

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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No school Friday, Feb., 26th, Teacher Institute Day
***2010 ISAT/IAA Monday, March 1st – Friday, March 12th**
***Parent Informational Meeting for Incoming Kindergarteners**
Thursday, March 4th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

CC! Fifth Pillar: CARING

CC! Word of the Week: EMPATHY

The definition of empathy is understanding the feelings, thoughts,
and attitudes of another person.

CC! Quote of the Week

“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.” – Stephen Covey

There is an old Native-American saying that says, “You should not judge another until you have walked a mile in his/her moccasins.” In other words, put yourself in someone else’s place in order to truly understand that person.

Here are some ideas for you and your child to work on together:

- Invite someone from a different cultural background to your home and have your guest tell your family about his or her country, customs, style of dress, and other points of interest.
- Teach your child the American Sign Language alphabet. Videos or manuals are often available in the library.
- Encourage your child to give community service to various organizations.
- For K-3 age students read, We Can Do It! by Laura Dwight, ISBN 1887734341. It’s a special book about special children.
- For 4th-6^h graders read, The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, ISBN 0448412500, or Some Kids Are Deaf by Lola Schaefer, ISBN 0736806652. Friends (grades K-2) by Judy Delton

McCarty Demonstrates Citizenship and Compassion by Helping Haiti

Thank you and congratulations to all our Mustangs and their families for donating \$1,973.13 to help the people of Haiti. We will be sending a letter and the donations from McCarty to the American Red Cross. Your generosity, compassion and citizenship are truly inspiring. Please take some time to thank your child for their participation.

2010 McCarty OPEN HOUSE was a FULL HOUSE!

I want to thank our current students, staff, parents and past students, for attending one of the best nights at McCarty Elementary School. Each of you made this a very special and memorable evening. We work tirelessly each day to ensure our students are safe, happy and

learning. It was great to see the pride in all of your faces as our students shared their wonderful work they have produced this year.

Due to your generosity and baking skills, many families, including my own, have enjoyed delectable treats for the past a few days. Most importantly, our **bake sale earned over \$560 for us to purchase new almanacs and books for the LMC** for our students to use. Thank you so much for your active involvement in your child's education. Together, we do make a difference.

Informational Meeting for 2010-2011 Kindergarten Parents

McCarty Elementary School will hold an informational meeting in the gymnasium for parents of incoming kindergarteners on **THURSDAY, MARCH 4th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

I would like to personally invite all parents of incoming kindergarteners to our presentation that will describe what a full day and half day program looks like. The presentation should last about 45 minutes with the remaining time allotted for any questions you may have regarding our kindergarten programs and visits to our kindergarten classrooms. We will provide you with a copy of the presentation so you may take notes during the presentation, as well as, a newly created informational brochure provided by the District on various topics pertaining to kindergarten, such as registration and health requirements, transportation, school lunch program, tips for parents, and much more.

**“One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness,
for it is usually returned.”**

-Mark Ortman

Reading, Math and Writing Connection

Word Collection-Encourage your youngster to browse through books and choose three or four interesting words. Have them turn each one into a line of a poem. Watch how their vocabulary improves as they gather words and learn their meanings.

Example: swirls, twilight, suspense

Swirls of ice cream

Baseball games at twilight

Stories with suspense

All these things make my smile bright.

McCarty Dates to Remember

Mon., Feb. 22 nd	Practice lockdown crisis drill with the Aurora police observing
Feb. 23 rd -24 th	Jump Rope for Heart – during physical education class
Thurs., Feb. 25 th	Second grade program 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 26 th	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
Sat., Feb., 27 th	Market Day – 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 1 st -12 th	ISAT and IAA
Tues., Mar. 2 nd	General PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
Thurs., Mar. 4 th	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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