

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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McCarty 2nd Annual Mustang Stampede Monday, September 29th!
Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes, Mustang Stampede t-shirts,
CHARACTER COUNTS! colors, or school colors on Monday.

The rain date is Tuesday, September 30th. If it is postponed on Monday, I will send all parents a Connect-Ed telephone call to let you know of the change.

Connect-Ed

Connect-Ed is a district wide system that allows administrators or other designated staff to contact all parents or groups of parents in a matter of seconds to alert them of upcoming school events, last minute changes or cancellations of activities/events and emergency information. It allows us to utilize the primary phone number for announcements and also allows us to contact all phone numbers and email addresses in case of an emergency.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

CC 1st Pillar and Word of the Week: TRUSTWORTHINESS

“Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him and let them know that you trust them.” – Booker T. Washington

Next week we will learn about the CC pillar of TRUSTWORTHINESS. The definitions of trustworthiness include: being a person who refuses to lie, steal, or deceive in any way; and being truthful or able to be trusted. Please talk with your child about the qualities you appreciate in people who are trustworthy and why you like to work with and know such people. Explain that you want your child to grow up to be a trustworthy person. Thank you for your support of character education!

McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of October, 2008

Mon., Sept. 29 th	Mustang Stampede (rain date Tues., Sept. 30 th) Fourth and Fifth graders will bring home their 2008 ISAT results
Thurs., Oct. 2 nd	PICTURE DAY - Smile
Fri., Oct. 3 rd	Third grade field trip to the Zoo
Tues., Oct. 7 th	PTA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 9 th	Practice Tornado Drill
Mon., Oct. 13 th	NO SCHOOL-Columbus Day
Wed., Oct. 15 th	SCHOOL PM – School Improvement Day PTA Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aurora Skate Center
Fri. Oct. 17 th	First grade Harvest Curriculum Party
Mon. - Fri. Oct. 20 th -24 th	National CHARACTER COUNTS! week celebrated

Tues., Oct. 21 st	PTA Family Night at Culvers
Fri., Oct., 24 th	Fourth grade Illinois Curriculum Party END OF FIRST QUARTER
Sat., Oct. 25 th	Market Day from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym Halloween Happenings at Still Middle School from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 31 st	Third grade curriculum party REPORT CARDS COME HOME WITH STUDENTS

How We Monitor Progress of Student Achievement

Throughout the year students will be asked to participate in individual assessments to measure their progress in reading fluency, math computation and writing. Kindergarten students will be assessed in the indicators of early literacy, such as letter sounds, letter and number names, sound segmentation, etc. These curriculum based measurements (CBMs) will be administered three times during the school year to provide each student, parent and staff an ongoing snapshot of the child’s progress.

In addition to the tri-annual CBMs and the annual state assessment, the ISAT, we will be implementing the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT10) with all 2nd and 5th graders next week. An informational letter was sent home with all 2nd and 5th grade students last week. The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test is designed to measure abstract thinking and reasoning ability. It assesses the child’s ability to cope with school learning tasks and to evaluate their achievement in relation to the talents they bring to school learning situations.

Our current fourth and fifth grade students will be bringing home their 2008 ISAT results from the assessments they took as third and fourth graders in March. I will be meeting individually with every third, fourth and fifth grade student to review their results on their CBMs and ISAT. We will talk about their strengths and areas of growth. And discuss strategies and support they use or may need to achieve to their highest potential this year.

Annual Safety Inspection

Last week we completed our final building/safety inspection with representatives from the Regional Office of Education, IPSD District Office, and the Aurora Fire Department. Thanks to the students and staff I’m pleased to share with you that we are citation free. We evacuated our building of over 800 staff and students during our surprise fire drill with the fire department in 1 minute and 45 seconds. Please congratulate your child for following the safety procedures at school.

Children are half of our population and all of our future.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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