

McCarty Elementary School – LEADERS IN LEARNING!  
2006 Illinois Honor Roll School Academic Achievement Award Winner

# Chuck Wagon Chatter

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED  
12:00 DISMISSAL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY**

## **CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!**

### **CC Word of the Week: Honesty**

**“Honesty is the cornerstone of all success.” – Mary Kay Ash**

Throughout this week provide your child with opportunities to practice honesty. Explain how important it is to be honest in everyday life such as returning change when a sales clerk gives us too much or by obeying traffic signs and speed limits. Discuss why being honest leads other people to regard us as trustworthy and dependable. Tell your child how much you appreciate it when he or she is honest and trustworthy.

**National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week is the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>.** Keep your eyes out for an informational flyer coming home soon with your child listing the ways we will be celebrating. Over eight million students across the national will be joining our Mustangs in celebrating the pillars of CC!

Thank you to our PTA treasurer, Ms. Claudia Schmidt and Ms. Tracy Garcia, for taking the lead in organizing this important week for our kids. Thank you to our PTA for the funding to pay for our motivational assembly, “Attitude of Gratitude”, on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and the other activities planned for the students during the week.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences and Communication**

Building the bridge of communication between school and home is a priority for us. We appreciate your ongoing efforts in keeping us informed of what is going on in your child’s lives. If you ever have questions, comments or concerns, please know that the first line of communication is with your child’s teacher.

**If you have not signed up for a parent/teacher conference at this time, please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible to schedule a time to meet.** We will be sharing important information with you at this time and we count on your collaboration to ensure success for your child.

**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
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### **McCarty Dates to Remember**

Mon., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL-Columbus Day  
Wed., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL PM – School Improvement Day – Dismissal 12:05 p.m.  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> **National CHARACTER COUNTS! week celebrated**

Tues., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> PTA Family Night at Culvers 4-8 p.m.  
Fri., Oct., 23<sup>rd</sup> h END OF FIRST QUARTER  
Sat., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Market Day  
Halloween Happenings at Still Middle School from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fri., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> REPORT CARDS COME HOME WITH STUDENTS  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum parties

**Ways to Show Kids you Care**

Apologize when you've done something wrong.  
Tell them often how special they are.  
Help them become an expert at something.

**EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!**

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***LET EACH DAY BE YOUR MASTERPIECE!***