

Welcome to McCarty from the Principal, Ms. Earlenbaugh:

McCarty Elementary School Mission Statement

The McCarty Elementary School's professional learning community believes that every child can learn at high levels and is entitled to and must be provided with a high quality education.

To each of you **WELCOME** to the 2009-10 school year. We're looking forward to a year filled with great achievements and many reasons to celebrate. Our theme this year is **Leaders in Learning**. We will continue to promote the individual's responsibility for learning, and will celebrate those who demonstrate their best effort to create quality work. This dedication to learning will assist each of us in achieving our individual and school goals,

I am honored and thrilled to be a part of the McCarty Elementary School family as the instructional leader for the fifth year. It has been a fast and furious summer here at McCarty. We had 160 enthusiastic students enjoy our summer learning program for six weeks. Our school has had a complete technology refresh during the summer. There are new computers, Smartboards, and Elmos for the staff and students to utilize. Mounted projectors will be in all classrooms shortly. Fiber optics has been installed for the building so our computers should be working much faster and soon our phone system will be converted as well. As the district continues to go green, parents are able to access on-line information on bus routes and food service provider's information. You will be able to get up-to-date information regarding your accounts and routes after a few keystrokes. Each Wednesday morning of the school year provides our staff with before school professional development opportunities in our building. We will utilize this time to develop our instructional practices and analyze student data to ensure we are providing high quality instruction that meets the needs of all our students. Please read the informational letter that is also attached and will also be included in the September Mustang Memo for more specifics regarding the professional development mornings and homework guidelines. With any new change in a system there is always a learning curve and many questions. Please feel free at any time to contact us with your comments and questions. We strive to respond to your inquiry within one working day. We believe open honest, and respectful communication builds unity and a sense of belonging. I can say without reservation that we're a very effective and collaborative team who is committed to providing the best educational opportunities for our students. By working together we do make a difference in the lives of the ones who shape our future.

I will continue to keep the lines of communication open between school and home by writing my weekly **Chuck Wagon Chatter**. It will be sent to you electronically via our list-serve. If you requested a hard copy, one will be sent home with your child on Monday. Each teacher sends a weekly informational memo home for his/her class as well as a monthly grade level newsletter. This will keep you current on the learning that is occurring for your child. We are committed to working with you as partners in the education of your child.

Our highly qualified professional staff at McCarty Elementary School is motivated and inspired for this school year. When the students arrive on Thursday, August 20th, the staff will take on an awesome responsibility of educating your child and sincerely look forward in making a positive difference in their lives. Their array of talents, have far-reaching effects toward establishing a rich and stimulating learning environment for all of our children. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff.

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce you to the following new staff members to our learning community or to a new position:

- **Catherine English, kindergarten**
- **Serena Huang, 1st grade**
- **Laura Ostrand, kindergarten**

- **Becky Nickel, ESL**
- **Liz Shabel, 3rd grade**
- **Rashad Singletary, P.E.**
- **Loretta Valetin, Orchestra**
- **Robert Woolwine, P.E.**
- **Katie Holm-Opdyke, long-term substitute special education**
- **Heather Ricca, long-term substitute 3rd grade**

Please mark your calendar for **Curriculum Night**. It is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** This is a great time for you to become familiar with your child's curriculum, classroom expectations, and staff. I hope to see you there!