



McKinley mini-messenger

wednesday to wednesday **January 6, 2015 - January 12, 2016**

Thurs. 1/7	8:45am	Room Parent Meeting - Cafeteria
Mon.-Wed. 1/11-1/13	11:30am- 9:30pm	Family Restaurant Nights at Rosti
Wed. 1/13	6pm	Coffee with the Principal - Room 203
	6:45pm	Literacy Night - TK-1 in Room 205 and Grades 2-5 in Room 203
Jue. 12/17	8:45am	Reunión Padre de Salón - Cafetería
Lun.-Mié. 1/11-1/13	11:30am- 9:30pm	Noches de Restaurante - Rosti
Mié. 1/13	6pm	Cafe con la Directora - Salon 203
	6:45pm	Noche de Literatura - TK-1 Salon 205 y Grados 2-5 Salon 203

Share your Photos for Yearbook!

Family Picnic – Halloween Parade-Harvest Festival - Family Nights - Field Trips - Concerts - Classroom Fun

Have great photos to share? Send your five favorites to loyenoki@smmusd.org Subject: Yearbook Pics
300 dpi is preferred - "actual size" when sending it from an iPhone

¡Comparta sus fotos para el anuario!

Picnic de Familia – Desfile de Disfraces-Cosecha Halloween - Noches de Familia Paseos – Conciertos – Diversión en el Salón

¿Tiene fotos estupendas para compartir? Envíe sus cinco fotos favoritas a loyenoki@smmusd.org
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Week of January 4

Dear Families:

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful winter break with family & friends! As a reminder, school resumes on Tuesday, January 5th.

Special thanks to Lily Marquez and Joanna DeLaRosa for organizing & facilitating our School Smarts Program. This is a great way to meet new people and learn about the school and district.

Our next Coffee With The Principal is on January 13th at 6:00 pm in Room 203. Our topic will be school safety. Please come to share your suggestions and ideas on campus safety. We will be focusing on arrival and dismissal procedures, securing the campus during the day, and monitoring people on campus (signing in and out). This will be an open discussion and this is a great opportunity to hear your thoughts as your feedback and input is greatly appreciated.

I hope you can join us for our next Literacy Presentation on January 13th at 6:45 pm (following Coffee with the Principal). Childcare will be provided in the library and pizza will be served to the students. TK-grade 1 will meet in Room 205 and grades 2-5 will meet in Room 203. Light refreshments will be served to parents. If you need Spanish translation, please let Lily know. An encore presentation for grades 2-5 ONLY will be on January 14th at 8:45 am in the auditorium. Please note there will NOT be an encore day presentation for grades TK-grade 1.

All teachers are taking part in Olweus anti-bullying training on Monday, January 4th from 8-3. We have an Olweus team who will be training teachers. We will be making plans to put in place an anti-bullying program for the next school year. This year, we are in the planning phase. More info to come.

Lexia is an online reading program for grades TK-grade 5. The district has paid for all Title I schools to have this program. Teachers have been trained on how to use Lexia with their students, and all students have a log in/password available. Lexia can be used at home and at school. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

If you've changed your email or phone number, please let Liz Oyenoki in our front office know so your information can be updated. It's important we have your updated information on file so we can reach you at all times via email and/or by phone. Thank you for assisting with this.

Don't forget our library is open before and after school each day. Come check out a book or use one of our computers.

If you have a question or concern regarding your child's education, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Teachers are always available to meet with you and discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

Remember, every Friday is school spirit day. Be sure to wear your McKinley shirt or blue and gold to show your school spirit! Also, every Friday is "car free" Fridays. Support healthy living by walking, biking, scooting, skateboarding or roller skating to school.

Sincerely,

Susan Yakich
Principal



LITERACY NIGHT



Dear McKinley Families,

We are thrilled to invite you to our next Literacy Night on **Wednesday, January 13th at 6:45pm** after Coffee with the Principal. **We will be serving pizza for students who join the Girl Scout childcare at Literacy Night while parents attend their session.**

At this session, we will be presenting different topics depending on your child's grade level: ***NOTE: The TK/K/1 Presentation will only be done ONCE. A morning session WILL NOT be done this round due to scheduling.***

Grades TK/K/1: Come join Literacy Coach Mary and a few of her teacher friends for A FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT! Bring your child with you to explore, create and take home ELA Common Core Standards Based Literacy Activities. This is a chance to learn and grow as a family. 😊

Grades 2-5 will be focusing in on Words Their Way, the why and the how. In addition, we will also talk about Writing Standards with examples of how you can help build your child's confidence with writing at home.

We look forward to seeing you at **6:45 pm** on January 13th:

Grades Tk/K/1 will meet in room 205 and grades 2-5 will meet in Room 203. Looking forward to seeing you!

Warmest Regards,

Mary Scifres and Michael Ostrom

Literacy Coaches, McKinley Elementary

****The encore presentation for the 2-5 session ONLY will be Thursday, January 14th at 8:45am in the McKinley Auditorium.****



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Family Restaurant Day & Nights

Let us cook for you!

**Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
January 11, 12 & 13
is McKinley Day & Night!**

15% of your purchase will go to McKinley!

Dine In, Take Out & Delivery
11:30 AM - 9:30 PM

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310-393-3236

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Please mention McKinley when placing your order!

Know Someone Perfect for McKinley PTA?

We are looking for interested candidates for next year's PTA Board. If you'd like to get more involved in McKinley school life, if you want to play a more active role in planning next year's school season, if you have a skill suited to these openings, or if you know of someone you think we should ask, we'd love to hear from you.

Please don't wait – McKinley needs you!

All terms are one year (July-June), and there is a term limit of two years in each position. You may nominate for any position, even if the current holder of that seat has not served two years. **Seats for which the current officeholder is termed out are marked with an asterisk, but all seats are open.**

President: The President calls and chairs meetings of the PTA Board and General Assemblies. The President works with the Board and the Principal to set the calendar, establish the budget, and coordinate activities of the Board and Association. The President also attends PTA Council meetings monthly and School Board meetings as needed, and is McKinley's parent liaison to our District.

***Executive VP:** The EVP chairs meetings when the President cannot, gets the permits for events, attends meetings with the President, and assists the President and serves in his/her stead as needed.

1st VP Education and Literacy: The VP of Education & Literacy oversees PTA programs like family nights (math, science, art), Movie Nights, Reflections, & the Beautification & Sustainability Committee.

2nd VP Communications: The VP of Communication is responsible for coordinating communication, including overseeing the chairs for Wednesday Folders, eblasts, the newsletter; assisting event chairs with promotion as needed; and promoting PTA meetings.

***3rd VP Fundraising:** The VP of Fundraising is responsible for coordinating event chairs and overseeing all fundraising events. Responsibilities include helping to set the calendar, select fundraisers, and give input into budget creation.

4th VP Hospitality: The VP of Hospitality is responsible for events like the Kindergarten Back to School meet & greet, teacher luncheons, Family Picnic, and refreshments for PTA meetings.

Secretary: The Recording Secretary keeps accurate, concise and permanent records of all meetings of the PTA and the executive board.

***Treasurer:** The treasurer is the authorized custodian of all the McKinley PTA funds; duties also include keeping records and preparing reports to comply with local, state and federal laws.

***Financial Secretary:** The financial secretary receives, records and deposits all monies collected by the PTA.

***Auditor:** The auditor examines all financial transactions for the three reporting periods of the year.

Historian: The historian tracks volunteers hours, maintains event reports, details and photos, and completes an end of year report.

All of the above officers have a vote on the Board and attend Board meetings and General meetings, which usually means about two meetings a month.

If you have questions or are interested in a position, or if you know someone who is, please let us know. You can contact any Board member or President Teague Weybright at tweybright@gmail.com or leave a note in the PTA box in the office by Friday, January 22nd.