

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: COOPERATION

The definition of cooperation is: working together for the purpose or good of all concerned.

CC! Quote of the Week

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

To reinforce what your child is learning in school, we would ask that you help your child to understand the importance of reaching out to help one another. Perhaps you and your child could work on a project at home together or with a brother or sister. Cooperativeness at home and at school is very important in making both places a thriving and happy environment. Thank you for supporting us in reinforcing the character trait of effort!

Suggested readings: Miss Nelson is Missing (grades 1-4) by Harry Allard

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (grades 4-6) by J.K. Rowling

Woodsie (grades 4-6) by Bruce Brooks

Congratulations to All of Our Music Students for Their Fantastic Performances!

Many of us had the wonderful opportunity the past two weeks to be in the audience for our fifth grade band and orchestra performance at WVHS, and the music concert at McCarty. The beautiful music we heard was the end results of a great deal of hard work on the part of over 200 students, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Duym, and Ms. Valentin. A huge thank you goes to our parents and all the other adults who helped our children perform at their very best. Thank you for supporting our music programs and extracurricular activities offered at school. We experienced much more than great performances. We had the privilege to watch the children grow as musicians, to see them mature, and work as a team. These experiences help them to continue to develop toward becoming the fine young 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.

McCarty Dates to Remember

Fri., Dec., 18th

3rd grade curriculum party

Sat., Dec. 19th

Market Day 9:00-10:00 in the gym

Dec. 19th- Jan. 3rd

WINTER BREAK - **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Mon., Jan. 5th

SCHOOL RESUMES – Students wear orange to support the CC!

	Pillar of FAIRNESS
Tues., Jan. 5 th	General PTA meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
Thurs., Jan. 14 th	End of 1 st Semester (end second quarter)
Fri., Jan. 15 th	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day
Mon., Jan. 18 th	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thurs., Jan. 21 st	Fourth grade program 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 22 nd	Report cards go home backpack mail
Thurs., Jan. 28 th	Reading Improvement Family Night
Fri., Jan. 29 th	First grade curriculum party
Sat., Jan. 30 th	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym

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 a 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

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.

*To accomplish great things we must
not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe.*

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.

On behalf of the McCarty Staff, we hope the holiday season brings you much laughter and merriment with your family and friends. May the gratitude, wonder, and hope of this season help us to look beyond and believe in the power of our work together. Wishing you peace, joy, and happiness today and always.

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EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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