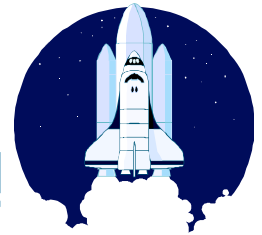




McNair Monthly Welcome to Our World!!!



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Important Upcoming Events

Halloween Parade (2:15pm)—10/31
 Holiday—General Election—No School—11/4
 College Rigorous Presentation (6:30p) & PTA Meeting (7:15pm)—11/5
 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (4:00p-8:00p)—11/6 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release—11/11-12
 Spaghetti Dinner (Kingsview MS 5:30p)—11/14
 Thanksgiving Break—No School—11/27-28

Professional Day—No School—11/3
 Mini-Walk for Homeless—11/5
 Early Release—11/26



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Room Parents Still Needed

We are still in need of room parents for the following classes: Ms. Tilbury; Faunce; Mrs. Fin; Ms. Hessen and Mr. Newman.

Please contact the teacher and/or Beth Rowe at bjrowe12@yahoo.com if you are interested.



Thanksgiving Humor

Knock Knock. Who's there? Norma Lee. Norma Lee Who? Norma Lee I don't eat this much!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!

What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!!

A Strategy for Teaching Your Children to Set Goals

October 8, 2008's edition of PTA.org said children as



young as five can be taught to set simple goals that yield quick results. This will help our children and prepare them for adult life. The important thing is to instill the habit of setting goals, and show children how to plan their actions to achieve them. According to Terri Khonsari, author of "Raising a Superstar: Simple Strategies to Bring Out the Brilliance in Every Child," follow five steps to get started:

1. Define the goal;
2. Put it on paper;
3. Lay out an action plan;
4. Teach persistence; and
5. Celebrate success.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pta.org/2203.htm>

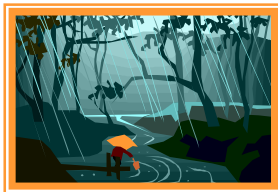


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Community Service Day Update

Please note that due to expected bad weather, Community Service Day @ McNair will be rescheduled for the Spring.



Spaghetti Dinner Help

This year we are asking that a Kindergarten or 1st grade parent be assistant coordinator for the Spaghetti Dinner. Must like Parties!! Please contact Charlotte Kibak @ chaphil1@earthlink.net. Thanks!

Annual Mini-Walk for the Homeless

Mark your calendars! McNair's annual Mini-Walk for the homeless will take place Wednesday, November 5 during recess times. We will walk to support Stepping Stones, a local shelter. Please turn in your registration forms ASAP so we can do our best to get shirts to your child in time for the walk. We look forward to walking with you!



Campbell's Labels for Education

Campbell's Labels for Education is a continuing program which can earn rewards for McNair. Please review all information in your child's backpack because specific information will be coming home with your child soon. This information will outline all of the products that qualify. Please keep all of your **Campbell's Soup** labels and UPCs from **Pepperidge Farm Goldfish** and their line of cookies and send them into school with your child. ALL products are eligible for points rewards!



Germantown HELP Needs our Help

Germantown HELP is a community-based nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance to our neighbors in crisis. Their clients are residents of Germantown (zip codes 20874 and 20876).

Their pantry is in desperate need of our community's help. If you are able to make a non-perishable food donation, the Germantown Library has a collection bin for Germantown HELP located on the lower level entrance right near the door. Thank you!!

Volunteers—Important, Don't Forget!!

Volunteers—please remember to sign in as well as out when you are @ our school. There is a laptop computer located on the counter as you enter the office. It is used to record information and then take a picture of the individual which will be placed on a sticker tag. This ensures a valid reason for non-staff to be at the school. Don't forget to sign out when you are done.



Giant A+ Bonus Program



The Bonus Program began October 3rd and runs through the Spring of 2009. Our school will benefit greatly from everyone's participation which doesn't cost a thing. Please register your Bonus card at <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>. Click on "Register your Card" which is located on the left-hand side of the site. You can register your card for up to three schools!! If you have any questions please contact Beth Rowe at bjrowe12@yahoo.com.

Our school is also eligible to earn money from Safeway too. Go to <http://www.escrip.com> to register your Safeway card. Harris Teeter will also be added to our Grocery List. Happy Shopping!!



Thinkfinity.org Verizon Information



As promised, here is more information on Verizon's [Thinkfinity.org](http://www.thinkfinity.org) for parents. There is a Parent/Caregiver section that provides the parent with the same access that Teachers have to valuable educational information that can help your Student strive. Resources available are in mathematics, reading, writing, maps, and just so much more.

To access FREE education resources for parents please go to:

http://www.thinkfinity.org/parent_resource_list.aspx?feature=parentresources.

PTA Information

Our November PTA meeting is Wednesday, November 5th. We welcome everyone to come and hear about a presentation on "College Rigorous," what do we need to know so our kids are ready for college? This meeting will begin @ 6:30pm. We hope you will then stay and hear about the upcoming events and activities at the PTA meeting which begins at 7:15. Childcare will be provided for both meetings.



We will need babysitters from 6:15pm-8:15pm for these meetings.

If you or your teenager are interested in volunteering, please contact Charlotte Kibak @ chaphil@earthlink.net.

Volunteers are also needed for the Spaghetti Dinner (Nov. 14), Make-A-Gift Night (Dec. 5), and Game Night (Jan. 9). If you are interested please contact Beth Rowe @ bjrowe12@yahoo.com.

We appreciate all of your help!!

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America celebrates Thanksgiving Day



Researched on Thinkfinity.org in history, did you know that in 1863, Thanksgiving became a national holiday because of a persistent letter writer? When Sarah Hale noticed that people were forgetting Thanksgiving, she wrote the president, asking that he declare a national holiday. Not a woman to take "No" for an answer, she continued to write for four decades and five presidents. Finally, in October 1893, President Lincoln responded by signing a Thanksgiving proclamation. For more information please read the book *Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Although the holiday has been celebrated for over 200 years, the fourth Thursday of November didn't become the official Thanksgiving Day until 1939, when Franklin Roosevelt changed the date at the request of merchants who wanted a longer Christmas buying season. Up until that time, the date had been in flux.

