



*“Together, We Make a Difference!”*

# THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter—727-669-1800

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## Principal's Corner

I want to extend a huge thank you to all of the PTA members, staff members and volunteers who helped to make our Fall Festival a great success! The work done by each of these fine groups showed a commitment to make a difference for our students and community through our combined efforts. Special thanks to Laura Pohl for her incredible leadership in this project. We didn't think it was possible, but it was even better than before! Our kids had a wonderful time, the weather was perfect and our community was abuzz with the success of this school-wide event!

I am coming to you once again to ask for your cooperation in our car circle. We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use, both talking and texting, while driving in our car circle. We have had several close calls with cars coming onto the curb! Safety must be our number one priority while getting your children to and from school. We thank you for your help in this most important matter!

We are looking forward to honoring and remembering our friends and family members who have served our country in the military. Students will be doing rubbings during art class that will then be 'built' into a wall of honor. Thanks for sending in the names of your honored veterans to be included in this school-wide project.

Have a restful and wonderful weekend!

~ Sherry Aemisegger, Acting Principal

### Dates To Remember

- Nov. 10 SAC Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Media Center
- Nov. 10 & 11 Family Night—Marcos Pizza
- Nov. 11 Reflections Entries Due
- Nov. 11 H1N1 Vaccine Clinic  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Report Cards Distributed
- Nov. 18 Great American Teach-In
- Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holidays  
No School**
- Dec. 1 Market Day Pickup  
3:00-4:00 pm—Cafeteria
- Dec. 4 Principal's Chat  
8:30-9:00 a.m.  
Media Center
- Dec. 8 PTA General Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> grade performance  
6:30 pm—Cafeteria
- Dec. 9 H1N1 Vaccine Clinic #2  
(children 9 years & under)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Holidays  
No School**
- Jan. 4, 2010 Classes Resume

### Picture Retake Day to be Rescheduled

Because of an equipment problem, Picture Retakes did not take place as originally scheduled. We will notify you of the new Picture Retake Day once it has been determined. We apologize for this inconvenience.

### Parent Workshop

Parents are invited to attend a countywide bullying prevention and intervention workshop offered on December 1, 6:30-8:00 pm, Coachman Service Center, 2235 NE Coachman Rd or December 7, 6:30-8:00 pm, Tarpon High School, 1411 Gulf Road, Tarpon Springs. This workshop will provide the following information:

- Evidence based methods of bullying prevention and intervention
- How to identify and respond to bullying in schools
- What to do about sibling/family member bullying

### Entertainment Books

We are wrapping up the Entertainment Book Fundraiser. We are still missing some coupon books. Please return your books to the school by November 15. Thank you.

### Yearbook Orders

If you have ordered a yearbook and not received a receipt, please contact Jenny Vonhof at [jlvonhof@verizon.net](mailto:jlvonhof@verizon.net) or you can call 727-799-1577.

## 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.

. \*Homework Help provided by High School Volunteers, Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm, Countryside Library

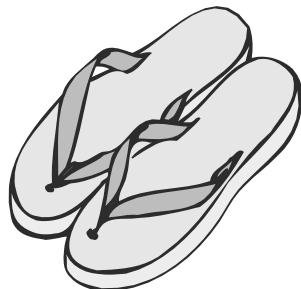
\*Taller de Internet en Espanol para Adultos, Biblioteca de Clearwater, 5:30-7:00 pm, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21 & 5/19;

Por favor haga su reservacion contiempo. Llamando a Amparo Gonzalez, 771-2109.

\*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hydrocephalus Walk – Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm – Largo Central Park –

HYPERLINK "<http://www.gothydro.org>" [www.gothydro.org](http://www.gothydro.org) for more info.

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



## FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A great big THANK YOU to Laura Pohl and her fabulous Fall Festival team! Everyone had lots of fun thanks to their outstanding efforts. These special events are only possible because of the hard work of our amazing PTA and volunteers. We are so lucky at McMullen Booth to have such a dedicated group.

Although the Picture Retakes did not happen, we appreciate the volunteers who “stepped in” to help us that day.

The **Great American Teach-In** is coming soon! The day will be filled with presentations covering a variety of topics. It promises to be a fun and informative event. If you are registered to speak at Teach-In on **Wednesday, November 18**, your schedule was sent home with your student this week. **If you have not received yours, please call me at the school office immediately.**

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help with a cake decorating activity in our Pre K & ESE classes on Teach-In day. This activity will be held after lunch in the classrooms and is supported by a donation from Publix. Please let me know if you can help with this hands-on activity.

If you like to take pictures, we would love to have you come to Teach-In to take some photos of the day's activities. Let me know if you are available.

If you signed up to help on Teach-In, I will be contacting you shortly. If you would like to help but have not signed up, please give me a call.

We look forward to seeing many of you here on campus for Teach-In!

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

### Yearbook Personalized Messages

Personalized message forms went home this week with students who have ordered a yearbook. If you are interested in placing a personalized message in the yearbook, but did not receive an order form, extra copies are located in the front office. There are several different sizes available. Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to submit a personalized message is Friday, December 18. If you would like to place an ad, but do not have a picture of your child and would like one taken by a member of the yearbook committee, contact Jenny Vonhof at [jvonhof@verizon.net](mailto:jvonhof@verizon.net) or call 727-799-1577.

### Marcos Pizza Family Night

Mark your calendars for November 10 & 11 for MBES Family Night at Marcos Pizza located on Enterprise Road in the Northwood Plaza. Coupons were sent home to be used for discounts on pizza for these nights. You can eat-in or carry out. A portion of the sales will be donated back to the school. When you order your pizza let them know you are from McMullen Booth and also the name of your child's teacher. The classroom that has the most participation will win a FREE PIZZA PARTY! Congratulations to Mrs. Brandt's class who won the pizza party last month.



## Student Council News

The Student Council is sponsoring a Holiday Canned Food Drive for the Salvation Army. We will be collecting canned and boxed food items from November 2-17. Thank you for your support.

Here are the names of the elected class representatives for Student Council:

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Ryan Griffin, Courtney Guynn, Elaina Brooks, Dakota Hollman, Christina Brooks, Lillian Johnson, Chase Condon, Jasmine Reyes, Christie Dickman, Eric Judge, Bianca Haire and Matthew Margarone

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Armin Bajric, James Maldonado, Lily Lapujade, Faith Poelker, Ashley Frahn, Curt Leavens, Bryce Ciaravino, Julia Winthrow, Brendan Blackwell, Claire Kemp, Jacob Wyman, Ashley Thomas, Ryan McFadden and Jonelle Lewis

*~Marilyn Taylor—Student Council Sponsor*

## Room Representatives

Thank you to all the Room Representatives for the tremendous effort with organizing and assembling the classroom themed baskets for the Fall Festival. **The baskets were absolutely EXTRAORDINARY!!!** Our children's classrooms will benefit greatly from all your efforts. Year to year, I am truly amazed at the resourcefulness and creativity of MBES Room Reps. Thanks again for doing such an awesome job!!!!

Soon, you will be busy organizing your classroom celebration for the Winter Holidays. Please remember that all funding for these parties are optional, and you cannot request a certain amount. Have fun and be creative! The kids love this time of year, and it brings them such enjoyment!

Please don't hesitate to call or email one of us if there is anything we can do to help you. Our school is so fortunate to have such terrific parents working with our teachers to plan such fun and exciting things for our children! Thanks for all you do!

Room Representative Committee Co-Chairpersons:  
Anece Hughes                      Kim Dickman  
724-3164                              725-9404  
[Anece@verizon.net](mailto:Anece@verizon.net)              [markld55@yahoo.com](mailto:markld55@yahoo.com)

## Adopt-A-Class Update

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

**Jonelle Daniele / R & D Masonry**  
**Living Water Pool Service / John Hidebrandt**  
**Dan & Liz Kennedy**  
**JMAC Kids**  
**AJ's Beds & Furniture**

**Superior Bank**  
**Mayor & Mrs. Andy Steingold**  
**Charles Brooks**  
**Robert & Lisa Gould**

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.

Mrs. Browning – Speech  
Mrs. Dennis – Speech  
Disadvantaged Students Fund  
Mrs. Jordan – PreK  
Mrs. Leavens – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Muench – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Polgar – Media Center  
Mrs. Beardsley – VE Resource  
Mrs. Unger – Kdg

Mrs. Caughell – Kdg  
Mrs. Detraz – ESOL  
Mrs. Frederick – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Lauby – Autistic  
Mrs. Melendez – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Nature Club Greenhouse  
Bus Driver Appreciation  
Marilyn Taylor – Guidance  
Mrs. Vorbeck – LSP

Mrs. Chemnitz – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Dillon – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
School Clinic  
Plant Operations  
Cafeteria  
Mrs. Pisoni – ESOL  
Mrs. Schuler – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Marvelous Manatees  
Ms. Whittaker - PreK

## Fall Festival Pictures

If you have any pictures taken at the Fall Festival and would like them considered for the "Fall Festival" page in the yearbook, please copy them to a CD and leave in the front office clearly marked for yearbook and with "Fall Festival" written on it. You may also copy them from your camera card in the media center, if that is easier. Directions are posted on a sheet next to the computer. Thank you!





## **C2C - Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Self-Motivation**

Most parents (and educators) would say these are important qualities for children to display. McMullen Booth Elementary's Commitment to Character program discusses and educates students about these qualities and how to use them to become good citizens. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these qualities by using the same concepts at home.

The Commitment to Character program is designed around a common vocabulary that helps drive home the key concepts with repetition and generalization. The four key concepts of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Self-Motivation clearly describe the elements necessary for all of us to get along in a social situation, no matter what the religious, ethnic or racial background.

But what about the role of parents in encouraging their children to have commitment to character? When parents use the same language and concepts at home, it can help students learn how to know what behavior is right or wrong by asking themselves: Is this behavior responsible? Honest? Respectful? Well-Motivated?

**Respect** means treating everyone and everything as valuable and not to be used for selfish purposes. Respect includes the character traits of kindness, empathy, sympathy and trust.

**Responsibility** means accepting that you control your own behavior and act in the best interest of all those involved. Responsibility includes character traits such as leadership, dependability, integrity and diligence.

**Honesty** means acting toward oneself and others according to what is true. Honesty includes the character traits of truthfulness, trustworthiness, integrity, honor and fairness.

**Self-Motivation** means having the drive to achieve one's best in practical goals and ideals. Self-Motivation includes the character traits of initiative, independence, discipline, courage and dedication.

## **Recycling Ranger Update**

Thanks to our fifth grade students and teachers for being our MBES Recycling Rangers. Our teachers and students now recycle plastic twist off bottles, cans, and mixed paper in their own classrooms! Rangers pick it up each Wednesday and drop it off in our large bins by the Union Street Car Circle. We welcome your recycling from home as well. We placed the recycling bins in a convenient location for your access. You may drop it off as you drive by anytime! Thanks for supporting recycling and it helps our school earn money too!

## **Gardening Work Days**

We need your help to maintain our beautiful gardens. We need both butterfly gardens cleaned up and some work done in the outdoor classroom. Please email: [steakleyn@pcsb.org](mailto:steakleyn@pcsb.org) if you can volunteer to garden. We do have some scheduled gardening times, but you are welcome to work when your schedule permits. Thanks for supporting gardening here at MBES.



## **Counselor's Corner**

As parents, do you ever wonder if your child really appreciates all that you do for him or her? Perhaps this poem will ease your mind a bit, because even though our children sometimes don't say anything, they are always watching.

### **When You Thought I Wasn't Looking**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake just for me, and I knew little things are special things.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometime things hurt, but it's all right to cry.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

*Author Unknown*



# GOOD MORNING!

# McMullen's Cafe

### Week of 11/9-11/13

**Mon 11/9** Poptart  
Cereal  
Grits

**Tues 11/10** Max Stick  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

**Wed 11/11** Breakfast Pizza  
Cereal  
Grits

**Thurs 11/12** Chicken & Biscuit  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

**Fri 11/13** Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Grits

### Week of 11/16-11/20

**Mon 11/16** Cutie Pie  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

**Tues 11/17** Egg Patty/Sausage  
Cereal  
Grits

**Wed 11/18** Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

**Thurs 11/19** Waffle Stick  
Cereal  
Grits

**Fri 11/20** Yogurt  
Cereal  
Sausage Biscuit

### Week of 11/9-11/13

**Mon 11/9** #1 Beef Nuggets  
#2 Lasagna Roll-up  
#3 None  
#4 Chef's Salad  
#5 Turkey Sandwich

**Tue 11/10** #1 Hot Turkey Sandwich  
#2 Pork Choppette  
#3 Veggie Burger  
#4 Veggie Dip Salad  
#5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**Wed 11/11** #1 Cheese Burger  
#2 Hamburger  
#3 Bean Burrito  
#4 Chicken BLT Salad  
#5 Tuna Salad Sandwich

**Thur 11/12** #1 Breakfast for Lunch  
#2 Chalupa  
#3 None  
#4 Farmer's Salad  
#5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich

**Fri 11/13** #1 Pepperoni Pizza  
#2 **Fish Sandwich**  
#3 **Cheese Pizza**  
#4 **Mandarin Chicken Salad**  
#5 **PB & J Sandwich**

### Week of 11/16-11/20

**Mon 11/16** #1 Chicken Nuggets  
#2 Pasta w/Marinara Sauce  
#3 None  
#4 Chef's Salad  
#5 Turkey Sandwich

**Tue 11/17** #1 Meatball Sub  
#2 Corn Dog  
#3 Hummus Salad Plate  
#4  
#5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich

**Wed 11/18** #1 Turkey & Dressing  
#2 Grilled Cheese  
#3 None  
#4 Farmer's Salad  
#5 Egg Salad Sandwich

**Thur 11/19** #1 Sloppy Joe  
#2 Max Stick  
#3 None  
#4 Chicken BLT Salad  
#5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich

**Fri 11/20** #1 Pepperoni Pizza  
#2 Fish Sticks  
#3 Cheese Pizza  
#4 Veggie Dip Salad  
#5 PB&J Sandwich

### 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](http://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.

## \*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*

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