

September 25 - October 1, 2010

# McKenzie Monitor

## E-NEWS YOU CAN USE

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### From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Our students in Grades 1 & 3 were able to extend their learning beyond the four walls of their classroom this week, visiting the Evanston Ecology Center and Botanic Gardens. The variety of field trips and assemblies that take place in the weeks and months to come are planned and funded through the generosity of our PTA. We are so grateful for these enrichment opportunities! As we approach the early days of October, Fire Prevention Month, we are reminded of the importance of practicing safe behaviors both at home and at school. We want to thank the Wilmette Fire Department for the assemblies they presented today for Grades K-3.

#### VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Saturday, 9/25**—The Education Foundation brings the Kelly Circus to District 39. Tickets are still available (see below).

**Sunday, 9/26**—McClubs online registration opens at 8:30 am, with enrollment on a first come, first served basis. With 18 clubs to choose from, there is sure to be something your child will enjoy. For more information on course descriptions, times, and details, be sure to visit: [www.mckenziepta.com/mcclubs/](http://www.mckenziepta.com/mcclubs/)

**Tuesday-Thursday**—The BOOK FAIR arrives. Please be sure to stop by the small gym to shop for all the latest and greatest titles.

**Friday, 10/1**—DEADLINE for School Spiritwear orders. For more information, be sure to visit the McKenzie PTA website to view items that are available.

#### SPECIAL DELIVERY.....

**Congratulations** to Mrs. Kandace Luskin (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) and husband, Sol, as they celebrate the arrival of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, born on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**DID YOU KNOW...**that McKenzie's Gardens have undergone major renovations and improvements? I would invite you to walk around to the southwest corner of our property to see the handiwork of our Garden Committee and student helpers. Special

thanks to parents, Kirsten Stadheim and Lara Waechtler, for their dedication to this wonderful addition to our school!

Enjoy your weekend, everyone.

Dr. Welter

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## **THIS WEEK...**

### Saturday 9/25

- **REMINDER: Kelly Miller Circus at 2 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. – Mikaelian Education Center**

### Sunday 9/26

- **REMINDER: McClubs Online Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.**

### Monday 9/27

- **LUNCH: Mini Turkey Corndogs, Baked Chips, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **ENRICHMENT: Emily Oaks – All kindergarten classes (AM: 9:15-11:15; PM: 12:30-2:30) Dress for outdoors!**
- **CHESS CLUB: Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.; Grades 1-4 - 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

### Tuesday 9/28

- **LUNCH: Salad Bar, Soup, WW Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **CHESS CLUB: Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.**
- **BOOK FAIR: 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m.**

### Wednesday 9/29

- **LUNCH: Penne Pasta w/wo Meatballs, Carrots, WW Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk**

- **BOOK FAIR: 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-7:30 p.m.**

## Thursday 9/30

- **LUNCH: Sausage Pizza, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **CHESS CLUB: Kindergarten - 11:35-12:20 p.m.**
- **BOOK FAIR: 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m.**

## Friday 10/1

- **LUNCH: Warm Bagel Sandwich w/ turkey or ham, Soup, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk**

## From the P.T.A.

**Sign up for McClubs!** Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember, it's first come, first served. Go to [www.mckenziepta.com/mcclubs/](http://www.mckenziepta.com/mcclubs/) for club descriptions, details and enrollment.

**Fall Frenzy Family Fun!** Fall Frenzy is on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of pizza, pumpkin decorating, crafts, games, Freeze Dance & more with other McKenzie families! Check out the PTA website or contact FF Chair Karen Dekker ([ckdekker@comcast.net](mailto:ckdekker@comcast.net)) for more information.

**Let Them Eat Cake!** And play games, decorate pumpkins, create crafts, etc.! We need YOU to work a shift or bake for Fall Frenzy on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. A live Volunteer Sign-Up is available on the PTA website at [http://www.mckenziepta.com/fall\\_frenzy.html](http://www.mckenziepta.com/fall_frenzy.html) -- or contact Volunteer Coordinator Sonja Iribarren ([sonjabeals@gmail.com](mailto:sonjabeals@gmail.com)) to help!

**Get Your Cheetah On!** Find your favorite McKenzie tees, sweats and more – all available for purchase online at <http://mckenziepta.com/merchandising.html>. Great gifts for students, teachers, staff, or parents! Be sure to place your order now!! Orders due 10/1 for delivery the week of 10/24 via backpack express. If you would prefer to pay by check, please print the form and send in with your check made out to McKenzie PTA. Call Maria Bock with questions at 847-256-3388.

**The McKenzie Book Fair Starts Next Week** – Tues.-Thurs., September 28-30 in the small gym from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Extended hours on Wed., Sept. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Special “Hero “ story readers will read after school each day at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Get details at [http://mckenziepta.com/book\\_fair.html](http://mckenziepta.com/book_fair.html). Also, donate your gently used books to Carman Buckner. Collection boxes in the front hall and at the Book Fair through October 1.

**McKenzie Mingle Seeking Vendors:** If you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor at this year's holiday shopping party, please submit your vendor application to

Molly Regan ([mollydowning@yahoo.com](mailto:mollydowning@yahoo.com)) prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>. McKenzie Mingle will be held on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Winnetka Women's Club.

**See the Circus on Saturday!** The Kelly Miller Circus will take place on the field behind the Mikaelian Education Center (615 Locust Road) on Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 general admission. Proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation's Gripp Grants and other initiatives in all six D39 schools, and the wider Wilmette community. For more information, please visit [www.d39foundation.org](http://www.d39foundation.org) or call 847-853-3939. Stop by at 9 a.m. on circus morning and see the Big Top go up!

**10% Back to Schools - Grocery Promotion:** Don't forget to check the bottom of your Dominicks receipt for a BACK TO SCHOOL redemption code that allows McKenzie to earn 10% of your total bill. Visit <http://backtoschools.escip.com/> and enter in the redemption code, or turn in your receipt directly to McKenzie. McKenzie's Group ID is 500013854.

**Youth Safety on a Living Internet.** Come to check out this free program on Tuesday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 PM at the Wilmette Junior High School auditorium. Sponsored by FAN (Family Awareness Network) in partnership with the PTOs of Wilmette Junior High and Highcrest Middle School. For more information go to <http://fan-ntts.ntnow.org/>.

**21st Century Learning – Learn More About It:** Join us on Thursday, October 7 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the McKenzie Auditorium for an engaging presentation by Dr. Sarah Jerome, Superintendent of District 25, with over 45 years of experience in education. A follow-up discussion will occur at the MEC on Friday, October 8 from 9:15-10:45 a.m. For more information go to [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com) or contact Julie Johnson at (847) 251-4828 or [jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jujohnson007@sbcglobal.net). If you'd like to be on the PLN mailing list to receive event reminders, please e-mail Julie.

**Don't Forget to Join the PTA!** Don't be caught without *your* 2010-2011 McKenzie Directory - get your copy today by joining the PTA at [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com). While you are there, buy your Yearbook too!

**The General Mills Box Tops** program is back! Last year, we raised over \$700 for the PTA through this program, and with your help we can raise even more this year. Box top labels are found on most General Mills products, and each box top is worth 10 cents. To participate, cut out and collect box top labels, and then drop off the labels in one of the collection boxes in the main and kindergarten lobbies. Please cut labels along the perforated line and do not submit the entire package. Questions? Email [christiane.shah@gmail.com](mailto:christiane.shah@gmail.com) or call 847-728-0123.

**The Sharing Committee:** The Fall collection drive for Carmen-Buckner School will be ending this week – it's not too late to participate! Carman-Buckner School is just 25 miles away, but 90% of the students are below the poverty level. Coins are being collected in the classrooms to purchase new books, and school supplies and gently-used books are being collected in the lobby. For more information, please see [www.mckenziepta.com/sharing.html](http://www.mckenziepta.com/sharing.html).

**Want More Information?** The McKenzie PTA Website, [www.mckenziepta.com](http://www.mckenziepta.com), has lots of information on all the upcoming events mentioned in the McKenzie Monitor, other events, clubs, calendars and much, much more! Be sure to check it out.

**Reminder:** Submissions for the **Monitor** are due by **Thursday at 12:00 pm**. Go to <http://mckenziepta.com/communication.html> for the submission form. Thanks!

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## **On the Web...**

[McKenzie P.T.A. Website](#)

[McKenzie Elementary School Website](#)

[District 39 Website](#)

# Ice Cream Social

\*\*\* Better then ATKINS ... More tropical than South Beach... Our muffins are moister, our turnovers are Right—Side —Up and every item is **FREE**

Visit the only District 39 parent group that guarantees love for the loveless and winning lottery tickets for all who attend.

\*\*\* the above statements are totally false, but keep on reading as the next set of facts are FOR REAL

Attention District 39 parents with children with IEP's.

Join us for an informal (Parents Only) Ice Cream gathering

*Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm*

*Place : The M.E.C.  
615 Locust Road*

*RSVP: [pass39@wilmette39.org](mailto:pass39@wilmette39.org)*

Meet & greet district personnel who will present the programs that are available to our children. Learn what changes are taking place regarding District 39's special services programs.

*Date: Tuesday  
September 28th*



Mission Statement  
PASS39 members will facilitate and promote communication and teamwork among parents of children who receive support services in District 39 schools and the district educational staff.



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