

McCarty Elementary School – MISSION POSSIBLE!  
*2006 Illinois Honor Roll School Academic Achievement Award Winner*

# Chuck Wagon Chatter

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**PTA Sponsored Girl's Sweetheart Dance**  
**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

## **CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!**

### **CHARACTER COUNTS! Everywhere and All the Time!**

On Monday, February 2nd, we will be celebrating our fifth pillar of CC, CARING. Please have your child wear red on Monday to support our pillar. Some of the vocabulary words we will be learning are; sensitive, charity, altruistic, empathetic, considerate, gratitude, and compassionate.

In the primary grades the CHARACTER COUNTS! Carousel is used to assist the children in understanding and associating what behaviors build positive character. Karina (derived from the Spanish for caring) is the kangaroo who has a seemingly endless supply of things inside her pouch, including a special box of little hearts for children she meets on her travels.

Please continue to have healthy conversations and congratulate your child when they demonstrate positive behaviors and also redirect them to the pillars when they make inappropriate choices. Research shows that a solid Character Education program promotes student achievement.

## **OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

Mark your calendars for one of the best nights at McCarty Elementary School. **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, is just around the corner and our students and staff have been preparing for this evening all year. Our open house is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is a special evening for our students and staff to celebrate the wonderful work they have been producing this year. Please be sure to come and share in this awesome opportunity to celebrate your child's success.

We'll be asking for bake sale donations for our annual bake sale that will be held in our LMC during our open house. All proceeds from this sale will go to purchase educational materials to further fuel your child's mind and thinking. Your child will be bringing a sign up form home in the near future with more details. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Your world is as big as you make it. – Georgia Douglas Johnson**

## **McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of Jan., 2009**

Sat., Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym
Mon. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wear Red to support the pillar of CARING
Tues., Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
Thurs., Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten 100 <sup>th</sup> Day Celebration
	Family Reading Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade curriculum party
	Girls' Sweetheart Dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL
Thurs., Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – District Institute Day
Sat., Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Market Day 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym

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**I have discovered in life that there are ways of getting almost anywhere you want to go, if you really want to go.  
- Langston Hughes**

**EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!**

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