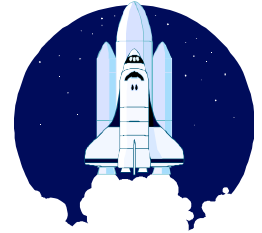




McNair Monthly Welcome to Our World!!!



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Important Upcoming Events

PTA Board Meeting (7:00pm)—12/2

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (4:00p-8:00p)—12/4

Winter Concert—12/4

Make A Gift Night—12/5 6:30-8:30pm

Bingo Night—1/9 (6:00pm)

Winter Break-No School 12/24/2009-12/31/2009



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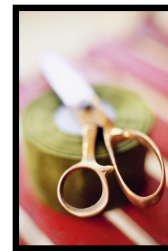
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Ability Awareness Week

The first week of December is *Ability Awareness Week*. For hundreds of years, people with disabilities were recognized for their disability—not their ability. RMES hopes to raise awareness among students about people's abilities, stressing that everyone has an ability whether we're able to see it or not. Stacey Ann Edwards will be coordinating this project. If you'd like to help, please contact her at

Make A Gift Night

Make-A-Gift Night is family fun filled night where students can purchase craft kits and make the items to give to friends and relatives. There is even a wrapping table so they can go home ready to give! If you can volunteer to help the kids with their projects or man the ticket table in the school lobby for an hour or two, please contact [Lynni Megginson](mailto:Lynni@Lynni.net) at Lynni@Lynni.net. The snow date will be Friday, December 12th.



PTA Membership News

PTA Directors and membership cards were distributed the week of November 10th.

If you are a PTA member and did not receive these things, please contact Regina McCutcheon at rjmccutch@yahoo.com.

If you are not a PTA member but would like to join, please contact Regina McCutcheon at rjmccutch@yahoo.com.

Chess Club

The Winter Chess Club session will begin in January 2009 and runs through mid-March. Students interested in joining can go to www.chesscenter.net and look under "Scholastic", click on your school name at the bottom of the page and print out the flyer and send it to the address on the flyer. Questions? Contact Carolyn B. Pancoast, program director at cbpancoast@comcast.net.



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Spaghetti Dinner Update



The Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success and everyone had a great time. A heartfelt thank you to our hosts Andy and Leigh Bluestein and Charlie Diaz. We appreciate all the work of those who pitched in and contributed to this marvelous event. Thanks especially to the kitchen crew and the 5th grade servers, great job!!

SGA Food Drive

The SGA is conducting a food drive for the needy in our area from November 19th until December 16th. Food collected will be donated to our local community. Please send in canned goods and non-perishable foods.



New Reflections Contest

In celebration of the 27th year as a supplier/licensee of the National PTA, Total Promotions would like to add their support to the *Reflections Program*. November 21st through December 24th. All letters and emails from STUDENTS ONLY will be accepted. The theme is *"What effect has the Reflections Program had on my school?"* The school name, address, phone number, name of child and grade must be submitted.

The prizes are:

- 1ST Prize—School to receive a \$500.00 gift certificate towards stock Reflections and NPTA store merchandise;
- 2nd Prize- School to receive a \$250.00 certificate towards stock Reflections and NPTA store merchandise;
- 3rd Prize, School to receive a \$100.00 certificate per above

All promotions for Total Promotions will be judged and no letters will be returned. Notification of the winners will be the 2nd week of January and will also be published in a January e-newsletter.

You can view the Official PTA STORE at www.totalpromote.com/pta. For more information please contact Art Lurie at artlurie@aol.com or Charlotte Kibak at chaphil1@earthlink.net.



Winter Weather Information

Ronald McNair's website reports:

"It will soon be that time of year when winter weather may cause schools to close, dismiss early, or delay opening. Be the first to know about changes in school operations by subscribing to the MCPS Quick Notes e-mail news service. Information about weather decisions and emergency procedures also is available on the emergency information page on the MCPS website."



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Remember, Verizon's [Thinkfinity.org](http://www.thinkfinity.org) for parents has 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.

Help with Homework

Don't forget that there are many online resources available to help with homework. Not a clue where to go? Then click on the following link:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ronaldmcnairs/links/homework.aspx>



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Bingo Night—January 9, 2009

Do you love playing Bingo? Well good!! Stay tuned for information regarding the upcoming Bingo Night at Ronald McNair.

Did you know that Alexander Graham Bell originally wanted the greeting for the telephone to be "Ahoy" but Thomas Edison voted for "Hello," a word he coined in 1877?

Do you know that after midnight, February 17, 2009, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box for any analog TVs (non digital) you have?