



# McKenzie Minute

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

March 30 – April 3, 2009

DATE		WHAT'S HAPPENING	LUNCH
Monday March 30		Kindergarten Chess 11:30 am – 12:20 pm Chess Club 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Mini turkey corn dogs, green beans, veggies w/dip, peaches, milk
Tuesday March 31		Landscape Committee Meeting, 9:15 am; Topic: Spring Projects. All parents are welcome!	Salad bar, soup, ww roll, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday April 1	 <b>2</b> 	Student Council 8:25 am in the Auditorium Centre East: James and the Giant Peach at 10:00 am (buses leave at 9:15 am; return 11:30 am) All Classes Outdoor Education Orientation (4th grade parents only) 7:00 pm	Elbow macaroni, w/wo turkey meat sauce, broccoli, bread stick, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday April 2		Kindergarten Chess 11:30 am – 12:20 pm	Sausage pizza, soup, veggies w/dip, fresh fruit, milk
Friday April 3		Fire-In-Boomtown Performance (1:15 pm-2:00 pm); McKenzie Auditorium (w/Central School's Third Graders) All Classes	Tilapia, mixed veggies, ww roll, fresh fruit, milk

## Upcoming & Noteworthy



**McKenzie kids Growing in the Gardens:** The Landscape Committee is expanding. Join us on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 am in the cafeteria to discuss the new outdoor classroom, lunchtime programs for kids, and general maintenance of the gardens. We will be discussing spring projects and new ideas for next year. If you would like to interact with kids or be behind the scenes, all are welcome! Questions? Email Kirsten Stadheim at [stadheimwefing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stadheimwefing@sbcglobal.net).

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**Want to help out on the PTA next year?** If you are interested in chairing one of the available PTA committees next year, please contact kimbraburnside @gmail.com.

*Bike to Highcrest*  
*Boxtops*  
*Bulletin Board*  
*Desperate Housewives/McKenzie Women's Social*  
*Enrichment Coordinator – K and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*  
*Fall Frenzy*  
*Fourth Grade Farewell Party*  
*Junior Great Books*  
*Yearbook – Editor*  
*Yearbook - Business*



**BOXTOPS:** We are still in need of boxes to put in the classrooms for our boxtops. Please bring in kleenex boxes or shoe boxes (with the lids). We are extremely short and really need your help!! There will be a collection box set up in the lobby for your convenience. Thank you in advance for your help! Any questions, please contact Maria Baird.



**A huge thank you goes to our Assistant Treasurer, Joy Kunny.** She has been a steady partner to PTA committee heads throughout the year. She has generously walked many McKenzie community members through the policies and procedures related to managing monies earned from PTA fundraisers. Additionally, Joy collects funds after our many events and then deposits them in the bank. Thank you Joy!

Speaking of financials, did you know that **Elizabeth Nassar** is the chair of the PTA Audit Committee? She and her committee will be reviewing the McKenzie PTA financial records upon the completion of the fiscal year this summer. Thank you for providing this important check and balance, Elizabeth!



**Mark your Calendars!** On Thursday, April 30 from 7:00-8:30 pm, McKenzie School and the Family Awareness Network (FAN) will be partnering to bring you a parent education seminar in the McKenzie auditorium. Dr. Aaron Cooper, author of I Just Want My Kids to be Happy; Why You Shouldn't Say It, Why You Shouldn't Think it, and What You Should Embrace Instead, will be speaking on children and emotional resiliency. Join us for an informative and thought provoking lecture. Everyone welcome!



**We are pleased to announce that the McKenzie PTA will be purchasing LCD projectors and interactive white boards to equip each classroom that does not currently have this technology.** Please go to McKenziePTA.com. to see on-line videos featuring this technology as well as a Q & A, "Everything You Wanted to Know about LCDs and Interactive Boards at McKenzie School".

**There will be a Smart Board presentation at the MEC on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.** This versatile state-of-the-art technology will be available to every student and teacher at the start of next school year (August 2009).

**Have a great Spring Break!**

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