

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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Parent is an Active Verb

We are fortunate at McCarty Elementary School to have the support of our parents and the community. It's a place where education sparkles and success is a daily event. There is absolutely no end to what may be accomplished for our children and school when we invest our positive energy together. Thank you so much for attending our parent/teacher conferences this year. We also hope you enjoyed the time browsing and shopping with your child at our book fair too!

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

Please assist us by reviewing with your child that character counts everywhere all the time. It is all inclusive. We need to help our children understand that these expectations of good character includes, their home, school, the neighborhood, the community, buses and at bus stops. It is up to us to help them transfer this positive behavior outside of the school walls.

We must work together to ensure the safety for ALL children all the time. Riding to and from school on the bus, playing outside at recess, eating lunch, and our learning environment should be safe and comfortable experiences for everyone. Please help us help our children make safe choices wherever they are or whoever may be watching.

The following is a brief list of the expectations at bus stops and while riding on the bus. For more detailed information, please refer to pages 14-15 in the McCarty Parent/Student Handbook.

- Students must ride their assigned bus at all times. They may not bring friends on their bus or go home with friends who ride another bus.
- Pay attention at bus stops and be at your bus stop 5 minutes before pick up
- Students must remain SEATED at all times. Students must obey the driver. Horse play, changing seats, saving seats, throwing objects, or eating and drinking on the bus is not allowed at any time.
- Remind your child that inappropriate behavior will result in consequences and possible loss of their bus privilege. Bus cameras are located on each bus and are reviewed on a regular basis.

Playground and lunchroom expectations are detailed on pages 24-26 in the McCarty Parent/Student Handbook. Our entire staff educates our children that we solve our problems with words. We DO NOT solve our problems by kicking, hitting, using bad language or slapping anyone, even if "we were just playing or joking around!" I ask that every family take the time to reinforce at home how your child should make good choices, be safe, and follow all school and home expectations. CHARACTER COUNTS! everywhere! Thank you for your support.

State of Our School - End of First Quarter Data- 2008 School Report Card

- Enrollment 650 – down 24 from 2007
- 123 students earned Positive Referrals
- 19 student detentions and/or office referrals – down 20 from 2007

- 336 students had perfect attendance – up 12 in 2007
- Aurora Fire and Police Department Crisis/Safety Inspections – No violations
- 2008 overall student performance on all ISAT tests – 83.2% - up 3.2% from 2007
- Our school is making Adequate Yearly Progress according to the federal specification of NCLB.
- Ethnic/Racial background and other information;

White 46.7%	Black 22.8%	Hispanic 11.1%	Asian/Pacific Islander 13.5%	Multi- Racial 5.8%	Low Income 15%	Limited English 10.5%	Parent Contact 100%	Attendance Rate 95.68%
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**“People who look down on other people
do not end up being looked up to.” Robert Half**

McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of November, 2008

Fri., Nov. 14 th	PTA Movie Night – Nova 8 – <i>Madagascar Escape 2 Africa</i>
Wed., Nov. 19 th	Crisis Drill Practice
Sat., Nov. 22 nd	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym
Tues., Nov. 25 th	Fifth grade and kindergarten curriculum parties
Nov. 26 th -Nov. 28 th	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon., Dec. 1 st	Students wear green to support the CC! pillar of Responsibility
Wed., Dec. 3 rd	Fifth grade band and orchestra concert at WVHS Auditorium 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 4 th	Fourth grade curriculum party Drama Club performance 6:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 5 th	2 nd quarter Progress Reports go home
Sat., Dec. 6 th	Breakfast with Frosty – 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fifth Graders Going to Fischer Middle School 2009-2010

All fifth graders took home a letter on Wednesday from the middle school principals regarding upcoming dates and times for informational meetings on electives for middle school for the 2009 school year. This was also sent out on our listserv today.

As a reminder, all fifth graders in the McCarty attendance area will be enrolling at Fischer Middle School for the 2009 school year. They will not be split between two middle schools as they have in the past. As the year progresses, we will continue to provide our fifth grade families with the most current information on this exciting transition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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