

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

# Chuck Wagon Chatter

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**No school Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, President's Day**  
**No school Tues., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-8 p.m.**  
**No school Friday, Feb., 27<sup>th</sup>, Teacher Institute Day**  
**Tues. February 17<sup>th</sup>, McCarty Family Night at Culvers on Rte. 59**  
**McCarty's OPEN HOUSE Thurs., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

## CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

This week's CC! word of the week is compassion. The definition of compassion is having a sense or feeling of empathy for someone else's misfortune. Our quote of the week is;

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

-Sir James Barrie

## 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're still looking 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. .

## **Congratulations!**

**Evan Wallbruch, Glen Song and Cecelia Gonzalez for earning an administrative positive referral for demonstrating consistently the characteristics of the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!**

## Get Ready for the 2009-2010 School Year

All students entering fifth grade in the fall of 2009 are required to have a State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination completed with the appropriate immunizations prior to the start of school. Now is the perfect time to schedule an appointment with your physician to ensure your child will be ready for the fantastic new school year.

Please remember that the health examination form has a section on the BACK that needs to be completed and SIGNED by the parent/guardian.

Additionally, if your child requires any medications to be given at school by the administrative personnel or self-administered by your child, please have a medication form completed annually by you and your physician. All forms will be sent home in the re-registration packet in April. If you need forms prior to that date they are available in the school's main office.

**“Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible,  
and achieves the impossible.” –Author Unknown**

**Reading, Math and Writing Connection**

MEASUREMENT – Give your child many opportunities to explore different kinds of measurement in natural settings. Look around for the many tools that we use to measure things, such as scales at the grocery store, dials in the car, thermometers, growth charts and measuring cups.

COMPREHENSION – Ask questions as your child reads. Instead of yes or no questions, use the 5Ws (who, what where, when, why and how). Take it a step further and have your child think of questions to ask you. Sharing ideas this way helps him/her think about what he/she is reading.

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

**McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of February, 2009**

Mon., Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – President's Day
Tues., Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Family Night at Culvers on Rte. 59 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
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

**Within our reach lies every path we ever dream of taking.  
Within ourselves lies everything we ever dream of being.  
– Hallmark**

**EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!**

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