

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.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

Thank you for supporting our efforts in implementing the six core ethical values from the foundation of CHARACTER COUNTS! youth-ethics initiative with your child. This month we celebrated the THIRD pillar RESPONSIBILITY. In January we will be discussing the character traits of the FOURTH pillar - FAIRNESS.

This pillar is **orange** in color to help us remember that being fair is like dividing an orange into equal sections to share fairly with friends. A few of the behaviors we will discuss with the children are what it means to play by the rules, taking turns and sharing, how to be open-minded, willingness to listen to others, and remembering to get the facts before making decisions or blaming others carelessly.

These are a few of the vocabulary words we will be using when discussing the pillar of Fairness with the students: justice, favoritism, prejudice, impartial, openness, and equality. When opportunities arise, please continue to use the terminology with your child to reinforce ethical behavior.

Winter Concert is Sensational.

Thank you for attending the awe-inspiring McCarty Chorus, Choir Chimes, Drum Ensemble, and Still Honor's Choir concert Thursday night. The students were thrilled to see a packed house to perform for. Please thank your child and congratulate them for their outstanding effort and dedication to learn such beautiful music to share with us. Thanks for supporting our kids.

Breakfast with Frosty

The smiles on our children's faces when meeting and getting a picture taken with Frosty the Snowman today was priceless. Thank you to Carol Vesely and our PTA for organizing this great event. The breakfast was delicious, the music and performances were fantastic, and the "surprise" crafts made by the kids were very special. I hope you enjoy getting them in the near future. We are fortunate at McCarty Elementary School to have the wonderful 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 for supporting our school and the PTA sponsored events

McCarty Dates to Remember – Months of Dec., 2008 and Jan., 2009

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
Thurs., Jan. 15 th	End of 1 st Semester (end second quarter)
Fri., Jan. 15 th	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day
Mon., Jan. 19 th	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Fri., Jan. 23 rd	Report cards go home backpack mail PTA Family Bingo Night
Sat., Jan. 31 st	Market Day – 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym

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.

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.

– Ms. Earlenbaugh

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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****Note Ms. Tutton's new extension**