



"Together, We Are Better"

THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter—727-669-1800

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Principal's Corner

Congratulations on another wonderful year! It has been my pleasure to be the principal at McMullen Booth Elementary these past 2 years. Even though I will be moving to Cross Bayou Elementary for next year, I will always have a special connection with McMullen Booth. Thank you to the entire MBES family for making my years here exciting and fulfilling.

This summer there will be many programs offered in your communities. I hope you are able to take advantage of some of these and keep your child reading all summer long. This is a great time for your whole family to enjoy a chapter book read aloud each night. Everyone can practice predicting what will happen in the next chapter.

Thank you for letting us guide your child this year. I hope you have seen as much growth in them as I have. Have a fantastic summer and keep reading!!

~ Kathy Wickett, Principal

Dates To Remember

June 1	5 th grade "Clap Out", 1:00 pm
June 2	5 th Grade Awards Ceremony, 8:00-10:00 am, Cafeteria
June 2	Last Day of School Early Dismissal at 11:45 am
August 21	Class Lists Posted on office windows after 3:00 pm
August 24	Kdg – 5 th - "Meet Your Teacher" Times to be announced
August 25	First Day of School for 2009-10

IMPORTANT!

PROPOSED NEW School Hours for 2009-2010

McMullen Booth Elementary School hours have changed for next school year. The **new** school hours will be **8:35 am – 2:50 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday** hours will be **8:35 am – 1:35 pm**. Students may **not** arrive on school grounds prior to **8:15 am** and should be picked up at dismissal time in the afternoon.

Please make your childcare arrangements accordingly to meet our school hours. R'Club provides on-site childcare. Please call them at 578-5437, regarding before and after school care.

Important Cafeteria News

- * The cafeteria will **no longer** accept checks.
- * All outstanding lunch borrows need to be paid **before** the last day of school.
- * **No lunch loans** will be allowed the last week of school.
- * Lunch account balances will carry over to next year AND will follow the student to any Pinellas County School even middle school! If your child will **not** be in a Pinellas County School next year, please send a note to the cafeteria for a balance refund.

Mark Your Calendars!

**The last day of school, Tuesday, June 2, is an Early Dismissal Day.
Dismissal will be at 11:45 am.



Community Happenings

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

*Camp Outback Summer Camp, Countryside Rec Center, Elementary and Middle School Camps, Weekly camps run June 8-August 21. For more information call 669-1914.

*Summer Workshops, Grades K-12th, The Science Center of Pinellas County, 384-0027 or www.sciencecenterofpinellas.com

*Hockey & Ice Skate Summer Camps at Tampa Bay Skating Academy, Oldsmar & Countryside Mall locations. For more information call (813)854-4010 or visit www.tbsa.com

*Summer Camps at Dunedin Fine Art Center, Ages 4-14. Call 298-3322 or visit www.dfac.org for more information

*Boomerang Express Summer Camp, Heritage Methodist Church, 4 sessions starting June 15th.

For more information or to register go to: www.heritageumc.com

*Shane's Fit Club Summer Camp for Elementary & Middle School Students, 2907 SR 590.

For more information call 643-7344 or visit www.shanesfitclub.com

*R'Club Summer Camp for Middle School Students, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School, 6410 118th Ave. N, Largo.

For more information call 547-7046.

*Cheerleading, Countryside Rec. Center, Ages 5 and older, 10 week program starting May 29th.

Call (813)885-2292 or visit www.AllAmericanYouth.org 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



As another school year comes to an end, we have much to be thankful for.

Our volunteers should be proud of the positive impact they have had on our school and students this year. The many wonderful events that took place would not have been possible without your dedication. Our volunteers willingly gave over **20,100 hours of service** this year. What an amazing testament to your dedication to McMullen Booth! Thank you all so much.

Looking ahead, we are in need of help in many areas for the start of the new school year. Sign-up sheets have been placed on the counter near the volunteer computer. Please come by to see where you can lend a hand during these very busy first days.

I wish all of you a restful summer filled with family, friends and fun. Relax and return, ready to "Step into Action" at McMullen Booth!

~ **Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison**

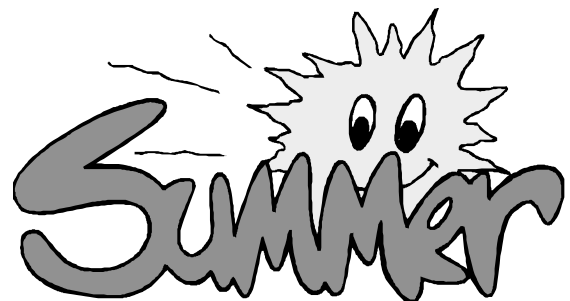
"It's not what you gather, but what you scatter, that tells what kind of life you have lived."

Exciting Summer News from Destination Math & Reading

This summer your child(ren) will be able to use Destination to retain math and reading skills and prepare for the upcoming school year. Engaging activities for students will be posted to all students in grades K – 5 with new activities each week! User names and passwords will be sent home in your child's last Report Card. Students can access Destination from any computer that is connected to the Internet. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

*All students will use this address to access Destination:

<https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us>



2009-10 Class Assignments

We are already making plans for next school year. We will post the class assignments on the windows of the front office on the afternoon of Friday, August 21. 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 24. 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 25!

A Note From Your School Nurse

Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer. The last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 2. Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epi-Pens. Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Wednesday, June 3.

Thanks for your help.
Have a safe and healthy summer!

~ Tina Rosato, RN, School Nurse



Safety Harbor Middle School Summer Camp

If your child is presently in the 5th grade and will be attending Safety Harbor Middle School next year, he/she may attend an orientation camp for middle school.

The camp held on August 12 will be for students whose last names begin with A-L. Students whose last names begin with M-Z will attend the camp on August 13.

For more information call SHMS, 724-1400 X2092.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed on the last day of school, June 2. If your child will be absent that day or an early dismissal, you may give permission in writing for another student to pick up their report card or you may provide the teacher a large manila envelope self-addressed with \$1.75 postage on it.

No exceptions will be made.



Book Bags on the Bus

Our Transportation Department has once again requested that no backpacks be allowed on the buses on the last day of school. They have had a history of vandalism and papers thrown from windows, and they would like to take precautionary measures against such acts.



Please reinforce this with your child(ren).

Hello McMullen Booth Families:

Last Friday there was a communication listing our current board and committee chairpersons. There was a miscommunication that I would like to correct.

Jenny Vonhof is the Memory Book Chairperson. Laura Pohl will be assisting her with this effort. Please note that we are still seeking a Legislative Chairperson for next year. You can contact any Board member or chairperson for additional details. See the PTA link on the mbes.com website.

Again, we are thankful for the support from our parents as we have been able to assemble another outstanding Board.

Sincerely,
Laurie Dobler
VP of Leadership

**2009-2010 PTA
Board and Committee Chairs**

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Nature Club News

Thanks to all the members of the MBES Nature Club and all the volunteers for Earth Day 2009. MBES Nature Club will continue next year. We also have another project starting up called the MBES GREEN TEAM.

If you are interested in this, please email me at:
steakleyn@pcsb.org

This "Team" will be a group of parents and staff who want to help our school to be "Green" and environmentally friendly. We will be working toward a "Green" certification. If you are interested in helping us reach our "Green" goal, please email me. I can provide you more details and information too. Have a great "Green" summer!

~ Carrol Steakley



Fifth Grade Award Ceremony



This is a reminder to all our 5th grade parents that the 5th Grade Award Ceremony will be held in the cafeteria at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 2.

Spring Cleaning?

If you are cleaning out your closets, our clinic could use **all sizes** of boys and girls elastic waist shorts. 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.



GOOD MORNING!

McMullen's Cafe



Week of 6/1-6/2

Mon 6/1	Omelet Cereal Breakfast Pizza Pocket
Tue 6/2	Honey Bun Cereal

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

Week of 6/1-6/2

Mon 6/1	#1 Chicken Nuggets #2 Spaghetti #3 None #4 Chicken BLT Salad #5 Ham & Cheese/ Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
Tue 6/2	<u>EARLY DISMISSAL DAY</u> #1 Hamburger #2 PB&J Sandwich

Have a Great Summer!

Cafeteria News

Have you wondered how much money is left on your child's lunch account? Well, now you can find out, and it's free! Go to www.mealpayplus.com. You will need your student's ID number (located on their negative balance letters). Enter the number as the ID and PIN number. You can check the status of the account, see what they have purchased and get e-mail alerts when the account falls below a certain amount (\$5.25 is a good number, that's 3 lunches left). All of this is available at no charge to you!

You can also, for a small fee, add money with a check, debit or credit card. When adding to the account, if there is a negative balance in the meals, make sure you add money to zero that out, as well as adding to the "general" account if your child is able to purchase ala carte items.

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