Christa McAuliffe Messenger

November 2009

PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF BEFORE 7:50 A.M.

Thank you to all of our families who are following the new arrival and dismissal procedures, you make a positive difference for the entire school.

McAuliffe Makes Miracles Happen

Our student council will hold our Cancer/Diabetes Walk on October 27, 2009. Because of students' hard work, some people who suffer from these diseases will receive help. During a beautiful ceremony, the names of the people to be honored will be read and all will share a moment of silence. We will then celebrate our accomplishments with a light snack and apple cider. This is a wonderful way for the children and adults to remember those who have passed, those who are still fighting their battle, and those who are survivors. This is a reminder that if we empower our children, they can do remarkable things. When McAuliffe works together, miracles do happen. Thank you to all who will be participating. The next project for the Student Council will be collecting food and gloves for families in need this coming holiday season. Watch for more information.

Nurse's Note

Just a reminder that Vision and Hearing screenings will be conducted over the next 2 months. The State of Illinois mandates these screenings for children in the following grade levels:

Vision: PreK, K, 2nd, 8th, any child receiving special services and teacher referrals.

Hearing: PreK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, any child receiving special services and teacher referrals.

All Kindergarten students need to have their vision forms turned in at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Richardson at 708-429-4565.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th. If your child missed picture day in September, you may send the money envelope on November 12th and have your child photographed. Students already photographed will be receiving their pictures soon. If you are not satisfied with your child's picture, send the entire package back on November 12th and the picture will be retaken.

ATTENTION!

Parents, as the weather is beginning to get colder, please make sure that your student is dressed appropriately. We will continue to go outside for recess as long as the temperature is above 25 degrees.

Attendance

If your student is going to be absent or tardy, you need to contact the office at 708-429-4565 by 8:00 a.m. If you need to contact the office outside of the normal office hours (7:30am – 3:30pm), voice mail is available.

As we begin a new quarter, our "Tips for Success" may be of some help!

Tips For Success

Developing good organizational skills is a key ingredient for success in school and life. The Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities has compiled a list of strategies that parents can use to help their child develop good organizational skills.

1. **Use checklist** – get your child in the habit of using a "to do" list.
2. **Organize homework assignments** – number assignments in the order they should be done.
3. **Set a designed study place** – study in the same place every night with materials readily available.
4. **Set a designated study time** – reserve a certain study time everyday.
5. **Keep organized notebooks** – keep track of papers in a binder.
6. **Conduct a weekly clean up** – sort out book bags and folders weekly.
7. **Create a household schedule** – stick to a regular study time, dinnertime, and bedtime.
8. **Keep a master calendar** – organize the family commitments and schedules.
9. **Prepare for the day ahead** – pack school bags the night before.
10. **Provide support** – help your child to keep organized.

Internet Safety Parent Night

Kirby School District 140, in partnership with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, will present an Internet Safety Parent Night on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Prairie View Middle School. A representative from the Attorney General's Office will discuss:

-*Surfing Safely – Online Safety Tips*
-*Social Networking Sites*
-*Cyber Bullying*

This event is designed for parents and guardians of children and teens in Elementary and Middle School.

For more information, please call our Administration Center at 708-532-6462 or visit our website at ksd140.org.

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1 Daylight Savings Set Clocks Back 1 Hour	2 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30 Student Council 2:30-3:30 2nd Gr. Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ McAuliffe	3 1st Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30	4 5th Grade GATE field trip Kind. Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30	5 Kind. 50's Day Hot Lunch 3rd Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Starbooks Cafe 2:30-3:30 Cook-a-Book 2:30-3:45 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ Milln.	6 Report Cards Issued 4th & 5th Gr. Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 2nd Sesson Hot Lunch orders due Scrapbook/Vendor Faire	7
8	9 2nd Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ Keller	10 Veteran's Day assembly @ 1:00 1st Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30	11 5-3/5-4 field trip Kind Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ Bannes	12 Picture Retake Day Hot Lunch Cook-a-Book 2:30-3:45 3rd Gr. Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Bd of Ed Mtg 7 pm @ Ad Ctr	13 4th & 5th Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30	14
15	16 Book Fair Student Council 2:30-3:30 2nd, 4th & 5th Grade Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ Fernway	17 Book Fair 5-1/5-2 field trip Afterschool Book Fair 2:45-3:30	18 Book Fair Girls BB Game 3:15 @ McAuliffe Kind Cup Stacking 2:30-3:30 Afterschool Book Fair 2:45-3:30	19 Book Fair Hot Lunch Cook-a-Book 2:30-3:45 Girls BB Game 3:15 @ McAuliffe Family Read Night 6-7:30 PM	20 Book Fair Popcorn Day	21
22	23 Parent/Teacher Conferences No School	24 Parent/Teacher Conferences No School	25 No School	26 Thanksgiving Day No School	27 No School	28
29	30 Student Council 2:30-3:30					