Teacher In-Service Day – No school tomorrow, Friday, October 24th. It is a non school day for all students.

Donuts with Dad – Be sure to invite your Dad to join us for donuts and coffee on Friday, October 31st! Adults $1.75, students $1.25, 8:00am to 8:40am. After you have enjoyed your donut, please note that the building is not open. The staff is preparing for their day with the students. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Halloween – Please do not send your student to school in Halloween costume. We will call and ask you to pick up the student or bring a change of clothing if they arrive in a costume. Thanks!

Daylight Saving Time – Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2nd.

Veteran’s Day Assembly – Thursday, November 6th at 1:15pm. Please invite the military veterans or current military personnel in your family to attend our assembly.

Early Release – Early release will be on Friday, November 7th. Release time is 12:52pm. AM/PM Kindergarten will not meet as scheduled. AM Preschool will attend as normal, PM Preschool will not attend.

Sign In/Sign Out – Parents/Grandparents/Volunteers and Visitors, just a quick reminder that when you enter the building to volunteer, have lunch, work with PTO, etc., please sign in, and when your assignment is complete, please sign out. We do this not only as security for our students, but in case we have disaster we will know who is in our building and can account for all present. Thanks much!

View McKenny Student Video Online - Students in Ms. Ayre’s third-grade class created a video last spring entitled “What Kind of World Do We Want?” The video is posted online at www.whatkindofworlddoyouwant/videos/view/id1227833 where each viewing results in a donation to Autism Speaks.

Daisy Girl Scout to Collect Coats – The McKenny Daisy Girl Scout troop is having a coat drive to support area agencies this fall. Please help us by donating gently used or new coats in all sizes; men’s, women’s, and children’s. The coat drive began on Thursday, October 9th and will run through the month of October. We will have a box by the office for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Cary Carlisle at 459-3315 or if you have a daughter in kindergarten or 1st grade who is interested in joining our troop. Thank you for your support helping others.

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Beautification Brigade - Come Help Beautify Your School! - We have 200 narcissus bulbs to plant on the McKenny grounds and we’re hoping a few (or a lot!) of you can come to our fall planting party. We’ll be creating a flower bed in front of the Margaret McKenny Elementary sign on the corner so we will need some hard-working volunteers to break ground and make the flower bed before we can plant the bulbs. Please bring your pick axes, shovels, and work gloves. Flower bed creation to include laying a weed barrier and installing a border will begin at 10:00 on Saturday, October 25th. For those looking to help plant bulbs please bring your work gloves, knee pads, bulb-planting tools, trowels and whatever else you think appropriate. Bulb planting will begin at 11:00 on Saturday, October 25th. Do you have any weed barrier to share? How about border trim? Do you have more bulbs to donate to our beautifying McKenny? The more bulbs the prettier the school will be this spring. Please contact Sarian Scott at 360-481-5510 if you have donations to this planting party or questions.

Auction Update - Donations to this years auction are down by approximately 20%. Many national and local businesses are tightening their belts at this difficult time. If you are planning to donate to the auction but have not yet called and committed to a donation, please do not hesitate to call Kristen at 236-1392. Larger donations will be placed in the live or silent auction, smaller or individual donations valued at $10 or more can be bundled with other items or used for the balloon pop.

Bakers Needed – Let us auction off your favorite homemade dessert at our dinner auction on Saturday, November 15th. The auctioned desserts have been a huge success in the past. We will be collecting desserts on Friday and Saturday, November 14th & 15th. Please call Trish McNamara if you would like to donate a dessert at 491-1543 or lumcnamara@gmail.com.

Sweatshirt Orders - Sweatshirt/T-shirt order forms come home today so be on the look out (or pick one up in the office). We will be taking orders through the end of the month so be sure to return your order form no later than October 31st. Orders will arrive around the middle of November. Sample sizes are available for you to see in the office. Please contact Tracy Sborov at sborov4@comcast.net or 754-2578 with any questions.

Have A Great Weekend