Christa McAuliffe Messenger

January 2010

CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

"Happy New Year"

Our McAuliffe families and Student Council worked hard to make the holidays special for the needy. We would like to thank all of the McAuliffe families that helped make so many have a wonderful holiday. Our student body supported our holiday project by bringing in hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to decorate our tree. Their food donations were greatly appreciated. Because it is both a gift to give and receive, I know that the holidays were brighter for all who participated.

On Saturday, Dec. 12th our PTO sponsored Santa's Secret Workshop. Our students had an opportunity to shop for their loved ones, visit with Santa and have their picture taken. Thank you to Mrs. Reger, Mrs. Mayo, and all who volunteered.

Thank you also, to all the families who participated in the Marcus Theater fundraiser.

Nurse's Note

Did you know..... Head Lice (Pediculosis) are a common and recurring problem among school age children. While lice do not transmit disease, they can be a real nuisance and spread quickly if not kept in check! Treatment is simple and prevention is essential. The most common symptom is intense ITCHING of the scalp. To learn more about this "buggy" problem you can visit the Illinois Department of Public Health website at: www.idph.state.il.us/

Click on health fact sheets and go to "Head Lice". There also is a district checklist available in the nurse's office.

As this is the season for dry and chapped lips, it is encouraged that you send lip balm with your student. As always, please feel free to call Mrs. Richardson at 429-4565 with any questions or concerns.

A New Year's Resolution

When students come to school prepared with all of their necessary items (books, lunches, snacks, assignments, notebooks, etc.), the day runs smoother and with fewer interruptions for all of our students. We've noticed an increase in the frequency of parents needing to drop off items throughout the day. Being prepared is a great skill to take through life. Let's help our students to develop this skill.

Holiday Reading

During the holiday break the McAuliffe staff encourages all of our families to set aside time for reading each day. The learning process of reading is greatly enhanced when a child reads daily at his/her reading level. All children enjoy having someone read orally to them. It is generally accepted that children can listen to and understand reading material 2 to 3 years above their own reading level. Reading orally is a great way to spark a conversation and help your child's reading comprehension. We also encourage children to read aloud to their families. Children are so proud to read to someone else because they are able to demonstrate that their hard work and effort is paying off. A trip to our beautiful public library would be a great way to spend a few hours of our winter break.

Math Facts

We encourage you to work with your student on their math facts at home. Check with your child's teacher for any helpful activities.

After School Activities

McAuliffe School has many activities that take place after school involving many students. If your student will be staying after school for an activity, please mark the dates and pick up times on your calendar. It is also helpful to remind your student of the activity they are participating in and send a note to the teacher. It is important for you to be prompt in picking up your child at the designated pick up time.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent or late for any reason (illness, vacation, doctor appointment, etc.) you must call to inform the office before 8:00 am. A parent must confirm every absence or tardy. If your child is late, you must come into the office to sign in your child. Also, please make sure that your phone numbers are working. You can notify the office with any changes regarding phone numbers. We have experienced difficulty reaching parents because numbers have been disconnected or voicemail boxes are full.

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3	4 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	5 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	6 CLASSES RESUME	7 P.T.O. meeting @ 9:15 Market Day Pick-up 2:45 - 3:45	8	9
10	11	12	13 Birthday Books 9:15 - 10:30 Starbooks Cafe 2:30 - 3:30	14 Hot Lunch Bd of Ed Mtg 7pm @ Ad Ctr	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	19	20	21 Hot Lunch	22 Last Day of 2nd Marking Period	23
24	25	26	27 START Day 12:35 Dismissal	28 Hot Lunch	29 Report Cards Issued	30
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