



Hawk Talk

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A Message from the Principal

I am so thoroughly impressed with the students in our school and how they treat each other with kindness and respect. When living and working with others on a day to day basis, learning to keep kindness at the forefront of one's mind is an invaluable characteristic. All day, every day, I witness our students exhibiting kindness and respect to each other and to the adults in our community. It is truly something special to behold.

Speaking of what makes McKenny special, I wanted to share once again the details of our Golden Hawk program. Most Fridays, teachers send me a nomination for a student from the class to be recognized as that week's Golden Hawk. I visit the class and we talk about all of the great qualities of the student. We highlight how the student follows the school wide behavior expectations (Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible) and how he/she shows McKenny Life Skills. We keep the name of the student a secret until the very end. It is enjoyable to watch the students as they try to figure out who is being honored that week. After the big reveal, the student gets to finish creating the certificate by dipping a hand in paint and making the golden wings of the hawk. The certificate is posted in class for a week and then displayed in the hallway by the office until the wall is filled. This is truly an earned award and McKenny's highest honor.

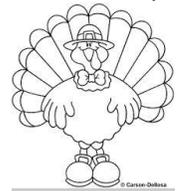
In closing, I want to share my thanks to you for sending your children to us each and every day. I feel so fortunate to be here at McKenny and spending time with the students is the best part of each and every day.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Michael Havens
Principal

Popcorn Volunteer Needed

We are looking for volunteers to pop popcorn for our students to sell every other Friday through March. We would need you to be here from 11:00 to approximately 1:00pm. Call Debbie in the office for more information. Thank you!



No School

Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving Break!



McKenny Winter Program



Please mark your calendar and join us for our Winter Program on Wednesday, December 16th at 2:00pm. All grades will perform, including the 4th & 5th grade Orchestras, 5th grade Band and the 4th & 5th grade Choir.

2nd Grade Thanks Everyone – Comfort Kits

2nd graders would like to thank everyone who donated to our Comfort Kit drive. We met our goal! We will be accepting donations thru December 4th!

Early Release – Wednesday, December 2nd

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool

Early Release Information

Teacher Collaboration: December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2 and May 4.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 29 – April 1.

Elementary Grading: January 29 and June 3

Last Day of School: June 17 (barring no make-up days)

AM Kindergarten & Preschool Parents – Early Release Information

AM Kindergarten (9:00am to 12:05pm)

AM Kindergarten students will extend their school day to 12:05 and ride home with the rest of the students at our school. Lunch will be available to purchase for \$2.55. Kindergarten students who ride the bus home will still need to be met at the bus by a parent or sibling.

Preschool

Preschool students will not attend school on these 18 early release days.

Winter Break

No school December 21st 2015 – January 1st 2016. School resumes on Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 9:00am.

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 Little Red School House during winter vacation. **Please write your students name in his or her coat.** We can return any lost coat to the correct student if their name is visible.

Let's Be Careful Out There

The days are growing shorter which means that it's a good time to remind students, parents and community members to exercise extra caution in and around school zones, bus stops and roads that are frequently used by walkers and bikers. Reflective clothing is a good idea, especially for those students who walk or bike to school in the morning when it is dark.

Inclement Weather Conditions

Please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been cancelled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions. Radio: KGY 1240 AM or 96.9 FM; KMAS 1030 AM; KXXO 96.1 FM; and KAOS 89.3 FM. Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu> or <http://psecs.wednet.edu>. Parents, please keep in mind that there is no student supervision when school starts late or is cancelled. Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used. For more information access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

Cold Weather Attire

The mornings are getting frosty and average daily temperatures are dropping and staying low for most of the day. We do encourage students to wear coats when going to recess. We ask that parents also remind their children to wear their coat and gloves at recess. Please note that although hats are not worn in the building or class, children are of course permitted to wear them out at recess or when coming and going to school.



Save the Date!
Mark the New Year Calendar for McKenny's



Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:30-6:00

Detailed information packets to be sent home the week of January 4, 2016

Up-Coming Events

December 2015

- 2 Early Release @ 12:05
- 8 PTO mtg – Library @ 6:30
- 11 Movie Night @ 6:30
- 14 OSD Board mtg @ 6:30
- 16 Winter program @ 2:00
- 17 Hawk Talk sent home
- 18 Passport check
- 19-31 Winter break

January 2016

- 1 Winter break
- 4 School resumes
- OSD Board mtg @ 6:30
- 6 Early release @ 12:05
- 12 PTO mtg – Library @ 6:30
- 18 NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- 19 OSD Board mtg @ 6:30
- 22 Passport check
- 29 Hawk Talk sent home
- Early release @ 12:05

PTO

ATTENTION SUPER READERS: KEEP SUPER READING!!

We're smack in the middle of the 3rd annual McKenny Read-A-Thon! The Read-A-Thon ends November 30th, so there is still time to log those reading minutes. Please help your student track their reading time and submit their reading log each week. Also, be sure to check out the classroom doors that have been decorated for this month's event. If you don't have time to check out the doors, feel free to stop in quickly and check out the Read-A-Thon progress wall near the library entrance! Special thanks to Stephanie Hacker for designing and creating that awesome display!

Movie Night: Friday December 11th Featuring: INSIDE OUT

Our next movie night will be Friday, December 11th and will feature Inside Out. Movie Night is \$5 for the first student and \$4 for each additional student. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. and runs for 1 hour and 42 minutes. Price includes an intermission popcorn snack, drink and licorice.

Supervision is provided – but we'd love some company! Parents who stay to help supervise earn a coupon for free admission to an upcoming Movie Night. Go to <http://www.mckennyppto.org> for more information.

YEE-HAW!

The McKenny Fall Social was a rootin' tootin' success! Thanks to everyone who contributed help, supplies, and bake sale items. We have a great PTO, but it's not possible to pull off a successful event without the help of our parents! Special thanks to Mystical Cupcakes, Abby's Cupcakes, and Batdorf & Bronson Coffee Roasters for generously donating food items. Thanks everyone!

Note of Thanks

Jen Elsen – Jen volunteered countless hours to gather information, design, and create the PTO directory. The directory is such an easy way to connect with other students and parents and it wouldn't have been possible without Jen's hard work! Thanks Jen!

Kim Wodka – Love your McKenny shirts?? Well thank Kim for that! She successfully pulled together the orders for the entire school yet again! Year after year she has made sure we can represent our school with our fabulous shirts (and even socks one year!). Thanks Kim!

Kimi Holt – Kimi agreed to head this year's Passport Club! She has been working hard to make this program a huge success. She is always looking for volunteers for the monthly passport checks. If you're interested in helping, contact Debbie in the front office and she will get you in contact with Kimi. Thanks Kimi!

PTO Tips for Navigating the McKenny Circle

- ✓ Always remember to pull all the way forward to the end of the circle, if possible. Not only does this ease congestion during busy times, it also gets a few extra steps in for the kids!
- ✓ If there is a car stopped in the beginning or middle of the circle, it's acceptable and appreciated to drive (safely) around them and pull to the curb where there is space.
- ✓ Remember to unlock those car doors so Mrs. Stewart can open the door quickly and assist your student from exiting the vehicle.
- ✓ Remember to be aware of the traffic around you! It's hard to keep from gazing at your student as you drive away, but keeping your eyes on the road is safest! Also, be aware of vehicles exiting the circle on your left. Be sure to check for cars before you merge into the exit.

