

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

# Chuck Wagon Chatter

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

This week we are studying the **character traits of temperance**. Definitions of temperance include restraint, prudence, and a sensible, moderate attitude or course of action. Each and every one of us has the ability to use temperance, wisdom, and good judgment. There are times in our lives when we need to stop and think carefully about what we are doing or why we are doing it. By using wisdom, we increase our opportunities for success and reduce the chances for failure. Please take some time this week to discuss with your child that they demonstrate temperance and good judgment when they follow the rules for safety given to them by you and their teachers. They show temperance when they make careful decisions in their daily life.

**Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom**  
-Samuel Coleridge

## **National Teacher Appreciation Week**

Our glorious PTA members have created a very special week dedicated to the entire staff during the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Below are some suggestions for you and your child to show how much you appreciate everything they do for our kids all year.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bring a flower for your teacher</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Bring a favorite candy bar for your teacher</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bring stickers for your teacher</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bring your best smile for your teacher</b>

On Monday the PTA will be providing a continental breakfast for the staff as well as a lunch for the staff on Friday during the School Improvement Day.

I want to thank the PTA and especially Tami Smith for organizing this special week for the staff.

## **Wacky Wednesdays at McCarty**

As we celebrate a great year of learning and continue to focus on our fourth quarter objectives, we thought we should have some more fun doing it. Starting this Wednesday and throughout the month of May we will be having Wacky Wednesdays. **On each Wednesday we will wear something to show our school spirit and support for others.**

Wed., May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wear McCarty colors day (black, white and red)
Wed., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wear vacation clothes and summer shades
Wed., May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wear PJs and favorite stuffed animal
Wed., May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wear clashing/mismatched clothes

**During our last full week of school we will have these spirit days:**

Mon., June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hat and shades day
Tues., June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Crazy hair day
Wed., June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Backwards day/mismatch day
Thurs., June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Favorite sports team wear

Fri., June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mon., June 8<sup>th</sup>

CHARACTER COUNTS! Colors  
Last day of school – Dismissal - 10:10 a.m.

**Excellence is more fun than mediocrity. – Leonard Barry**

**McCarty Dates to Remember – April and May, 2009**

Fri., May 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter progress reports
Sat., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Mother/Son Event – Sports Zone (rain date May 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Tues., May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Market Day 10:00-11:00 a.m.
	Practice Tornado Drill
	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Cinco de Mayo curriculum party
	General PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Election of new officers
Thurs., May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Third Grade Poetry Night
Fri., May 8 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – School Improvement Day
Tues., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Appreciation Brunch 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thurs., May 14 <sup>th</sup>	McCarty Family Night 6:00-6:30 dinner
	“Ease into a Stress Free Summer, Ask the Experts” 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fri., May 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade curriculum party 1:00 p.m.
Sat., May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fine Arts Festival – WVHS

**Ease into a Stress Free Summer – Ask the Experts**

Don't miss the upcoming family night on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This totally free evening will be a lot of fun and very informative. Dinner will be provided in the MPR from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Space is limited for dinner so get your RSVP in soon. From 6:30-8:00 p.m. you will have the opportunity to visit many break out sessions of your choice. Children four and older will be provided with a night of supervised games, snacks and fun.

There will be ongoing raffles during the evening. Prizes range from a new bike courtesy of Mill Street Cyclery in Oswego, games, books, Webkinz, and much more!

Topics to discuss with our experts include, cyber bullying and internet safety, getting organized, how to balance everything you do, summer health and fitness, behavior management, summer learning programs, social/emotional resources, transitioning fifth graders to middle school, and other available community services.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Contact Traci Slater at [tntslater@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tntslater@sbcglobal.net) no later than MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, or call the main office at 630.375.3400.

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