

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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Ways to Show Kids you Care

Welcome their suggestions.
Cheer their accomplishments.
Set realistic boundaries for them.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week was a smashing success. Watching our students participate in celebrating their great character this week brought tears to my eyes on several occasions. The Motivational Media Production of “Attitude of Gratitude” and the theme of “thanksgiving” reinforced our pillar of caring and citizenship. Students discussed what they were thankful for and why they appreciated what they have. It also showed how elementary students in the country came up with creative ways to raise money for charities throughout the world. Our food, clothing, and penny drive will benefit many families throughout our community. We brought in enough pennies to pay for two (2) tons of food! Thank you and your child for supporting our school-wide community service projects during this very special week.

It was wonderful to see how the children supported each pillar by wearing clothing the color of each pillar throughout the week. It was a joy for me to see all the grade levels with their colors on this Friday. Even though we were disappointed that rain postponed our “human pillar activity”, we will reschedule it for a time when our weather is more cooperative. As the principal of McCarty Elem. School, I truly believe our learning community embraces and understands the CHARACTER COUNTS! philosophy.

Please thank your children for a great week! We wouldn't be able to celebrate this way without the support from our PTA. Thank you to Ms. Claudia Schmidt and Mrs. Tracy Garcia for taking the lead in organizing this important week for our kids.

******Our annual PTA Halloween Happening is tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Still Middle School.******

******It is always a spook-tacular time.******

******We hope to see you there!******

Preparation for Possible First Student Bus Strike

You should have received a Connect-Ed phone call from Dr. Birkett on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon updating you on the possibility of a bus strike.

We have been proactive and prepared an alternate car drop off and car pick up line procedure in case a strike does happen to assist with an increased number of vehicles coming and going from our school. Students who ride buses (am/pm/or both) were provided with a letter Friday afternoon from me for you to read. If you have not seen it, ask your child to get it for you. Students, who walk, ride day care vans, or who are currently being dropped off and picked

up by car, also received a letter to share with their parents Friday afternoon. I have attached both letters with this Chuck Wagon Chatter. It is important that you read it carefully and follow the procedures in order for this to work efficiently and safely.

You will be notified by phone by Dr. Birkett if there is a strike. You can also check the district website at www.ipspd.org or call the district emergency phone line at 630.375.3015 for current information.

Please have alternative arrangements made this weekend if you have a student who rides either an am or pm bus. We certainly hope a strike does not happen, but we need to be prepared it does. If you have any questions, please call the office.

CC Word of the Week: Integrity

Adherence to a code of moral values

“The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.” – Unknown

You're Personally Invited

What: Parent Informational Meeting about Student Achievement at McCarty

Who: Mrs. Earlenbaugh and Instructional Leadership Team Members

When: Before the PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Where: McCarty gymnasium

Why: To learn the current school achievement data and review the 2009 School Improvement Plan goals. Sharpen your understanding of how to read the data provided to you for your child. Walk through the process of how the staff collects and interprets student data, how they discuss and decide what strategies to use for instruction, how staff creates goals for students, monitors their progress and celebrates student success. We will also share the types of professional development activities our staff is involved in on our Wednesday morning meetings and on School Improvement Days. We hope to see you there.

Parent/Teacher Conferences and Communication

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 4th 4:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10th 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Some people have thousands of reasons why they can't do what they want to do, when all they need is one reason they can.

-Willis Whitney

McCarty Dates to Remember

Sat., Oct. 24th

Market Day 9:00-10:00

Halloween Happenings at Still Middle School from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 31st

REPORT CARDS COME HOME WITH STUDENTS

Tues. Nov. 3rd 2nd and 3rd grade curriculum parties
Informational Meeting for Parents from Ms. Earlenbaugh 6:15-6:45
General PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Guest speaker Dr. Birkett, Superintendent

Wed. Nov. 4th Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 10th NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 13th PICTURE RETAKES

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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***IF EVERYONE IS MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER,
THEN SUCCESS WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!***

-HENRY FORD