

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.

Congratulations to the Second and Third Grade Drama Club and our Fifth Grade Band and Orchestra Students!

Many of us had the opportunity to be a part of the audience for these fabulous performances last week. What we observed and heard was the end results of a great deal of hard work on the part of a great many students, teachers, parents and all the other adults who helped our children be the best they could be. We saw adorable children, clever costumes and heard fine music played. We saw much more than a great performance. We had the privilege to watch the children grow, to see them mature, to experience them as they take one more step toward becoming the fine people we know and want them to be. Each day spent with you and with us here at school allows them to expand positively in mind and body and spirit. I am honored to be a part of this process. Thanks for sharing your precious children with us.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

During the month of November we celebrated and learned about RESPONSIBILITY, the third pillar of CHARACTER COUNTS. The definition of responsibility we shared with the children was; being accountable for your own actions.

During the month of November our Mustangs earned 13,514 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 Awards for November;

Kindergarten Ms. Lighthall 1st Grade Ms. Grommon 2nd Grade Ms. Soldana
3rd Grade Ms. Schaschwar 4th Grade Ms. Avallone 5th Grade Ms. Watts

Citizenship Awards – November

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

KH	Gianna Discristofano	1E	Robert Elkins	2J	Jackson Adamski
KL	Kevin Adamski	1G	Donte Daniels	2M	Cole Witchie
KM	Ina Karajic	1O	Bryce Reinhard	2O	Jim Keppler
KS	Megan Timm	1GR	Ada Barnes	2S	Carolina Gurskas
KSW	Miguel Bandera	1S	Madeleine Christensen		
3C	Yasmin Anglada	4AL	Lauren Madamba	5H	Kelly Fuhs
3L	Angie Chen	4A	Dana Dwyer	5V	Nick Loshiavo
3LO	Jose Hernandez	4B	Manohar Devarasetty	5WA	Leslie Saucedo
3S	Mariah Benard	4C	Ashley Bautista	5W	Zoi Feagins

McCarty Dates to Remember – Month of December, 2008

Fri., Dec. 5 th	2 nd quarter Progress Reports go home
Thurs., Dec. 11 th	Fifth graders to Robert Crown Chorus Concert - 6:30 p.m. performers should be here. 7:00 Concert begins
Sat., Dec. 13 th	Breakfast with Frosty – 8:30 -10:30 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 16 th	Robert Crown follow up with fifth grade students
*Thurs., Dec. 18 th (date change)	Family Night - Dr. Adrienne Skinner presents on how to deal with an angry child. 6:30 p.m. Food, friendship, prizes and child care provided
Fri., Dec. 19 th	Third grade curriculum party WINTER BREAK BEGINS – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Sat., Dec. 20 th	Market Day 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym
Mon., Jan. 5 th	SCHOOL RESUMES – Students wear orange to support the CC! pillar of FAIRNESS
Tues., Jan. 6 th	General PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Ways to Show Kids you Care

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

We're in the Holiday Spirit

During the week of December 15th, we'll be celebrating a great 2008 school year of learning and look forward to our learning in 2009 at McCarty by wearing crazy things each day of the week.

Monday, Dec. 15th – Wear McCarty Colors or CHARACTER COUNTS! colors.
Tuesday, Dec. 16th – .Wear tropical vacation wear and sun glasses
Wednesday, Dec. 17th – Wear your favorite sports wear
Thursday, Dec. 18th – Wear your favorite holiday wear (hat, sweaters, shoes, etc.)
Friday, Dec. 19th – Wear your favorite pajamas, robe, and slippers

Candy cane grams are being sold during lunch starting on Tuesday, December 9th. Fifth graders will visit all of the lunches to sell the candy cane grams for a quarter (\$.25) or five for a dollar (\$1.00). The candy cane and happy holiday notes will be delivered to the students on Friday, December 19th, by the fifth grade students. The money earned will help pay for charter buses for our fifth graders' field trip to Springfield in the spring.

Reading, Math and Writing Connection – Helpful Tips from Ms. Hunt

- Keep a small notebook in your purse. When you have time, waiting for the movie to begin, church, etc. write notes to each other. Practice text messaging without sending them to each other.
- Keep a running diary between you and your child. Check it each night.
- Keep a picture diary over breaks and summer. Take a picture each day with a Polaroid and write about it. It is nice keep sake too.
- While running errands watch license plates and either call out even/odd numbers or add the numbers up. You can also work on mental math during car rides.

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.

There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day.
-Alexander Wolcott

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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