

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 ambitiousness**. The definitions of ambitiousness include: having an eager or strong desire to advance or to achieve something, such as fame or power; and desiring to achieve a particular goal.

Our emphasis this week is on conveying the importance of setting long- and short-term goals and on benefiting from the goals we don't achieve. This week students will write in their journals a long- and short-term goal for themselves for over the summer.

You can help your child at home with this assignment. To reinforce what your child is learning in class, it is important you talk with her or him about setting goals. You might discuss how setting some manageable goals will help him or her achieve success. You could also share your goals with your child and explain actions you take to achieve them. Thank you for your continued support of our character education program.

In this country, every person is the architect of their own ambitions.

-Horton Bain

Memorial Day and Those Who Remember

On this coming Monday, the last Monday of the month, we will celebrate a very special holiday that has been set aside for those who remember and for those who are remembered

During the Civil War a Union general by the name of General George McClelland felt the deep sense of loss of families who lost loved ones in this war. He desired to somehow honor those who had given all they had to fight for that in which they believed so deeply. He set aside a day to remember these soldiers. It was called Decoration Day and was celebrated on May 30th. On this day, soldiers and civilians were to decorate the graves of their fallen friends and relatives with flags and flowers. In the twentieth century, Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day and the date was changed to the last Monday in the month of May.

Let us honor these memories of our friends and family on this Memorial Day and also throughout the entire year to come.

Thank you for returning the 2009 McCarty Parent Survey!

If you haven't, you may still do so this week.

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 27 th	Wear clashing/mismatched clothes
During our last full week of school we will have these spirit days:	
Mon., June 1 st	Hat and shades day
Tues., June 2 rd	Crazy hair day
Wed., June 3 rd	Backwards day/mismatch day
Thurs., June 4 th	Favorite sports team wear
Fri., June 5 th	CHARACTER COUNTS! Colors
Mon., June 8 th	Last day of school – Dismissal - 10:10 a.m.

Change is inevitable. It's the direction that counts! – Gil Atkinson

What's Going On -McCarty Dates to Remember

Mon., May 25 th	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Wed., May 27 th	4 th grade curriculum party 2:15 p.m.
Thurs., May 28 th	K Letter Parade 1 st grade to Brookfield Zoo Ms. Ruth Wills' Retirement Party 5-8 p.m. in the gym
Fri., May 29 th	5 th grade Decades Party End of Year Recognition Assembly K-2 1 p.m. 3-5 2 p.m.
Sat., May 30 th	Market Day 10:00 in the gym
Mon., June 1 st	Field Day (rain date Tuesday)
Wed., June 3 rd	2 nd grade field trip to Sci-Tech
Mon., June 8 th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismissal at 10:10 a.m. Report cards are sent home with students

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