

McCarty Elementary School – LEADERS IN LEARNING!
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.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

CC! Third Pillar: RESPONSIBILITY

CC! Word of the Week: EFFORT

The definitions of effort include: exertion of physical or mental power; an earnest or strenuous attempt; and something achieved by hard work.

CC! Quote of the Week

**“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is
the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”**

– Theodore Roosevelt

To reinforce what your child is learning in school, we would ask that you help your child to understand the necessity of putting effort into her or his homework or chores. Encourage your child to put forth effort in what he or she does at home, whether it is washing the dishes or helping with a younger brother or sister. Thank you for supporting us in reinforcing the character trait of effort!

Suggested readings: *The Sign of the Beaver* (grades 4-6) by Elizabeth Speare
Nim and War Effort (grades 2-5) by Milly Lee

During the month of November our Mustangs earned 11,360 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 November:

Kindergarten Ms. English	1 st Grade Ms. Gillette	2 nd Grade Ms. Marin
3 rd Grade Ms. Schaschwary	4 th Grade Ms. Busch	5 th Grade Ms. Cameron

Citizenship Awards – November, 2009

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

KH Luka Radicevich	1E Matthew Bednarz	2SW Victoria Rojek
KB Lauryen Pfibsen	1G Alexis Silva	2M Nishit Samarth
KE Payton Green	1O Paige Niro	2O Kenji Balderas-Sato
KO Ethan Marshall	1GR Ruhi Joshi	2S Jessica Garcia
KL Jaliyah Brown	1H Alicia Stenger	

3C	Zoe Authement	4A	Abhishek Bhataharjee	5H	Dylan Marek
3L	Daniel Dwyer	4HB	David Gonzalez	5C	CJ Rayford
3SH	Jim Keppler	4B	Michael Lanciloti	5A	Kayla Gross
3S	Ellen Sweeney	4J	Michael Kerivan	5W	Rob Murphy

McCarty Dates to Remember

Wed., Dec. 9 th	Family Night at Buffalo Wild Wings. Take your 20% coupon with you to enjoy a great meal anytime that day! Thanks PTA.
Thurs., Dec. 10 th	5 th grade students to Robert Crown Chorus, Drums, Choir Chimes Concert 7:00 p.m. in the gym
Fri., Dec., 18 th	3 rd grade curriculum party
Sat., Dec. 19 th	Market Day 9:00-10:00 in the gym
WINTER BREAK	December 19 th - January 3 rd
Mon., Jan. 4 th	School Resumes

Nominate a Leader in Learning – Naperville Sun

District 204's schools are known for their high level of achievement. The Naperville Sun wants to tell readers more about why that is. Of course it has to do with great teachers and staff whose passion is for helping students learn to be successful. The Sun is providing an opportunity for you to tell them about a teacher or staff member who has made a difference in your child's life. They will feature the best in the Sun's Teacher Feature.

Nominate a teacher by e-mailing nominations to thesun@scn1.com. Make sure to include the teacher's name, school, contact information and why you think they should be featured.

You are invited to an Open House to Celebrate Jennifer Johnson's Life

The McCarty staff would like you to come to an Open House on Wednesday, December 16th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the library to celebrate and honor a loved McCarty colleague, teacher, mother, and friend, Mrs. Jennifer Johnson. Special invitations with more details will be sent home with your child early next week. Please join us.

*We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.*

We're in the Holiday Spirit

Spirit Week at McCarty will be December 14th. We'll be celebrating a great 2009 school year of learning and look forward to our learning in 2010. Each day we will have a different theme. Please join in the fun and wear the following each day of the week:

Monday, Dec. 14th – Wear your favorite college clothes.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th – .Wear tropical vacation clothes and sun glasses.

Wednesday, Dec. 16th – Walt Disney Day-wear Disney clothes or bring in a favorite Disney character.

Thursday, Dec. 17th – Wear your favorite pajamas, robe, and slippers. Bring your favorite stuffed animal too.

Friday, Dec. 18th – Celebrate 2009 and ring in 2010 by wearing your best holiday clothes.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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