

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

March 14th – March 28th, 2009

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- *5th grade band and orchestra concerts – Monday, March 16th
6:30 and 7:45 p.m. at Granger Middle School
- *PTA Family Night -Tuesday, March 17th at Sweet Tomatoes 5-8 p.m.
(Bring your yellow flyer.)
- *Second grade family night - Tuesday, March 17th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- *Spring Pictures – Wednesday, March 25th

CHARACTER COUNTS! Everywhere and All the Time!

This week's character word of the week is kindness. The definitions of kindness include thoughtfulness and understanding for others. Each of us has the capacity for kindness and compassion. It is important that we nurture these traits by going out of our way to do kind things to show our caring for others. It makes us feel great inside and so will the person we were kind to.

Our **character word for the week of March 23rd is courage.** The definition of courage is being without fear; having bravery; and having the quality of mind to face your fear. Provide your child with plenty of opportunities to discuss with you the different types of courage and the character traits such as leadership and pride that go along with courage. You can utilize many books to help your child discover their own meaning of courage and how to apply this trait to their own lives. You could share a time in which you had to be courageous. Thank you for helping to reinforce our character education lesson this week.

**“It is never enough to look at a thing once,
always try a different perspective.” – David Baird**

McCarty Dates to Remember – February and March, 2009

Mon., Mar. 16 th	5 th Grade Band and Orchestra Concerts at Granger Middle School 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 17 th	Wheel of Wisdom Assemblies – 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. PTA Family Night at Sweet Tomatoes – 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2 nd Grade Family Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 20 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
Wed., Mar. 25 th	Spring Pictures
Fri., Mar. 27 th	3 rd and 5 th grade curriculum parties Report cards come home with students
Sat., Mar. 28 th	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Mar. 30 th – April 3 rd	SPRING BREAK
Mon., April 6 th	School resumes – Wear purple to support the pillar of Citizenship
Tues., April 7 th	NO SCHOOL – School improvement day for staff
Thurs., April 9 th	First grade family night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fri., April 10 th	NO SCHOOL - Holiday

Reading, Math and Writing Connection

STORY HAIKU – Use a fairy tale as inspirations for a haiku, a three-line Japanese poem. These poems have five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the last line. For example, a haiku based on “Cinderella” might be:

The poor stepdaughter
Danced with a prince at the ball
And they got married

Writing about a story in 17 syllables will help your child learn to summarize events. This is an important skill for writing reports.

**“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
-Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)**

Spring Break March 30th – April 3rd, 2009

Everyone loves spring and there is no reason why we should not, for spring signals not only the end of winter but the beginning of something new. Truly, this is a time of beginning, a season of new starts, a period of renewal both in the land and in us. That is what I want to impress upon you today, during the last two weeks of school before the start of spring break.

Enjoy the break with all that you will be doing; enjoy it whether you will be on vacation, or just getting outside. Have a wonderful time, but remember to share with your child that spring break is not the end of the school year. When they return to school we want them relaxed and refreshed for their final quarter of school. We want them ready for that final climb to the top of the mountain! Continue to encourage them, as we will, to give their best effort, to learn the most they can so they can grown to their fullest extent. We want them to achieve their “**Mission Possible**” this school year and always.

POWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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