



"Together, We Are Better"

THE MANATEE MESSENGER



McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter

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Kathy Wickett, Principal

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Principal's Corner

It is difficult to believe that we have less than 22 days remaining in our school year! You will find the next few weeks filled with lots of wonderful opportunities to see the many accomplishments of our children.

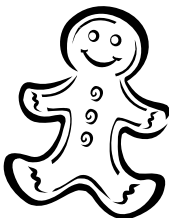
A recent example was last week's "Evening of the Arts" hosted by our fabulous Art Department, Mrs. Crawley and Mr. Jacobs, and our Music Department, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Moore! What an impressive event for our

budding artists and musicians. The artwork was displayed beautifully throughout our building, and collectively, it is amazing and quite an impressive "gallery!" The second and third graders' musical performance was simply awesome.

We are already making plans for next school year. Due to budgetary constraints, we will not notify you of your child's class assignment by mail. Instead, we will post the class assignments on the windows of the front office on the afternoon of **Friday, August 15th**. You will be able to view the lists any time during the weekend. We will also host a "Meet Your Teacher" session on **Monday, August 18th**. This information will also be posted on the windows along with a classroom map. You will be well prepared for that important first day of school on Tuesday, August 19th!

~ Kathy Wickett, Principal

Cookie Dough Sale Winners!



Thanks to all who made our Cookie Dough Sale a huge success! Our **Top Sellers** and winners of a Toys R Us Gift card were:

Troy Dyer 2nd Grade Mrs. Reder's Class and **Alaylah Adams** 1st Grade Mrs. Arfaras' Class. The winner of our Webkinz Raffle was **Austin Taylor** in Mrs. Arntz / Mrs. Moldal's class. **Congratulations to all of you!!**

Mark Your Calendars!

**The last day of school, Tuesday, June 3rd, is an Early Dismissal Day. Dismissal will be at 11:40 am.



Earth Day

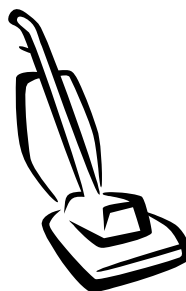
Earth Day was a huge success at MBES! Students brought in earth banks filled with coins totaling \$944.00 to help SAVE THE RAINFOREST. Earth Day sales from nature store and crafts totaled \$1, 042.55. This money was deposited into our Earth Day Fund for next year. This fund can be used for nature club, the outdoor classroom, plants, dirt, and some science items for our school. So thanks for all your support of Earth Day and in turn supporting science at MBES.

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who worked long hours in the hot sun! A huge thank you to the teachers, students, and staff because without everyone contributing to this event it could not happen. We are looking forward to Earth Day 2009.

2008 District Science Showcase and Family Fun Day

The showcase will be held at the Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Ave. North, St. Petersburg, 384-0027, on Saturday, May 10, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Hundreds of science projects will be on display as well as other exciting activities such as science scavenger hunt, animal exhibits, planetarium shows, etc.

Spring Cleaning?



If you are cleaning out your closets, our clinic could use all sizes of boys and girls elastic waist shorts and larger sized (size 10 and larger) short sleeved shirts. These gently used clothes are available to our students who have all kinds of clothing accidents such as exploding milk in the cafeteria and mud slides in PE! Thank you.

www.mbes.com

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.

*Youth Football Camp, Countryside Cougars, Ages 8-15, June 9th-13th; for more information visit website at www.countrysidefootball.com

*Pop Warner Spring Football & Cheerleading, 5 – 13 years of age, Sign-up Saturday, May 17th, 10 am – 2 pm; for more information call 784-6304

*Musical Theatre Camp at the Largo Cultural Center for ages 8-13, July 28-August 9, "Alice in Wonderland Jr.", 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. For information or to register call Highland Recreational 518-3016.

*Science & Nature Explorers Safari Summer Camp, Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Ages 6-11, June 9 – August 15; for more information call 462-6024.

*ITZHoops Summer Camp Registration Info at www.inthetzonehoopcamps.com

*2008 Living History Heritage Village Summer Adventures for ages 5-11. For more information visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or call 582-2426.

*Camp or Hashemesh Summer Camp at Kent Jewish Center. For more information visit www.gmkjc.org or call 736-1494.

*2nd Annual Mary Kay "Team Up for Women" Breast Cancer Walk and Silent Auction, Saturday, May 31st, 10:00 am, Tommy Duff's Irish Aviation Pub on Island Estates. Contact Robin Hussong, 420-1948 or email robinhussong@marykay.com to register or for more information.

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

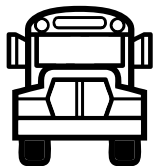
FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Outstanding School Volunteer event was held on Tuesday, April 22nd at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Over two hundred volunteers from across the county were honored including our own McMullen-Booth **Outstanding School Volunteers, Kylie Stryker, Linda Ko and Florence Bickel**. This is always such a special event and a way to celebrate the amazing contributions of the over 26,000 Pinellas County volunteers.

According to the Independent Sector Organization, the estimated dollar value of a volunteer hour is \$19.52. As of today our MBES volunteer hours total 16,716 and are valued at \$326,296.32. Of course, to us, the time you give is PRICELESS! Every one of our volunteers is outstanding and we appreciate each and every one of you every day!

Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison



Kennedy Middle School Welcome

Kennedy Middle School will host a "6th Grade Welcome" during their Family Fun Night on May 14. Call the school, 298-1609, for more information.



Commitment To Character

Self Control is the word of the month

Today's kids are bombarded with marketing aimed at them. They beg for toys and name brand items. Many parents have a hard time saying "no." They may want to give their children every advantage in a competitive world. They may want a closer relationship with them, or they may just be tired from work and want to keep the peace.

Kids who have been given too much suffer, say experts. They grow into adults who can't cope with life's disappointments. They're more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. To turn this situation around:

- Be more of a parent than a friend to your child.
- Have a family meeting to explain your values and reasons for setting limits.
- Get rid of your guilt. Give more of your time, less money and fewer things.
- Say "no" and mean it.
- Give your child an allowance and hold her to it.
- Expect your child to work hard in school and do chores and community service. Life should have meaning beyond instant gratification.

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Source: Peg Tyre and others, "The Power of No," Newsweek, September 13, 2004



Counselor's Corner

Take action if shyness affects school success

Your child has always been quiet. Lately, things seem to be worse. He doesn't have anyone to play with. His teacher says he won't speak in class, even when he knows the answer.

We're all born with a certain temperament. Some children are more withdrawn than others. But too much shyness can lead to problems with friendships and even in class. Here are some things parents can do to help:

- Help your child face new situations. Most shy children have a hard time doing something unfamiliar. You might say, "Let's give this a try. I bet it will be fun."
- Build a bridge to other children. Look for an activity that interests your child. If he's with other kids who love music, it will be easier to talk. Don't overdo the activities – shy kids need "down time" even more than most children.

- Get your child used to stating his opinion. In the car, ask him what he thinks about something. Which TV show is the best? Who's going to win the Super Bowl? This will give him practice putting his thoughts into words.

Source: Kenneth H. Rubin, The Friendship Factor

"Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult." - Nadia Boulanger

Are you helping your child become a better listener?

Students need to be good listeners to be successful in school. Parents can help. Answer "yes" or "no" to each of the following questions.

- I ask my child to look at me when I am talking.
- I expect my child to let others finish what they want to say before he starts talking.
- I teach my child to restate what the other person has said to make sure he understands.
- I tell my child to ask questions if he doesn't understand what was said.
- I teach my child to give feedback such as smiling or nodding to show he is listening.

How did you score? Each "yes" answer means you are helping your child become a better listener.



Year End Ice Cream Social & McMullen-Booth Family Celebration!

Thursday, May 15, 2008
6:30 pm

Join us as we celebrate all our school has accomplished this year and help us look forward to a bright future.

Brief PTA business meeting to include election and installation of next year's PTA officers.

This special evening will feature a music performance led by Mrs. Butler and starring our Kindergarten students!

**Performing students to meet in Music room no later than 6:30.
PTA business meeting to begin promptly at 6:30.
Performance to begin at approximately 6:50.**



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GOOD MORNING!

McMullen's Cafe

Week of 5/5 – 5/9

- 5/5 Egg Patty / Sausage
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 5/6 Healthy Choice
Cinnamon Bake
Cereal
Grits
- 5/7 Breakfast Burrito /
Max Stick
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 5/8 Waffles / Waffle Stick
Cereal
Blueberry Loaf
- 5/9 Yogurt
Cereal
Cinnamon Biscuit

Week of 5/12 – 5/16

- 5/12 Omelet
Cereal
Poptart
- 5/13 Breakfast on a Stick
Cereal
Grits
- 5/14 Breakfast Pizza Pocket
Cereal
Oatmeal
- 5/15 Chicken on a Biscuit
Cereal
Grits
- 5/16 Cinnamon Roll
Cereal

Week of 5/5 – 5/9

- Monday
 - #1 Chicken Nuggets
 - #2 Lasagna Roll Up
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
 - #5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Tuesday
 - #1 Meatball Sub
 - #2 Chili Max Wrap
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken BLT Salad
 - #5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday
 - #1 Meatloaf
 - #2 Corndog
 - #3 None
 - #4 Farmer's Salad
 - #5 Turkey Sandwich
- Thursday
 - #1 Sloppy Joe
 - #2 None
 - #3 Macaroni & Cheese
 - #4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
 - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- Friday
 - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
 - #2 Fish
 - #3 Cheese Pizza
 - #4 Shrimp Salad
 - #5 P B & J Sandwich

Important Cafeteria News

*The **last** day that the cafeteria can accept checks is **Friday, May 16th**.
 *All outstanding lunch borrows need to be paid **before** the last day of school.
 * **No lunch loans** will be allowed on Monday, June 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd. *Lunch account balances will carry over to next year. If your child will **not** be in a Pinellas County School next year, please send a note to the cafeteria for a balance refund.

Week of 5/12 – 5/16

- 5/12 Monday
 - #1 Popcorn Chicken
 - #2 Baked Potato w/ Cheese
 - #3 None
 - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
 - #5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- 5/13 Tuesday
Mrs. Frahn's Class Menu
Chris's Crazy Chicken Nuggets
Kelci's Corny Corn
Poelker's Perfect Pepperoni Pizza
Alexis' Funky Oven Fries
Mungall's Mad Maxsticks
Joey's Jammin' Juice Bars
Gage's Greatastic Grapes
Damion's Delightful PB & J Sandwich
Adrian's Awesome Italian Bread
- 5/14 Wednesday
Early Dismissal Day
 - #1 Hotdog
 - #2 P B & J Sandwich
- 5/15 Thursday
 - #1 Breakfast for Lunch
 - #2 Rib-B-Que
 - #3 None
 - #4 Farmer's Salad
 - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 5/16 Friday
 - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
 - #2 Fish Nuggets
 - #3 Cheese Pizza
 - #4 Shrimp Salad
 - #5 P B & J Sandwich

**IMPORTANT
 *** NOTICE ***
 All Menus
 Subject to Change**

MAY - JUN Dates To Remember

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May 8	Market Day Pickup, 2:00-3:30 pm, Cafeteria
May 14	Early Dismissal Day, Dismissal at 11:40 am
May 26	Memorial Day, No School
June 2	5 th Grade "Clap Out", 1:00 pm
June 3	5 th Grade Awards Ceremony, 8:00 am, Cafeteria
June 3	Early Dismissal Day / Last Day of School for Students Dismissal at 11:40 am



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