International Night
McKenny’s first International Night is Friday, March 19th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Several McKenny families will share their cultural heritage in the form of food, apparel, music and dance. Additionally, several performing groups will be present including a Chinese Lion Dance and an Aztec dance troupe. It’s going to be a night filled with exciting sights, sounds and scents to be sure.

Early Release
Friday, March 19th. Release time is 12:52pm for full-day kindergarten and 1st through 5th grades for report card writing.

AM/PM Kindergarten
No school for AM/PM Kindergartners on Friday, March 19th due to early release for all students.

Preschool
AM Preschool will meet as scheduled on Friday, March 19th. PM Preschool will not attend school on Friday, March 19th due to the early release.

Conference Week
Parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday thru Friday, March 22nd – 26th. Student release time is 12:52pm each day for 1st thru 5th grades and full-day kindergartners. There will be no AM/PM kindergarten held this week. Please do not bring siblings (younger or older) in to the conference. Siblings may read in the pod area or look around at the book fair. Teachers do not have a lot of flexibility to make changes in conference times. We appreciate you making your appointment time a priority. Also, AM/PM Preschool will not be held this week.

Scholastic Book Fair
Visit the book fair in the library before or after your child’s conference. There are some great books again this year!

Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011
Kindergarten registration packets will be available for pick-up in the office beginning on Monday, March 22nd. Registration will begin Monday, March 29th. Please bring your child’s Proof of Birth Immunization Records and Proof of Residency. If you have neighbors with Kindergarten age children, please let them know.

Lost and Found
Our racks are full. Please check our lost and found for any missing items. We will be donating the left over items to the clothing bank during spring vacation. Please write your students name in his or her coat/sweatshirt. We can return any lost coat/sweatshirt to the correct student if their name is visible.
Payment for Cispus for 5th Graders
Just a reminder to 5th grade parents that Cispus will be upon us shortly April 28th – 30th and the cost per student is $100.00 (the cost is lowered due to the great job of fundraising our 5th graders did). If you would like to make installment payments, please contact Debbie at 596-8400 to get set up. Also, if your student needs to take a prescription or over-the-counter medicine, the medicine and doctors permission form must be at school by Wednesday, April 21st. The significant rise in cost, per student, this year may be a hardship for some families. Any additional contribution your family could make would be very much appreciated, and included in our scholarship fund.

5th Grade Parent Night at Washington Middle School
5th grade parents, please pencil in on your calendar, Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00pm for Parent night at WMS.

Kindergarten Transition Community Focus Group
Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm

Held at St. Mike’s School in the Multi-Purpose Room
1010 Eastside Street SE, Olympia, WA, 98501
As a continuation of last year’s Kindergarten Transition Community Cafes, you are invited to attend two focus groups. Please plan to attend both sessions as we work together as administrators, parents, providers, teachers, and staff on the next steps. We will build on ideas we explored last year for a smooth transition to kindergarten for all children, families and schools. We will develop recommendations to share with the Olympia School District Board of Directors.

Contact Fran Williams, OSD Gates Grant Coordinator, at 360/596-7571 or fwilliams@osd.wednet.edu
Childcare available by reservation only.

No School
April 5th – 9th for Spring Break.

Juice Pop Sales by Student Council
The Student Council will be selling Juice Pops. The cost is .50¢ per juice pop and is sold on a cash basis only. Juice Pops will be available for sale beginning April 16th and April 30th.

Science Fair
The McKenny Science Fair will be held on Thursday, April 22nd. Ice Cream will also be available at the Science Fair. We are in need of additional judges for this year’s science fair. No science experience is needed, just a willingness to observe and discuss our student’s work. Please contact Dana Reinhart at 412-1331 if you can help.
Report Cards
During this second reporting period, we have had to adjust our typical procedures for sending home report cards. For this time only, I have asked teachers to prepare and deliver report cards between March 19th and March 26th. While I understand this might create some confusion, particularly for families who have more than one child at McKenny, I am asking for your flexibility. Because of a glitch in our master calendar, I have allowed teachers to determine when they will send report cards home between those two dates. Some students may receive them earlier than others but all families should have a report card by March 26th. Thank you for your patience. We will have one common date for the final reporting period later this year.

Box Tops Contest Winners!
The Box Top contest is over and the results are in. The two winners are Mrs. Simmons's class and Ms. O'Halloran's class. Congratulations! Overall, the PTO earned $840.20 this year from Box Tops. Wow!

Important Staffing and Placement Considerations for 2010-2011
This is the time of year we monitor our enrollment on a daily basis. It is important that you contact the McKenny office at (360) 596-8400 if you know that your child will not be attending McKenny next year (excluding 5th grade). We will let families know as soon as possible if there is a change in the enrollment status of any child currently attending McKenny. Depending on enrollment numbers, the status of out-of-district or out-of-area students attending McKenny may not be known until the first day of school on September 8th, 2010. All families moving into the McKenny attendance area will be asked to verify attendance eligibility at McKenny. Existing McKenny families who move out of the McKenny attendance areas must arrange for their child to attend their home school or apply for an out-of-area/district transfer. Please contact the school office for more information.

Please Return 2010 Census Forms
Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. The 2010 Census helps communities like ours receive federal funds for things like schools, hospitals, job training centers and emergency services. Recently, 2010 Census forms were delivered to every residence in the United States. It includes a short, 10-question form asking you how many people live at your address, including the number of children in your residence. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to fill it out and return the form in the postage-paid envelope provided by the Census. Thank you.

PTO
"McKenny Olympics" Spring Carnival
Saturday, May 1st from 5-7:30pm. The Carnival is fast approaching and we are still in need of volunteers. There will be sign up sheets posted during conference week for volunteers willing to work 1/2 hour shifts, please sign up before you leave. Also, we will be collecting Bingo prizes from now until Carnival. There will be a prize box as you walk in to the school ($5-$10 prize items are suggested).
Are you a person who loves to bake? Well, now is your chance!! We are in need of willing people to donate to the Bake Sale and Cake Walk. Thank you for your continued support in making Carnival our biggest and best event!!
Talent Show
Thank you parents for sharing your multi talented students with us at our talent show. Also, thank you to Britt Watkins for putting this event together for McKenny, we really appreciate all your hard work. If anyone videotaped the entire show, I have a parent who would like to get a copy of the tape, please contact Debbie in the office if you would like to share your tape.

Calendar of Upcoming Events
March 2010
19  Early Release @ 12:52
22-26 Early Release – Spring Conferences
   Kindergarten Registration packets available
22  School Board Mtg @ 6:30
26  Science Fair support day
29  Kindergarten Registration begins
30  5th grade parents night at WMS @ 7:00
31  Guitar Club @ 8:15

April 2010
1   5th grade Passport Check @ 1:45
2   3rd & 4th grade Passport Check @ 9:10
    Battle of the Books final
    Newsletter
5-9 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
14  Guitar Club @ 8:15
    Site Council @ 3:30
    PTO Board Mtg @ 6:00
15  Young Ambassadors Assembly
16  Juice Pops for sale @ lunch
    Movie Night @ 6:30
    Newsletter
19  School Board Mtg @ 6:30
21  Guitar Club @ 8:15
    Group Class Pictures
22  Science Fair
26  Kindergarten full-day lottery
    School Board Mtg @ 6:30
28-30 5th grade Outdoor School
28  3rd grade performance
30  Juice pops for sale @ lunch
    Newsletter

May 2010
1   PTO Carnival
3-7 Teacher appreciation week
5   Late Start (10am start)
    PTO Board Mtg @ 6:00
6   4th/5th grade field trip Ballet Northwest
9   Mother’s Day
10  OJP 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades @ 12:30
    School Board Mtg @ 6:30
12  Guitar Club @ 8:15
    Site Council @ 3:30
14  PTO Movie Night @ 6:30
    Juice Pops for sale @ lunch
19  Guitar Club @ 8:15
    5th grade to visit WMS 1:35
24  School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ McLane
26  Guitar Club @ 8:15
28  Juice Pops for sale @ lunch
31  No School – Memorial Day

June 2010
2   Late Start (10am start)
    PTO Board mtg @ 6:00
4   O’Halloran field trip
9   Guitar Club @ 8:15
    Site Council @ 3:30
11  Juice Pops for sale @ lunch
14  School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox
15  2nd grade field trip to OHOP Pioneer Farm
17  Field Day
    5th grade BBQ @ LBA
20  Father’s Day
21  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL