

McCarty Elementary School – LEADERS IN LEARNING!
2006 Illinois Honor Roll School Academic Achievement Award Winner

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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No School on Friday, January 15th and Monday, January 18th.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

CC! Fourth Pillar: FAIRNESS

CC! Word of the Week: FLEXIBILITY

The definition of flexibility is: a ready capability to adapt to new, different, or changing situations.

CC! Quote of the Week

“It’s better to bend than to break.”

– French Proverb

To reinforce what your child is learning in school, we hope you can take some time to discuss the concept of flexibility with your child and help him or her to identify ways he or she and you as a parent use this trait in daily life. Being flexible means that we can deal with problems more calmly and also that we’re open to new and exciting experiences. Thank you for supporting us in reinforcing the character trait of flexibility!

Suggested readings: *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (grades 4-6) by Patricia MacLachlan
The Doorbell Rang (grades K-3) by Pat Hutchins

During the month of December our Mustangs earned 10,077 CC! points for demonstrating good character. As a school our students have earned over 43,000 CC! points. When we reach 60,000 we will have an all school celebration. Please take a few minutes to have a conversation with your child about the six pillars of CC! and how they demonstrate the characteristics we focus on each week.

Congratulations to the following classrooms who earned the **Classroom with Character Award** for December:

Kindergarten Ms. Lighthall	1 st Grade Ms. Gillette	2 nd Grade Ms. Swenson
3 rd Grade Ms. Lassandrello	4 th Grade Ms. Busch	5 th Grade Ms. Watts

Citizenship Awards – December, 2009

The following students were nominated for the Citizenship Award for their classroom. Congratulations to the following role models:

KH Nolan Hoyt	1E Elijah Lee	2SW Alex Reinhard
KB Njya Lubang	1G Brindet Socrates	2M Angelina Ruiz
KE Kayla McDonald	1O Alex Yusman	2O Bryce Reinhard
KO Taylor Mathews	1GR Tatyanna Chew	2S Dhruv Dole
KL Lexi Angstadt	1H Kyle Stanuszek	3C Adrian Thompson

3L Mandy Gonzalez	3S Kayla Griefenkamp	3SH Maggy Campos
4A Rachele Garcia	4B Melissa Munzen	4HB Yasmin Anglada
4J Abby Wodarczyk	5A Brandon Dunning	5C Lauren Madamba
5H Angela Gallinati	5W Paul Bonamo	

McCarty Dates to Remember

Thurs., Jan. 14 th	End of 1 st Semester (end second quarter) Math Family Night for 2 nd and 3 rd grades Dinner from 6:00-6:30 Math Sessions 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 15 th	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day
Mon., Jan. 18 th	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thurs., Jan. 21 st	Fourth grade program 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 22 nd	Report cards go home backpack mail
Wed., Jan. 27 th	PTA Restaurant Night at the Which Wich Restaurant (eat anytime)
Thurs., Jan. 28 th	Reading Improvement Family Night
Fri., Jan. 29 th	First grade curriculum party
Sat., Jan. 30 th	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym

“Challenges, Choices and Changes – the Middle School Transition”

The PTSA, in conjunction with State Representative Darlene Senger, is offering an informative night for District 204 parents on Wed., January 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Granger Middle School on this topic. It is a free opportunity to learn about the challenges and changes socially, physiologically and educationally that children go through during this time. Dr. Veed will provide concrete examples of how parents can support their child and answer questions from the audience.

Reading, Math and Writing Connection

Sort and discuss objects around the house (silverware, clothes and toys). Talk about the groups you are making and how they are similar or different and why certain things belong in a group and other items don't.

Watch programs together and ask your child comprehension questions that ask your child to predict, explain, interpret and summarize what is happening in the story.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share with other parents about how you connect math, reading, or writing at home, please email them to me. I'd love to share your creative ideas with everyone.

**A person's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains
its original dimensions. – Oliver Wendell Holmes**

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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