

# Chuck Wagon Chatter

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

This week we are studying the **character traits of self-control**. The definition of self-control is being able to restrain your own actions, especially in difficult situations.

To reinforce what your child is learning in school we feel it is important to practice using “I statements” at home, which is a conflict resolution technique we’re using in school. “I statements” have four parts:

- A. I (the speaker)
- B. What I feel or want
- C. The situation or event that makes me feel this way
- D. The effect the event has on me

Here is an example. “I feel worried when my brothers argue because they always want me to choose a side.” Have your child demonstrate using “I statements.” Encourage him or her to practice using them during the week. Your whole family can demonstrate how to use them too. See whether this helps you resolve conflicts in a positive way. Thank you for your continued support of our character education program.

While we may not be able to control what happens to us,  
we can control what happens inside us. – Benjamin Franklin

## **Ease into a Stress Free Summer. Ask the Experts!**

We had a fantastic family night on Thursday. Fifty families attended the “Ease Into a Stress Free Summer. Ask the Expert.” I’d like to thank our partnership with our PTA for helping us organize this evening. A special thank you goes to Ms. Zajac, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Yusman, and Ms. Slater for working out the details and finding our experts for the evening. The food from Hollywood Soda Fountain, the information provided by our community agencies, and the raffle prizes were great. Another big thank you goes to the following McCarty and District staff who assisted with the program or participated as an expert:

Ms. Johnson	Ms. Blair	Ms. Patrapas	Ms. Voss	Ms. Watts
Ms. Hirner	Ms. Lassandrello	Ms. Swanson	Ms. Toribio	Ms. Alcantara
Ms. Sharad	Ms. Silva	Ms. Lobo	Mr. Payne	Ms. Matekaitis
Ms. Aldaba				

## **2009 McCarty Elementary School Parent/Guardian Survey**

On Monday, your child will be bringing home a survey for you to fill out. I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it out. The information you will provide to us through this survey revolves around your perception about our ability to communicate and collaborate with our families and community. From the results, which we will share with you, we create school improvement goals for us to improve in the areas that are lower on the survey. We only had 15% of our families return a completed the survey last year. We are looking for at least 40% of our families to return a completed survey this year. Your child will receive a Mighty Mustang of Character from his/her teacher when he/she turns in your survey for you. You may also drop it off in the office when you are in the building next week. I am asking that you return the completed survey by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you again for helping us be the best educational facility we can be.

### **Field Day Volunteers Needed**

If you could spare a little time on Monday, June 1st, 2009, to volunteer for our end of school year Field Day, it would be great to have you participate in this celebration. We promise you a fun and exciting time! The rain date is Tuesday, June 2nd. Please call the main office number or contact any of your PTA board members. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

### **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 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>rd</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>            CHARACTER COUNTS! Colors

Mon., June 8<sup>th</sup>            Last day of school – Dismissal - 10:10 a.m.

### **We all need to believe in what we are doing. – A. Gilmour**

#### **What's Going On -McCarty Dates to Remember**

Sat., May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fine Arts Festival – WVHS
Tues., May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Family Night at Wendy's (Ogden and Eola) 5-8 p.m.
Wed., May 20 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> grade family night 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten performance 2 p.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> grade DARE graduation 6:30 p.m.
Mon., May 25 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Wed., May 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> grade curriculum party 2:15 p.m.
Thurs., May 28 <sup>th</sup>	K Letter Parade 1 <sup>st</sup> grade to Brookfield Zoo Ms. Ruth Wills' Retirement Party 5-8 p.m. in the gym
Fri., May 29 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Decades Party End of Year Recognition Assembly    K-2    1 p.m.        3-5    2 p.m.
Sat., May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Market Day 10:00 in the gym
Mon., June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Field Day    (rain date Tuesday)
Wed., June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Sci-Tech
Mon., June 8 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismissal at 10:10 a.m. Report cards are sent home with students

### **POWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!**

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