

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

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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Best wishes for peace, health, and happiness during this holiday season.

Teacher Leaders Influence School Culture

In the Educational Leadership magazine an article titled, “Sharing the Lead” describes how teacher leaders influence the school culture through expertise. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is a system that enables teachers to achieve national distinction by demonstrating that they meet rigorous standards for what accomplished educators should know and be able to do through authentic work and passing an extensive final assessment following this year-long process.

Please join the McCarty staff in congratulating **JEANNIE BROOKS, our music teacher**, for passing her National Board Certification. We are so proud of her and this once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

The Aurora Art Commission will be exhibiting art work in their twelfth annual student art show. Five McCarty students have been chosen to be included in this special exhibition. Their art work will hang at the Commission’s gallery in downtown Aurora. Congratulations to the following artists:

Brandon Ramirez, first grade
Elise Neuder, second grade
Jillian Elkins, third grade
Dana Dywer, fourth grade
Aaron Heilman, fifth grade

McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of November, 2008

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	Principal Nonnemacher will speak to fifth graders about MS electives Fourth grade curriculum party Drama Club performance 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 5 th	2 nd quarter Progress Reports go home
Thurs., Dec. 11 th	Fifth graders to Robert Crown Chorus Concert
Sat., Dec. 13 th	Breakfast with Frosty – 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Ways to Show Kids you Care

Do all things with love.
Give them good choices.
Notice when they grow.

Math and Reading Connection

Estimation is an important skill that is used in making good judgments in everyday situations. Have your child guess how many raisins are in a mini-box, how many chips are in a cookie, or how many grapes are in a bunch. Then have them count while eating. You could have them count by 1s, 3s, 5s, 7s, etc. You will be pleased to see how your child's ability to make reasonable estimates improves with practice.

Make a quilt. Cut paper or poster board into 6-inch squares and have your youngster use each one to draw a picture about a book she/he is reading. When they have nine (9) squares, help them connect them with wide, clear tape. Then display their "reading quilt" on their bedroom wall.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share with other parents about how you connect math, reading, or writing at home, please email them to me. I'd love to share your creative ideas with everyone.

**Help our children cherish their yesterdays,
dream their tomorrows,
but live their today.**

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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