

September 12 - September 17, 2010

McKenzie Monitor

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From the Principal

Dear McKenzie Families,

Good afternoon, everyone. Among the many things we learned this week is the importance of appropriate bus behavior. On Wednesday all of our students participated in bus evacuation drills to learn/review the rules of bus safety. Ask your child if he/she can share some of those with you. We are looking forward to our first FULL week of school. It is going to be FULL of many activities during and beyond the regular school day.

SUNDAY: ICE CREAM SOCIAL from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come one, come all! It's a great afternoon of fun and treats. We will be outside on the blacktop, just waiting for you to arrive.

TUESDAY: It's **PICTURE DAY**, so bring your best smile to school. Please send in your order forms on or before Sept. 14th, or you can order and pre-pay online. The link for prepaying is <http://www.vipis.com/VIP/>. Click on "prepay for your Child's School Portrait"; then, click on McKenzie Elementary School.

WEDNESDAY: President Obama will be making his yearly back to school address to our nation's children on Tuesday, Sept. 14th. We will record the telecast to eliminate the technical challenges created by transferring a large amount of data to multiple computers across our network at the same time. District 39 students will view the address on Wednesday, Sept. 15th.

THURSDAY: CURRICULUM NIGHT for GRADES 2-4. Join our staff for a Parents' only presentation in your child's classroom. Grades 3 & 4: 6:30-7:15, followed by Grade 2 at 7:30-8:15.

New to McKenzie this year is the **Spanish Concept of the Month Program**. At all grade levels, a new chant/song will be introduced at the beginning of the month. The purpose is to help reinforce important concepts in a fun, brain-friendly way. Each month a new chant will be posted in every classroom (and on Señorita Whitman's website). We would love to get your help at home, too. Please ask your child to teach you the chant of the month... it makes for great family fun, as siblings will be learning the same chant. The Spanish newsletters

will contain information as to what concept is being highlighted each month to keep parents in the know. The month of September focuses on numbers 1-10.

In other news....

Individual student reports from the March 2010 **ISAT testing** will be mailed to parents in Grades 4+ on Sept. 14th. If you do not receive your child's report by week's end, please give our office a call.

We happily announce the Sept. 5th arrival of **Anna Belle Schaaf**, daughter of former McKenzie PE teacher, Bill (Hilary) Schaaf.

Please be sure to read below for ALL the details of upcoming events. See you on Sunday!

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THIS WEEK...

Sunday 9/12

- **REMINDER: Ice Cream Social – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at McKenzie**

Monday 9/13

- **LUNCH: Turkey Tacos, Brown Rice, Mixed Veggies, Apple Sauce, Churro, Milk**
- **REMINDER: Chess Club Registrations Due by 3 p.m. at www.mckenziepta.com**

Tuesday 9/14

- **LUNCH: Italian Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potato Smiles, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk**
- **REMINDER: School Pictures Today**

Wednesday 9/15

- **LUNCH:** Italian Beef on WW, Baked Chips, Veggies w/Dip, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **REMINDER:** Vendor Applications Due for McKenzie Mingle at www.mckenziepta.com

Thursday 9/16

- **LUNCH:** Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- **REMINDER:** Curriculum Night: Gr. 3 & 4 - 6:30-7:15 p.m., Gr. 2 - 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Friday 9/17

- **LUNCH:** Baked Potato Bar (Sweet or White Potato) w/Chicken, Broccoli & Cheese, WW Roll, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Milk

From the P.T.A.

The McKenzie Ice Cream Social is this Sunday, September 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the McKenzie play lot. Come make some crafts and play chess with your friends. And, be sure to visit the McKenzie Outdoor Gardens. If raining, the event will be held in the gym. Ice Cream Treats: \$3 per person / \$12 per family.

The Sharing Committee will be collecting money in the classrooms beginning on Monday, September 13th to purchase books for under-privileged kids at Carman-Buckner Elementary in Waukegan. Scholastic will contribute matching funds to national non-profits dedicated to helping kids and families in need. Break open those piggy banks and bring in that loose change and dollars! We're also collecting new or gently used school supplies for our sister school in the donation boxes in the school lobby.

Chess Club Registration Deadline is Monday, September 13 at 3 p.m. Please register online for Session 1 of kindergarten chess club and chess club grades 1-4 now! Space is limited and it is on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions please contact Yijia Geohas at yijiaxu@hotmail.com for chess club grades 1-4 and Amy Fox at amybfox@me.com for kindergarten chess club.

School Pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. Teacher and staff photos start at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium, and individual classrooms will be scheduled throughout the morning. You can order on-line and print out a confirmation/receipt by going to <http://www.vipis.com/VIP/> - Click on "prepay for your Child's School Portrait" and then click on "McKenzie Elementary School." If you have any questions, please contact Genny Wert at gennywert@gmail.com.

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. Your labels can be directed to support McKenzie or our sister school, Carman-Buckner in Waukegan. Questions? Email christiane.shah@gmail.com or call 847-728-0123.

Calling All McKenzie Vendors for McKenzie Mingle! This year's shopping extravaganza will be held at the Winnetka Women's Club on Friday, November 5th. If you have a business and would like to participate as a vendor, please return your completed application and payment prior to September 15. After the 15th, we will accept applications from vendors outside of the McKenzie community. Please use the vendor application on http://mckenziepta.com/mckenzie_mingle.html or contact Molly Regan at mollyregan5@yahoo.com.

Come to the Kelly Miller Circus! The 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 or \$35 for reserved ringside seats. Proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation's Gripp Grants and other initiatives in all six D39 schools, and the wider Wilmette community. Questions? For more information, please visit www.d39foundation.org or call 847-853-3939. Stop by at 9 a.m. on circus morning and see the Big Top go up!

The Book Fair Arrives Early this Year!! Mark your calendar for the Scholastic Book Fair, "Reading Saves the Day!" to be held Tuesday, September 28 through Thursday, September 30 in the small gym. Books will be sold each morning from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and each afternoon from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Extended hours offered Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Special story reader "Heroes" to read after school each day and Wednesday evening. More details to come...

Book Fair Volunteers Needed! Please consider working a shift to help with this year's Scholastic Book Fair, September 28-30. Late afternoon shifts are available. Volunteers are also needed for set-up on Monday, September 27th and take-down on Friday, October 1st during school hours. Please contact volunteer coordinator Kirsten Stadheim at stadheimwefing@sbcglobal.net.

Want More Information? The McKenzie PTA Website, 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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