

McCarty Elementary School – LEADERS IN LEARNING!
Illinois Honor Roll School Academic Achievement Award Winner

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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A Week for Specials' Schedule – August 24th, 2009

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Welcome

A simple **thank you** is so inadequate for all you have done to make the start of this school year memorable for everyone. I am very fortunate to be working with such a supportive community, staff and fabulous children. **Our New Student Orientation, Meet-n-Greet, and the first two days of school were a huge success due to your participation and support.** Thank you for your continued feedback and patience during the opening of school. If everyone is moving forward together, then success will take care of itself. We look forward to next week

Meeting the Needs of All Our Students

I am very excited to share how our staff will provide best practice instructional practices to support each student's learning at McCarty. I will be providing you with more detailed information on each as the school year progresses.

Our master schedule was developed to provide 120 minutes of literacy and guided reading; 75 minutes of math, 45 minutes for writing, a 30 minute intervention block for students needing additional support or enrichment in reading. Our strong focus on reading supports our goal of promoting future academic success by creating a community of readers.

Classroom and support teachers will be sharing students in flexible groups during reading and math instruction to provide opportunities for each child to receive instruction at their level. Teachers continue to differentiate their instruction in all content areas to meet the needs of their students. Co-teaching teams have been developed at each grade level to support all children in the classroom during literacy and math blocks. Problem solving, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), and curriculum based measurements will continue this year to assist our teachers in providing the highest quality of instruction for our students.

We are fortunate to have four reading specialists, three bilingual teachers, five special education teachers, two speech/language pathologists, one social worker, a part time psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist and adaptive physical therapist to provide our children with support as needed. Additionally, we have several supported education teaching assistants, reading assistants and one bilingual teaching assistant who provide support for our children.

Our kindergarten team wants to thank you for your communication and support during the first few days of school for our youngest Mustangs. The children did a great job listening and learning the routines of school. Thank you for reinforcing the procedures with your child. Teamwork, works.

Breakfast Program

It will be provided M, T, Th, F from 8:50-9:05 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room and at 9:00 on Wednesday. You may purchase a breakfast card for your student the same way you do for a student lunch. Students may choose when they would like to use the card. A food service staff member is here

serving breakfast daily. We will also have a McCarty staff member available daily to assist the students. Students will enter the school and go directly to the MPR if they choose to have breakfast. They will leave the MPR at 9:05 to go to their classrooms. The tardy bell rings at 9:10 so they will have plenty of time to get there. On Wednesday's breakfast is served at 9:00. The students will return to their classrooms by 9:15 to start their day of learning.

Correction in Parent/Student Handbook

On page eight of the handbook regarding arrival/dismissal procedures, please note the change for bullet point number four.

It should state that 1st-5th grade walkers leave door 1 and Kindergarten walkers exit doors 12. In the morning walkers may enter entrances 1, 12, and 11. They should use the entrance that is closest to them when they arrive. For example, bus and day care riders would use entrance 1. Car drop off students would use entrance 12. Walkers coming from the north to school would use entrance 11. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher or the main office.

McCarty Dates to Remember

Tues., August 25 th	Practice fire drill
Fri., August 28 th	PTA Mustang Round Up from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in back of the school
Tues., Sept. 1 st	PTA General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
Mon., Sept. 7 th	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 8 th	CHARACTER COUNTS! (CC!) Word of the Week: Initiative
Thurs., Sept. 10 th	Curriculum Night from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 11 th	Practice fire drill
Wed., Sept. 16 th	Hearing and Vision screening
Fri., Sept., 18 th	NO SCHOOL – Building Articulation Day for Teachers
Sat., Sept. 19 th	McCarty/Owen Resale at Owen

CURRICULUM NIGHT – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
6:30-8:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for this year's Curriculum Night. Please remember that this evening is for parents to hear from your child's teacher about the curriculum they will be learning this year. If day care is a problem for you that evening, we still would like you to come. We will utilize the Multi-Purpose Room for a place for your child to be supervised during your classroom presentation

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-HENRY FORD