

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

Expect their best, don't expect perfection.

Talk directly together.

Encourage them to help others.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

CC Word of the Week: Pride

Definitions of pride include: something that causes one to feel proud and have self-esteem or self-respect.

“Have pride in yourself and our achievements, and the door of opportunity will seem as if it swings wide open.” – Anonymous

During the month of October our Mustangs earned 11,140 CC! points for demonstrating good character. Please take a few minutes to have a conversation with your child about the six pillars of CC! and how they demonstrate the characteristics we focus on each week.

Congratulations to the following classrooms who earned the **Classroom with Character Award** for October:

Kindergarten Ms. Lighthall	1 st Grade Ms. Grommon	2 nd Grade Ms. Soldana
3 rd Grade Ms. Shabel	4 th Grade Ms. Johnson	5 th Grade Ms. Hirner

Citizenship Awards – October, 2009

The following students were nominated for the Citizenship Award for their classroom. Congratulations to the following role models:

KH Alex Boerema	1E Eden Hollins	2SW Bryce Logan
KB Irene Ibay	1G Lauren McKnight	2M Sabrina San-Miguel
KE Giovanni Escamilla	1O Skye Nguyen	2O Sammie Smith
KO Cajade Bowman	1GR Bhavneet Grover	2S Ian Berk
KL Brayden Kurowski	1H Kevin Adamski	
3C Ujiith Yogeswaran	4A Laura Schmidt	5H Tania Phillips
3L April Kochman	4HB Inshall Haque	5C Jaren Abbott
3SH Jermaine Staniel	4B Ramya Nagapudi	5A Cornelius Owens
3S Amanda Riggi	4J Angie Chen	5W T.J. Colon

*****Lunch and Recess Time Flipped*****

In order to expedite the time spent on hand washing before students eat lunch, and allow for an appropriate amount of time for students to eat their lunch, the staff has decided that students will eat lunch first and then have recess. This will **begin on MONDAY, NOVEMBER**

9th, 2009. The following is the schedule for students. Please make a note of it somewhere at home in case you ever bring in a lunch for your child.

McCarty Lunch/Recess Schedule

GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
2	10:-35-10-:55	10:55-11:10
3	11:05-11:25	11:25-11:40
1	11:35-11:55	11:55-12:10
4	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:40
5	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:05
K	1:00-1:20	1:20-1:35

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.

**Tuesday, November 10th 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

“Nurture your children. They are your today and the hope of your future. Encourage them to grow.” Robert Half

McCarty Dates to Remember

Mon., Nov. 9th 5th graders to the WVHS Planetarium
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.
Candy for Troops Drive
Wed., Nov. 11th NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day Observed
Fri., Nov. 13th PICTURE RETAKES

Math and Reading Connection

Bring a simple calculator with you to the grocery store when you shop with your children. The kids can add up how much you’re spending on groceries or saved with coupons. Students in third grade or above can help you figure out which size of detergent, or another product, is the best value.

The next time you’re buying gifts for your child or a friend, think about something that will inspire him/her to read and write. Storybooks always make a nice present, but if you want something different try these ideas:

a book of puzzles a writing journal alphabet stamps, stickers or stencils
a junior cookbook a beanbag to rest on while reading baskets for storing/organizing books
a word-related board game.

**“We should seize every opportunity to give encouragement.
Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.” – George Adams**

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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