



“Together, We Are Better”

THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter

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Kathy Wickett, Principal

Sherry Aemisegger, Asst. Principal

LABEL IT OR LOSE IT!

Please label all of your student's items such as lunch box, water bottle, jacket, sweatshirt, etc with a permanent marker. Please use the student's LAST name when labeling these items since we have many children named "John, Mary and Zach!" Thank you!

School Hours

Our school hours are **7:40 am – 1:40 pm**. Students should not arrive on campus before 7:20 am and should be picked up by 2:00 pm. To avoid being marked tardy students should be in their classroom seats BEFORE the 7:40 am bell rings. Thank you!

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! We are already off to a wonderful start. Our children are happy, safe and learning so much already. Please remember that all of our classroom assignments are **TEMPORARY** for the first **TEN** days of school. Sometimes we must make some classroom changes to adjust for children who did not show or who have



moved. We attempt to keep our movement to a minimum, but balancing our numbers in each classroom is in the best interest of our children and our staff. Thank you, in advance, for understanding this process.

Safety continues to be a priority for our entire school community, and we will be asking for your cooperation to help us implement safe practices for our campus. This would include specific, designated areas for student drop off and pick up. The gate on Abbey Lake Road that leads to our PE fields is NOT a drop off area, and it will remain locked. All car riders should use either the Abbey Lake Road car circle or the car circle off of Union Street. Please help us enforce this, as backing out off the grass is an extremely unsafe practice during our busy arrival/dismissal times. People who move around the car line to park closer to the school create very unsafe conditions, and we will try to monitor this more closely. **By remaining in the car line, you are helping us move traffic quickly and safely!**

The Pinellas County Schools Dress Code remains in effect, and we depend on you to assist us with monitoring this to keep us in compliance. Remember there are no sleeveless shirts allowed. Shorts must be mid-thigh in length, and they must remain at the waist or be belted.

The district's **Wellness Policy** remains in effect with the same requirements as last year. All classroom activities that involve food must meet specific nutritional guidelines and standards. In summary, all snacks may not contain any low nutritional candy or dessert type items (cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pudding, ice cream or frozen desserts). The only exception to this ruling is for three school-sanctioned activities and these times will be clearly communicated to you. We appreciate the effort that was made last year to make birthdays special for our children without using food items (cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc.). Sending in pencils or other tokens, purchasing a book for the classroom or media center (dedicated to your child), or sending in a healthy snack are all ways to make birthday's special. There is a direct correlation to school success and healthy kids, so give your children their best opportunity to excel! The office has a list of snacks that are able to be used in the classroom. Also, remember that any food that is brought into school must be **store bought** and in the original packaging. Please feel free to call us if you have questions!

Our school hours remain 7:40 to 1:40. Children who arrive at school at the 7:40 bell or later **MUST** report to the office for a tardy pass to enter class. Let's work together to cut down on our tardy statistics from last year! Children should be in their seats, ready to go when the 7:40 bell rings each day! Children feel more comfortable when they have that time to prepare for the day on time in the classroom.

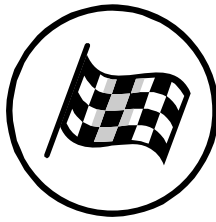
Many of you have seen our commitment to character posters throughout the school. We will be using the four core values of **Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Self-Motivation as our School-Wide Expectations**. These School-Wide Expectations will be clearly defined for each environment in our school (i.e.: classrooms, PE, cafeteria, etc.). This will help us provide consistency throughout the school. As part of the MBES community you can use these same values to reinforce your child's choices.

We continue to be proud of being one of only three schools in Pinellas County to maintain an "A" average in the state grading system. Our entire school community works together to make this happen, and it is certainly an accomplishment to be celebrated!

I am looking forward to working with such an awesome community of learners this year! I have been welcomed into this family with open arms and I am excited about continuing to support the academic and community excellence that has been built at McMullen-Booth Elementary.

~ Kathy Wickett, Principal

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Welcome to another wonderful year of Volunteer opportunities! I look forward to your involvement in our Volunteer program. Our theme this year is "Race into Action – Volunteer". There are numerous volunteer opportunities available – let me help you find the perfect one for you!

Please remember that you must be registered and approved before you may begin volunteering. I would encourage both parents to register now so processing is complete prior to any field trips your child may take during the school year. Only approved volunteers may accompany students on these trips.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who helped us out prior to the opening of school. We appreciate your "racing" in to help!

SAVE THE DATE!! Our Volunteer Orientation & Coffee will be held on Friday, September 7th at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. Come and hear about the wonderful world of volunteering at McMullen Booth Elementary. Hope to see you!

Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison

We Need It!

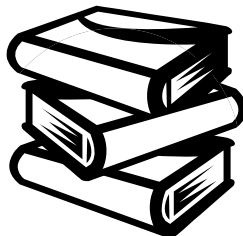
Please be sure to return the important forms such as the clinic emergency card, volunteer registration form, library checkout form etc. that were sent home with every student in a large brown envelope on the first day of school. These forms are **VERY** important. Thank you for

Attention All School Visitors!

Our RAPTOR security system is up and running in the front office. This means that **ALL** people who come on our campus as visitors will have to submit a photo ID (driver's license) which is scanned through the system, checking records for people who have a history as a sexual predator or offender. The system clears you as a visitor and actually prints out your visitor's badge which needs to be worn while you are on our campus. For the safety of our students, no exceptions will be made.

If you are coming on our campus to volunteer, you may log in on the Volunteer Computer. Our registered volunteers have already been cleared, and there is no need for you to do both! Your volunteer badge must be worn while you are here! Thanks for everyone's help in keeping us safe!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!



The Fall Book Fair is coming August 27 – Sept. 7 and we need volunteers to help with this wonderful event in the Media Center. Please call Michelle Marcatos at 787-5040 if you have a few hours to help. The Book Fair will be open 7:40 am – 2:30 pm as well as evening hours of 6:00 – 9:00 pm during the Open House on August 29th (PreK, Kdg, 1st – 2nd) and Sept. 4th (ESE. 3rd – 5th). We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't Miss Out! Order Your Yearbook Now!

The annual sale of the McMullen Booth yearbook has begun. The order form came home in your first day packet. If you place your yearbook order by September 30th, you can save \$10 per book. The deadline for all yearbook sales will be October 31st. If you have any questions regarding yearbook orders, please contact Laura Pohl at 799-9368.

WELCOME TO MBES - MRS. WICKETT!



New Student Assignment Plan for 2008-09

The new student assignment plan will go into effect for the 2008-09 school year. Proposals have included the possibility of closing some schools, a new assignment system that concentrates on assigning students to schools near their homes, an increase in fundamental schools, a realignment of schools that increases the number of attendance areas for elementary, middle and high school. The board will vote on the new plan Nov. 13.

Parents and citizens will have an opportunity to express their views about the proposal during upcoming countywide community input meetings:

- Sept. 18 Palm Harbor University High**
1900 Omaha St., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Pinellas Park High**
6305 118th Ave. N, Largo, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 John Hopkins Middle**
701 16th St. S, St. Pete, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Market Day Fundraising Program

Market Day is our school's monthly fundraising program where you can buy restaurant-quality food at grocery store prices. A percentage of your purchase benefits our school. An order form will be sent home with your student each month – please watch for it! The order form must be returned to school by the date indicated on the back. Online ordering is also available. Order pick-ups take place in our school cafeteria from 2 PM until 3:30 PM on the pick-up date indicated on the form. Payment is made on delivery.

Please take the time to participate in this rewarding fundraising program! Volunteers are also needed to help sort and distribute the Market Day products on delivery days. Not available to help on those days? We also need help with “at home” tasks such as making reminder phone calls. **If you can help us out please call Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison, at 669-1800.**

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

This year's ENTERTAINMENT BOOK fundraiser will begin next week. Each student will receive an Entertainment Book filled with money savings coupons for your family. We are earning money to support various PTA sponsored programs including: Book of the Month, Reading Under the Stars, Commitment to Character to name a few. You can purchase the book for only \$20.00 (a price reduction of \$5.00 from last year). By using the \$5.00 grocery store coupons for Publix, the book pays for itself! You can also use the U-Save coupons in the book at Publix and other area grocery stores – over \$60.00 in savings for your family! We will award an iPod to the student that is the top seller! As well, if you child sells at least 5 books, they will be entered into a special raffle for Blockbuster, iTunes and AMC gift cards!

Please carefully review the instructions provided in the package for all the details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Maureen Gallagher (727) 482-3110 or Michelle Marcatos (727) 725-5040. **Thanks in advance for your participation and support.**

RECREATIONAL READING PROGRAM



Beginning September 1st our students will again be able to earn “book bucks” for every book they read. Those “book bucks” will be spent at our Manatee Marketplace in November, January, and March. At this time **WE NEED DONATIONS FOR OUR MARKETPLACE!** Small toys, books, magazines, or monetary donations (made out to McMullen Booth PTA) may be delivered to the school's front office. Please mark your donation with “Recreational Reading.” Your help with our reading program is needed and greatly appreciated. I look forward to another “book buck” filled year!

Sharon Krayner
Recreational Reading Chair



GOOD MORNING!

McMullen's Cafe



Week of 8/27-8/31

- 8/27 Omelet
Cereal
- 8/28 Pop Tart
Breakfast on a Stick
Cereal
- 8/29 Breakfast Pizza Pocket
Cereal
- 8/30 Chicken on a Biscuit
Cereal
- 8/31 Cinnamon Roll
Cereal

Week of 9/3-9/7

- 9/3 Labor Day
No School
- 9/4 Ham & Egg on Muffin
Cereal
- 9/5 Cheese Grits & Sausage
Cereal
- 9/6 Pancakes
Cereal
Breakfast Bar
- 9/7 French Toast
Cereal

Week of 8/27-8/31

- 8/27 #1 Popcorn Chicken
#2 Baked Potato w/ Cheese
#3 None
#4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
#5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- 8/28 #1 Taco
#2 Maxstick w/ Sauce
#3 None
#4 Chicken Caesar Salad
#5 Bologna/Cheese Sandwich
- 8/29 #1 Hamburger
#2 Corndog
#3 Veggie Burger
#4 Pizza Lunchable
#5 Turkey Sandwich
- 8/30 #1 Breakfast for Lunch
#2 Rib-B-Que
#3 None
#4 Farmer's Salad
#5 Salami /Cheese Sandwich
- 8/31 #1 Pepperoni Pizza
#2 Fish Sandwich
#3 Cheese Pizza
#4 Shrimp Salad
#5 PB & J Sandwich

Week of 9/3-9/7

- 9/3 Labor Day
No School
- 9/4 #1 Breaded Shrimp
#2 Grilled Cheese
#3 None
#4 Caesar Salad
#5 Bologna/Cheese Sandwich
- 9/5 #1 Hamburger
#2 Hot Turkey Sandwich
#3 Veggie Burger
#4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
#5 Turkey Sandwich
- 9/6 #1 Baked Chicken
#2 Spaghetti
#3 None
#4 Farmer's Salad
#5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 9/7 #1 Pepperoni Pizza
#2 Fish Sandwich
#3 Cheese Pizza
#4 Shrimp Salad
#5 PB & J Sandwich

AUG-SEPT Dates To Remember

- Aug. 27-Sept. 7 Book Fair, Media Center
- Aug. 29 Open House, Grades Pre-K, Kdg - 2nd, 7:00 pm
- Sept. 3 Labor Day, No School
- Sept. 4 Open House, Grades ESE, 3rd – 5th, 7:00 pm
- Sept. 7 Volunteer Orientation, 8:00 am, Cafeteria
- Sept. 11 Individual Picture Day
- Sept. 12 Early Dismissal Day, Dismissal at 11:40 am
- Oct. 10 Early Dismissal Day, Dismissal at 11:40 am
- Oct. 19 Pro Ed Day, No School for Students

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**All Menus
Subject to Change**

School Office Hours

The school office personnel will answer telephones and be available in the front office during the hours of 7:00am–3:00 pm.



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