

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

## Chuck Wagon Chatter

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**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**  
**\*2009 ISAT/IAA Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**\*Parent Informational Meeting for Incoming Kindergarteners**  
**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym**

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

This week we are studying the character trait of empathy. **The definition of empathy is understanding the feelings, thoughts, and attitudes of another person.**

There is an old Native-American saying that says, “You should not judge another until you have walked a mile in his 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 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>h</sup> graders read, The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, ISBN 0448412500, or Some Kids Are Deaf by Lola Schaefer, ISBN 0736806652.

### **CORRECTION:**

**All students entering sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) grade in the fall** are required to have a State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination completed prior to the start of school.

In previous years it was incoming fifth graders. The law changed last year.

My apologies for the confusion.

### **2009 McCarty OPEN 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 our faces as our students shared their wonderful work they have produced this year.

Also, 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 \$450 for us to purchase educational materials for our students. Thank you so much for your active involvement in your child’s education. Together, we do make a difference.

### **Informational Meeting for 2009-2010 Kindergarten Parents**

McCarty Elementary School will hold an informational meeting in the gymnasium for parents of incoming kindergarteners on **THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 District kindergarten programs. 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.

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 – February and March, 2009**

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
Week of Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ISAT for third, fourth and fifth graders
Week of Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	ISAT Make ups
Tues., Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
Mon., Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Second grade family night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Incoming kindergarten parent information night 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym

**EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!**

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