yahoo.com).

**The PTA Needs You** – We still need volunteers to co-chair several of our committees. Our wonderful group of volunteers enable us to provide McKenzie kids with field trips and special presentations by guest authors and scientists. If you are interested in learning more about open positions or other ways to volunteer next year, please contact PTA President-Elect Jennifer Konz-Alt at [jdkonz@hotmail.com](mailto:jdkonz@hotmail.com) or 847-256-3639.

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## **This Week...**

### **Click Here for the Lunch Menu:**

[www.mckenziepta.com/Archives/FromsDocuments/LunchApril2011.pdf](http://www.mckenziepta.com/Archives/FromsDocuments/LunchApril2011.pdf)

#### **Monday 4/25**

- **ENRICHMENT:** 4th Grade (Bialk) – Adler Planetarium, bus departs 9:15 a.m., returns 2:30 p.m.
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4; 3:20-4:20 p.m.

#### **Tuesday 4/26**

- **ENRICHMENT:** 1st Grade - Mad Science: Space Frontiers (Krumholz, 9:15 a.m.; Moroschan, 10:25 a.m.; Aten, 1:15 p.m.)
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.
- **REMINDER:** Rescheduled - Bike Safety for 4th Graders

#### **Wednesday 4/27**

- **ENRICHMENT:** 2nd Grade - Lights, Color, Action (Malmquist, 9:15 a.m.; Siegel, 10:25 a.m.; Schroeder, 1:15 p.m.)
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** 8:25-8:50 a.m., Auditorium
- **REMINDER:** McKenzie Technology Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday 4/28**

- **ENRICHMENT:** 1st Grade - Mad Science: Space Frontiers (Dolkart, 9:15 a.m.; Luskin, 10:25 a.m.)
- **CHESS CLUB:** Kindergarten: 11:35-12:20 p.m.

#### **Friday 4/29**

- **REMINDER:** Bike Safety for 2nd Graders

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**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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