AM/PM Kindergarten Parents - Attention

Our Wednesday late starts will affect you as well, as it will change the start and end times for our Kindergarten programs. **AM Kindergarten is from 10am-12:11pm. PM Kindergarten is from 1:11pm to 3:22pm.** Please refer to the above dates for our late start days, or call our office at 596.8400. We appreciate your flexibility!

McKenny Principles in the Lunchroom

We have 4 guiding principles at McKenny: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. These principles guide our social and academic work and are taught to students. In this week’s newsletter, we would like to share our guiding principles for the cafeteria:

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<td>Use good table manners</td>
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<td>Be the boss of your body</td>
<td>Inside Voice</td>
<td>Be helpful</td>
<td>Follow clean up routines including recycling</td>
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<td>Eat your own food</td>
<td>Follow adult directions</td>
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Late Start – Wednesday, October 6
School begins at 10:00am

During the course of the 2010-2011 school year, we will ask you, several times, to make adjustments to your day on Wednesdays. These Wednesday late start days are to provide our staff with opportunities to collaborate. We understand that you must sometimes interrupt your schedule to make these days possible. This time is critical for us and we appreciate the sacrifices you make to make this time possible. **November 3rd, December 1st, January 12th, February 2nd, March 2nd, May 4th and June 1st.**
Movie Night
Our first movie night of the year is tonight. We will be showing “Alvin and the Chipmunks The Squeakquel”. Students are welcome to bring their sleeping bag/blanket, a pillow and wear their pajamas to the movie. Cost is $4.00 for the first student and $3.00 for each student thereafter. Half way through the movie we take an intermission break and serve popcorn, juice and licorice. This is for McKenny students only. Drop-off time is 6:30pm. Supervision will not be available prior to 6:30. Please do not drop your student off before 6:30pm. Pick-up time is 8:30pm. Advanced reservations were required.

Conference Week
Parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday thru Friday, October 11th – 15th. 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. AM/PM Preschool will be on regular schedule.

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

Teacher In-Service Day
Please mark your calendar for Friday, October 22nd as a non school day for all students.

Individual School Pictures
Smile big and bright! Wednesday, October 20th will be our individual school picture day. If you would like to assist with pictures, please contact Debbie in the office. We need 4 volunteers from 9:00am to approximately 11:30am. Thanks.

McKenny Preschool Has Openings
McKenny Preschool in association with Sparkleberrys Preschool, currently has openings in both the AM and PM classes here at McKenny. This unique partnership between a public school and a private preschool allows us to fully integrate special needs (district children) with those that are typically developing peer models (Sparkleberrys). For more information, please contact Mary Lynn Thompson at McKenny Preschool at 596-8400.

PTO
Aloha! – Fall Social
Get out your grass skirts and leis and come to the McKenny Fall Social! It will be held on Friday, October 15th, 6:30-8:30pm at McKenny. Admission is free! We’ll have a DJ, games, raffles, and a photo booth! Catch up with old friends and make some new ones, too! If you want to volunteer, contact Casey Wyatt at caseymwyatt@yahoo.com.
“Making Reading Fun” - McKenny Parents- We need you!
The PTO is planning to have a new event this year with the focus on “Making Reading Fun”. It’s a family reading night where we have parents of McKenny students come and share a book with the group of kids. The goal is to tie in professions with the importance of reading. Guest readers could be a Teacher, Fireman, Police Officer, Military, Doctor, Dance Instructor, Veterinarian, Restaurant owner, Author, Painter, Member of local Government, Reporter. The list is endless. The plan is to have the guest reader-dressed in uniform, read a small book or a chapter of a book that has some relation to the profession. For example: Dance instructor reads Angelina Ballerina or a Doctor reads Froggy goes to the Doctor. After reading, the reader would tell briefly about their profession and why reading is important to what you do. We are planning other activities and snacks to go along with the night. If you are a parent who would be willing to be a part of “Making reading fun at McKenny” please email Michelle Johnson at Michelle@Todde.net.

PTO Directory
Forms are due now! Please send the directory forms back to school ASAP to ensure that your information is included in this year’s directory. Remember that the directory is free with a PTO membership; otherwise it’s $10.

Calendar of Upcoming Events
October 2010
6  Late Start school begins @ 10:00
11-15 National School Lunch Week
11-15 EARLY RELEASE @ 12:52 – CONFERENCES
11-14 Book Fair in the Library
11  Olympia School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox
12  PTO Board Mtg @ 6:30
13  Site Council Mtg @ 3:30
15  PTO Fall Social
   Newsletter goes home
18-22 National School Bus Safety Week
20  Individual School Pictures
22  NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY
25  Olympia School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ Centennial

November 2010
3  Late Start school begins @ 10:00
5  Vision/Hearing screening by Lion’s Club
   PTO Movie Night
8  Olympia School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox
9  PTO General Mtg @6:30
10  Site Council @ 3:30
11  NO SCHOOL - Veteran’s Day
22  Olympia School Board Mtg @ 6:30
24  Early Release – Release at 12:52
25  NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
26  NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break