



"Together, We Are Better"

THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter
February 15th, 2008



Kathy Wickett, Principal

Sherry Aemisegger, Asst. Principal

Principal's Corner

We are so proud of our 4th graders for taking all the strategies they have learned and applied them in their writing for the FCAT Writing test! The day before the test, they participated in a pep rally to "Blow Out the FCAT" and had fun blowing bubbles to celebrate that they would do just that.

Even though the FCAT test is only given to our 3rd – 5th grade students, the academic foundation that is built in K – 2nd grade is crucial to the success of

each student. As the MBES community, we all need to promote the importance of being in school every day in every grade.

Our Dynamic Dads did an outstanding job on the Valentine's Dance! I know many of you were able to attend and had a wonderful time. It is so nice to have such a supportive group of Dads to be role models for our students.

Along with our Dynamic Dads, we have many wonderful volunteers. We will be honoring all of our volunteers on Friday, Feb. 29 with a delicious breakfast. Our 1st grade students will be performing and I want to personally thank all of our volunteers for giving of their time and talents. We could not do the work we do without YOU!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

~ Kathy Wickett, Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The members of Student Council wish to thank everyone who purchased our Lollipop Valentines. The proceeds from our sales will be donated to the "SAVE OUR MEDIA ASSISTANT" fund drive.

Also congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Officers: President – Tyler Mitchiner, Vice President – Logan Shultz and Secretary – Jacob Harris.



****Skate Party!****

Friday, February 22nd!

Our 1st Astro Skate Party will be held after school at the Tarpon Springs Astro Skate Rink. The \$8 fee provides round-trip bus transportation, rink admission and skate rental. Students will be picked up at dismissal and returned to school between 5:00-5:15 pm. Skate party information with permission slip was sent home this week. Tickets can be purchased in the school office on Tuesday, 2/19, and Wednesday, 2/20, ONLY. Permission slips must be turned in with ticket payment. Please call the school office if you have any questions.



WOODEN PUZZLES NEEDED

If you have any type of wooden puzzles such as ABC's, farm animals, numbers, etc., Mrs. Ruth's class would enjoy them. Thank you!



FACULTY FOLLIES SHOW DON'T MISS THIS!

On **March 5th, 7:00pm**, in our cafeteria, we will be hosting our 1st Ever MBES Faculty Follies Show. You will be amazed (and entertained) by the talent here at McMullen Booth. Be prepared for a memorable night! Watch for informational flyers to come home next week. Seating will be limited so send in your ticket reservation early!

THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNER!

Thanks to Sharon Micek of Sam's Books at the Oldsmar Flea Market! Sharon came to school to purchase some of the leftover books from our Reading Under the Stars Used Book sale. This added \$115 to our Media Assistant fund. Please support this school partner!

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Community Happenings

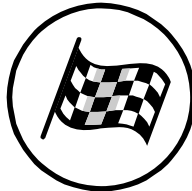
The following fliers are located in the school office and you are welcome to stop by and pick up any papers that interest you.

*Clearwater Jr. Tornadoes Youth Football & Cheerleading for ages 4-14 year. Register at The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road. Call 799-5230 for more information.

*Spring Flag Football, Cheerleading & Soccer: Contact Maureen or Jennifer at (813)982-9583 or email mevans@i9sports.com or visit their website at www.i9sports.com for complete details and registration.

The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring the events nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the activity.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Our **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** will be held on Friday, Feb. 29th at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. Invitations were sent home with students last week. Please mark your calendars and plan to "Race" over to join us. If you have not received an invitation please call me at the office to RSVP so we can plan accordingly. This event is our way of thanking our wonderful volunteers for their commitment to our school and students. Don't miss the fun!

Please consider serving on our PTA Board or one of their committees for next school year. This is the perfect way to really be involved in our school and student activities. Call me if you would like more information or have any questions.

Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison

2008-09 School Calendar

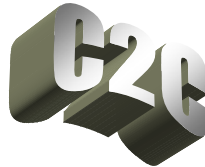
If you are planning ahead...attached to this newsletter is the school calendar for NEXT school year.



Multicultural Committee News

In December the student members of our Multicultural Committee submitted artwork and writings to the Radiant Peace Foundation. The 4th and 5th graders created artwork that included a peace dove in the style of Picasso with a personal statement about how peace begins with little steps that each one of us can take. Our school won a banner in recognition of their creativity in the name of peace and 5th grader, **Marissa Dianza**, won an award of excellence for her work. She won a certificate and a check for \$75.00. Congratulations Marissa!

In recognition of Black History Month our group wrote infomercials on prominent African Americans. These will be presented on the morning news show during the last three weeks in February.



Commitment To Character

The character word for the month of February is Tolerance.

Teach your child how to avoid a temper tantrum.

Elementary age children have more stress in their lives than most parents realize. When they don't have the skills to cope with stress, they resort to toddler-style outbursts and crying fits. To minimize your child's temper tantrums, first figure out what leads them. Help your child to avoid situations that lead to stress. When your child has a meltdown, suggest that he/she:

***Take time out.** Have her remove herself from the situation for a five-minute breather. Let her return when she feels composed enough to talk calmly.

***Use calming techniques.** Teach her to breathe deeply, slowly counting to 10. Have her dribble a ball, pet an animal, or tell herself, "I can work through this."

***Throw it out.** Have her write or draw her angry feelings on paper. Then have her wad the paper up and toss it away.

***Talk it out.** Help your child become more self-aware. Note when she is having a bad day. Help her name her feelings.

Source: Ann Colin Herbst, "Temper, Temper", August 2003, *Parents*

CONGRATULATIONS

The following students have been chosen to represent McMullen Booth in the All County Fifth Grade Honors Chorus: **Jason Carroll, Caroline Freeman, Amelia Goldstein, Megan Ingram, and Haley Plott**. They were selected through an audition process, and will be performing on **Friday, March 7, 2008**. The performance will be broadcast on Bright House Cable Channel 614 at a later date.



Counselor's Corner

Smart Discipline

When your child misbehaves, how do you handle it? If you're like most parents, you've probably tried different techniques to encourage your kids to behave. Here are two that work for many families.

Consequences. Consequences can be natural or logical.

*Natural consequences just happen – you don't have to say or do anything. Example: If your child leaves his bike out in the rain, it will rust.

*Logical consequences are set by you and relate to your rules. For example, the rule is that laundry must be put in the hamper or it will not be washed. If your youngster leaves his dirty soccer uniform on the floor, it won't be clean for his next game.

Privileges. Knowing that privileges or belongings will be taken away can be a powerful motivator for your youngster's behavior.

*Keep in mind that the restriction should be for a short time and appropriate to the behavior. You might put a younger child's favorite toy out of reach if he continuously throws it. For an older child, you could take away TV, computer, or phone time if she doesn't obey the rules for their use.

*You could also consider "grounding" which means restricting your youngster from participating in special activities outside the home. Examples: visiting a friend going to a movie.

Marilyn Taylor, Guidance Counselor

Adopt-A-Class Update

On behalf of all the children, teachers, and staff at McMullen Booth, we wish to sincerely thank our new Adopt-A-Class Partner in Education!

Compliance Check, St. Petersburg

Again, thanks very much! Below is a list of classes/programs that could still use help finding adopters. Please stop by the office for a membership form or call 669-1800.

Bonnie Bender – VE Resource
Deborah Browning – Speech Cafeteria
Cynthia Dennis – Speech Clinic
Penny Taub – VE Resource
Stacey Peters – Behavior Specialist
Plant Operations
Linda McKeithen – Oc. Therapy
Marilyn Taylor – Marvelous Manatee Program

Nature Club News



We had a bus load of parents and kids on our field trip to the Solid Waste Facility, aka "the Dump". We learned that the landfill will be full in 70 years! We saw how important it is to reduce, reuse, and recycle! We need to reduce our trash! Each person produces about 10 pounds of trash per day! That's a lot of trash! Visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/recycle.htm for more information.

*Upcoming events: **February 20 at 3:00 pm** – Dissect owl pellets in Ms. Steakley's room.

February 23rd - Gardening at MBES anytime between **9:00am – 4:00pm**. Bring tools, gloves, and water. Questions? csteakley@pcsb.org

DID YOU KNOW?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown. Please join us on Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 at the "Autism Speaks: Walk Now for Autism".

You can join our team or make a donation by logging onto www.walknowforautism.org and clicking on Tampa. Search for our Team: McMullen Booth Elementary and click **JOIN** or **DONATE**. For more information you can email Stacey Peters at petersst@pcsb.org Thank you for your support in raising funds for autism research. Together we are better!



Have a heart!

What better way to show you love to our school, than to join PTA!

It is not too late to help us meet our membership goal. Keep in mind, our membership percentage impacts our school grading and allows us to continue to support the many wonderful programs MBES offers for our students and their families.

Celebrate this Valentines Day with a Membership for you or another member of your family.

If you are unsure if you have joined yet, the membership list is in this newsletter, or contact: stabrin@msn.com

Thank you to the following families who have joined PTA

(listed by last name, first initial of one student)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!~Contact Stacey Brinson For More Info

<u>Family of Last Name, Initial</u>	<u>Family of Last Name, Initial</u>	<u>Family of Last Name, Initial</u>	<u>Family of Last Name, Initial</u>
Family of Adolphson, A.	Family of Elliott, J.	Family of Keyser, J.	Family of Perrigo, G
Family of Anderson, S.	Family of Endsley, J.	Family of Kifer, A.	Family of Petit, R.
Family of Anthony, M.	Family of Engelmann, N.	Family of King, M.	Family of Pettway, C.
Family of Antonic, A.	Family of Ernst, T.	Family of Kobani, A.	Family of Pierri, S.
Family of Arndt, I.	Family of Faber, B.	Family of Kohler, T.	Family of Plott, H
Family of Atherholt, C.	Family of Fisher, J.	Family of Kohli, R.	Family of Plotts, A.
Family of Ball, M.	Family of Ford, K.	Family of Kolpek, K.	Family of Poelker, J.
Family of Baran, T.	Family of Forster, H	Family of Kotzeva, A.	Family of Pohl, M.
Family of Barlow, S.	Family of Fotopoulos, C.	Family of Krayner, H	Family of Rahman, M.
Family of Barrett, B.	Family of Fox, Z.	Family of LaCognata, N.	Family of Reyes, J.
Family of Beeghly, C.	Family of Frahn, C.	Family of LaGreca, R.	Family of Roberts, K.
Family of Berman, M.	Family of Fraser, J.	Family of Lapujade, L	Family of Rodriguez, N.
Family of Bischman, S.	Family of Frazier, R.	Family of Latzke, A.	Family of Rossi, M.
Family of Blackwell, B.	Family of Frederick, T.	Family of Lawrence, J.	Family of Samuels, S.
Family of Bolic, S.	Family of Freed, J.	Family of Leavens, C.	Family of Savage, S.
Family of Bredal, C.	Family of Freeman, C.	Family of Letts, S.	Family of Savic, H
Family of Brehm, G.	Family of Fuller, M.	Family of Lockett, M.	Family of Scalise, N.
Family of Brickfield, E.	Family of Fuoco, D.	Family of Lombardo, M.	Family of Schuler, C.
Family of Brinson, R.	Family of Gallagher, J.	Family of Long, L	Family of Schult, M.
Family of Brooks, J.	Family of Garcia, S.	Family of Lopez, S.	Family of Schultz, L
Family of Brown, A.	Family of Goddard, S.	Family of Lotici, C.	Family of Secharan, K.
Family of Brown, Z	Family of Goldstein, A.	Family of Low, D.	Family of Sela, A.
Family of Bruch, D.	Family of Gonska, L	Family of Lupo, A.	Family of Sellas, N.
Family of Burks, K.	Family of Gracie, J.	Family of Mara, D.	Family of Settle, S.
Family of Butler, A.	Family of Griffin, M.	Family of Marcatos, J.	Family of Siegel, H
Family of Caldwell, B.	Family of Grundtner, A.	Family of Margarone, M.	Family of Sowell, A.
Family of Caprio, C.	Family of Guerrero, W	Family of Maricle, K.	Family of Stalas, J.
Family of Carlin, Z.	Family of Hakesley, M.	Family of Martinez, A.	Family of Steingold, A.
Family of Carney, N.	Family of Harberson, H	Family of Masselli, B.	Family of Stender, B.
Family of Carpenter, C.	Family of Harris, C.	Family of McClure, M.	Family of Stevens, J.
Family of Carrozza, C.	Family of Harris, J.	Family of McComeskey, S.	Family of Stewart, C.
Family of Chapman, J.	Family of Hays, E	Family of McCranie, N.	Family of Stine, K.
Family of Ciaravino, D.	Family of Hayward, M.	Family of McFadden, R.	Family of Stivali, N.
Family of Clark, K.	Family of Helms, L	Family of McIntosh, S.	Family of Stryker, J.
Family of Clark, K.	Family of Hewitt, B.	Family of McKee, P	Family of Suhoza, H
Family of Clayton, R.	Family of Hinton, A.	Family of McManus, M.	Family of Taub, S.
Family of Corey, M.	Family of Hollander, S.	Family of Meadows, C.	Family of Thomas, A.
Family of Costello, K.	Family of Hollman, D.	Family of Meehan, M.	Family of Tikriti, N.
Family of Covington, L	Family of Huffer-Taylor, T.	Family of Meli, A.	Family of Tracanna, N.
Family of Crummett, J.	Family of Hughes, D.	Family of Mills, D.	Family of Tumaneng, A.
Family of Cservak, W	Family of Hussong, R.	Family of Mitchell, J.	Family of Uden, S.
Family of Davenport, J.	Family of Hutchins, S.	Family of Mitchiner, T.	Family of Vonhof, C.
Family of Davidson, D.	Family of Ingram, M.	Family of Moreau, A.	Family of Ward, T.
Family of De La Cruz, K.	Family of Itschner, B.	Family of Morehouse, J.	Family of Ward, T.
Family of Deng, W	Family of Jacobi, N.	Family of Morgan, D.	Family of Warner, B.
Family of Devoe, E	Family of Jernigan, J.	Family of Mungall, G	Family of Weigley, M.
Family of Dickman, C.	Family of Johnson, K.	Family of Mushaben, A.	Family of Wheeler, E
Family of Dobler, P	Family of Johnston, A.	Family of Negron, R.	Family of Whittaker, M.
Family of Dorian, D.	Family of Kaelin, C.	Family of Norman, J.	Family of Wince, C.
Family of DuBois, G.	Family of Kearschner, J.	Family of Novosad, G	Family of Wirgau, N.
Family of Duffey, A.	Family of Keefer, K.	Family of Page, T.	Family of Yoannon, B.
Family of Dukes, S.	Family of Keelin, S.	Family of Palmer, R.	Family of Young, C.
Family of Duttry, T.	Family of Keeports, B.	Family of Papa, A.	Family of Yu, J.
Family of Eiseman, A.	Family of Kemerer, A.	Family of Peak, M.	



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**Interested in PTA Board next year but are you unsure of what is available? Here is a list of positions and their roles:
Contact Dorene Duttry if you want more info (727) 441-8517**

VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADERSHIP

The Vice President of Leadership is the primary assistant to the President and liaison to the following committees Dynamic Dad's, Legislation, Room Representatives, Special Events and the Nominating Committee

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

The Vice President of Programs serves as liaison to these Programs Committees: Commitment to Character, Health & Safety, Recreational Reading and Reflections.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATION

The primary responsibility of the VP, Organization is to enroll as many members as possible and to develop a campaign aimed at the entire community. The VP, Organization is the liaison to the following committees: Membership, Awards, Directory, Hospitality, Student Activities,

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS

The Vice President of Ways and Means serves as liaison to the following committees: Fundraising

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice President of Communications manages communications between the PTA Board, PTA members, parents and the members of our community. This position serves as liaison to the communications committees: Publicity, Secret Pals, Website, and Newsletter

TREASURER

The treasurer manages all funds involved in running the PTA and serves as liaison to Financial Committees. Budget, Mini-Grants, and Audit.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Recording Secretary is the keeper of formal documentation and records the minutes during General and Board PTA meetings. In addition, this position serves as liaison to the following committees: Historian, Memory Book, and Commitment to Character

DIRECTORY CHAIR

This committee manages the school directory database and coordinates its publication and distribution.

DYNAMIC DADS CHAIR

Dynamic Dads is a group of fathers who are dedicated to improving our school through volunteering and becoming better parents.

HISTORIAN

As a way to keep a record of PTA work and develop pride among our members, this committee will create a historical photo album of activities and achievements of the association.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR

The goal of the hospitality committee is to develop a spirit of warmth among members, and to always strive to make everyone feel like part of the "family".

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

This committee works closely with our Pinellas County Council PTA (PCCPTA) on legislative issues and takes turns attending monthly PCCPTA meetings.

MEMORY BOOK CHAIR

This committee works all year to gather photographs and information about our school to include in an end of year publication.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR

This committee creates the PTA newsletter that is distributed quarterly to our families.

PUBLICITY CHAIR

This committee serves to promote McMullen Booth Elementary PTA and to connect with the community outside of school.

RECREATIONAL READING CHAIR

In an effort to align PTA with our School Improvement Plan, this committee encourages student participation in our recreational reading program.

REFLECTIONS CHAIR

This is the National PTA cultural arts project that offers students the opportunity to be creative in the areas of visual arts, music, literature and photography. Assistance is needed in the collecting, displaying and distribution of the entries.

ROOM MOMS & DADS CHAIR

This committee plays a very important role by providing a direct link between the PTA, parents, students and teachers. Room representatives have an excellent opportunity to relate the purpose of the PTA and to be the liaison between parents and teachers regarding legislation and other school related events.

SAC/PTA LIAISON

The SAC/PTA Liaison position is responsible for communication between the two organizations and providing input to both SAC and the PTA.

SECRET PAL CHAIR

This committee encourages participation and facilitates our Secret Pal program to thank our teachers.

SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR

This group of volunteers is our 'Go To' team. Their dedication and heart make McMullen Booth shine. They put our motto "Together We Are Better" into practice by assisting in planning, coordinating and delivering our special event activities like the Fall Festival.

WEBSITE CHAIR

The website is increasingly a valuable source of communication with the school community. The goal of this committee is to maintain and update the PTA website in order to keep members informed and stimulate interest in the many activities and programs our PTA sponsors.



GOOD MORNING!

McMullen's Cafe



Week of 2/18 - 2/22

- 2/18 No School
- 2/19 Honey Bun
Cereal
Grits
- 2/20 Cheese Grits & Sausage
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 2/21 Pancakes
Cereal
Breakfast Bar
- 2/22 French Toast
Cereal
Grits

Week of 2/25 - 2/29

- 2/25 Egg Patty / Sausage
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 2/26 Healthy Choice
Cinnamon Bake
Cereal
Grits
- 2/27 Max Stick
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 2/28 Waffle Stick
Cereal
Blueberry Loaf
- 2/29 Yogurt
Cereal
Cinnamon Biscuit

Week of 2/18 - 2/22

- 2/18 MONDAY
No School
- 2/19 TUESDAY
 - #1 Breaded Shrimp
 - #2 Grilled Cheese
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
 - #5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- 2/20 WEDNESDAY
 - #1 Chicken Patty on Bun
 - #2 Hot Turkey Sandwich
 - #3 Veggie Burger
 - #4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
 - #5 Turkey Sandwich
- 2/21 THURSDAY
 - #1 Baked Chicken
 - #2 Spaghetti
 - #3 None
 - #4 Farmer's Salad
 - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 2/22 FRIDAY
 - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
 - #2 Fish Nuggets
 - #3 Cheese Pizza
 - #4 Shrimp Salad
 - #5 P B & J Sandwich

Week of 2/25 - 2/29

- 2/25 MONDAY
 - #1 Chicken Nuggets
 - #2 Lasagna Roll Up
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
 - #5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- 2/26 TUESDAY
 - #1 Sausage on Bun
 - #2 Chili Max Wrap
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken BLT Salad
 - #5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- 2/27 WEDNESDAY
 - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
 - #2 Corndog
 - #3 None
 - #4 Farmer's Salad
 - #5 Turkey Salad Sandwich
- 2/28 THURSDAY
 - #1 Cuban Pork Sandwich
 - #2 None
 - #3 Macaroni & Cheese
 - #4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
 - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 2/29 FRIDAY
 - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
 - #2 Fish Nuggets
 - #3 Cheese Pizza
 - #4 Shrimp Salad
 - #5 P B & J Sandwich

FEB-JUN Dates To Remember

- Feb. 18 Pro Ed Day, No School for Students
- Feb. 22 Astro Skate Party, 2:00-5:00 pm
- Feb. 29 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8:00 am, Cafeteria
- March 5 Early Dismissal Day, Dismissal at 11:40 am
- March 5 Faculty Follies, 7:00pm
- March 7 Report Cards Distributed
- March 10 SAC Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center
- March 31-Apr 4 Spring Break, No School
- April 7 School Resumes
- April 8 Field Day for Kdg & 1st grades
- April 9 Field Day for 4th & 5th grades
- April 10 Field Day for 2nd & 3rd grades
- April 14 SAC Meeting, 7:00 pm Media Center
- April 18 Earth Day Celebration
- May 14 Early Dismissal Day, Dismissal at 11:40 am
- May 26 Memorial Day, No School
- June 3 Early Dismissal Day (11:40am) / Last Day of School for Students

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