



*“Together, We Are Better”*

# THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter  
November 16th, 2007



**Kathy Wickett, Principal**

**Sherry Aemisegger, Asst. Principal**

## Principal's Corner

Happy Turkey Day to all!! We all have so much to be thankful for. I hope you all have an opportunity to count these blessings during this next week. Be sure to take some time to relax and enjoy time with your family.



I want to thank our Family and Community Involvement Liaison, **Barbara Hajko**, for doing an outstanding job coordinating the **Great American Teach In**. She had a dedicated group of volunteers who helped make this a very successful and enjoyable day.

Make sure you mark your calendars for the Musical Program on **November 29 at 7:00pm**. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will give a performance you will not want to miss.

Congratulations to **Connie Glasgow** and **Suzanne Battista** who have both received their National Board Certification! We are so proud of your accomplishment.

We had many of our students participate in the Storytelling Night at Pinellas Park High School this year. They all did an excellent job and we will look forward to hearing some of these stories during Reading Under the Stars in January.

Have a wonderful and restful holiday.

~ Kathy Wickett, Principal



## Holiday Canned Food Drive



The Student Council will be collecting canned and box food items for the Salvation Army's annual food drive to help needy families in our community. We will be collecting the food items from November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please help us with this project by sending in your donations. Thank you for your support.

## 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 Partners in Education!**

**Ted Williamson / Rotary Club of Safety Harbor**

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**

**Connie Glasgow – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
**Cynthia Dennis – Speech Clinic**  
**Stacey Peters – Behavior Specialist**  
**Plant Operations**

**Donna Unger – Kindergarten**  
**Linda McKeithen – Occupational Therapy**  
**Jessica Rivers – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Penny Taub – VE Resource**



## PTA Reflections Contest

Please refer to the separate flyer that explains the contest. Entry packets are available on the website: [www.floridapta.org/Reflections](http://www.floridapta.org/Reflections) If you have any questions please contact **Kathy Davidson**, [cropngator@yahoo.com](mailto:cropngator@yahoo.com) or **Sandra Brooks**, [sasbrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:sasbrooks@hotmail.com). The deadline for Reflections entries is **December 7<sup>th</sup> by 1:30 pm**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

This newsletter is posted online in addition to the school menus.



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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.

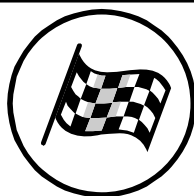
\*Yoga For Kids, ages 7-11, Wednesdays, 4:00-4:45 pm, \$45 for 4 week session, Morton Plant Mease Village in Palm Harbor, for more information call 786-7951.

\*Flag Football/Lacrosse/Soccer – i9 Sports Registration for boys and girls. For more info visit their website at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or contact Maureen or Jennifer at (813)982-9583

\*The Royal Academy of Fine Arts presents "THE NUTCRACKER", co-sponsored by City of Clearwater. December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. @ Palm Harbor University High School. Tickets are available now \$16-\$24 by calling (727) 942-7391. Dancers include students from McMullen Booth Elementary and surrounding schools as well as dancers from the Sarasota Professional Ballet.

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

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS



### RACE INTO ACTION ...VOLUNTEER!!

What a wonderful success our **Great American Teach In** was on Wednesday! We had a total of 130 guests who gave 296 presentations on a variety of interesting topics. The students and staff greatly enjoyed the time our speakers shared with us. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who helped make this day possible. I am so grateful to all of you! We are so very fortunate at McMullen Booth to always have the support of our volunteers and community. Without you none of these special events would be possible.

As the season of Thanksgiving draws near, please know how much we appreciate all you do for our students and our school. Your willingness to share your time and talents is a blessing we appreciate each and every day, not just at Thanksgiving. We wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!

**Barbara Hajko,**  
Family & Community Liaison

## Do You? Google™

Did you know that our school calendar is a Google Calendar? What does this mean to you? This means if you have or you create a Google Account, you can add the important school events to your personal calendar which can also be synchronized with your PDA, cellular phone or Outlook.

To find out more about this exciting technology, go to <http://www.google.com/support/calendar/?hl=en> and search the help section.

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Congratulations to **Chandi Atherholt** from Mrs. Frahn's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. She represented our school in the county's "Meet the Author" Teleconference featuring children's author **Gennifer Choldenko**. She received an autographed copy of one of her books and was able to ask her winning question to the author during the live show on Channel 14. Forty students from Pinellas County schools attended the "Meet the Author" program on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** at the county administration building.

Congratulations to **Cameron Frahn** in Mrs. Frazier's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. His video production from last year titled "Kayaking" won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the state level competition. All state winners from Pinellas County were invited to meet and greet the school board members on Tuesday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>** during the regular school board meeting. He received a special medallion from the county.

Do you have a famous sports star in your family? Would you like to surprise them with a special recognition? If so, just email Mrs. Polgar at [polgarl@pcsb.org](mailto:polgarl@pcsb.org) and our sports reporter on the McMullen Booth Morning Show will announce it during the broadcast. Write it out exactly as you wish it to be read. J

Pinellas County School's Annual Storytelling Festival took place at Pinellas Park High School on **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Many of our manatees participated.

## Way to go!



## Commitment To Character

Our November Character Word of the Month is *Citizenship*.

The following students have been recognized for showing exceptional C2C behavior so far this year:

**Kdg** – Mark Farid, Ali Grutchfield, Zamarya Collins, William Asaka, Eric Cahenzli, Andrew Kobani, Danielle Teifer, Matthew Peak, Sarah Walker, Savannah Fuller, Shane McIntosh, Gabriella Fonseca, Kristen Clark, Alyssa Wirgau, Lindsay Bautz and Griffin Ambler

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – Ocyrus Erickson, Brielle McShan, Alexandra Meli, Jeffrey Yu, Amy Kemerer, Joshua Reese, Thomas O'Donnell, Max Berman, Kathleen Ball, Trevon Pettiford, Garrett Novosad, Sarah Barlow, Christina Cianciolo, Noah Singer, Alek Lupo, Quincy Brown, Carly Bredal, Omar Cruz, Charnyce Ries, Dylan Young-Ligori, Zach Riegel, Dominic Suhoza, La'Stacias Carr, A.J. Rommel, Connor Vonhof, William Royal and Kaytlyn Walsh

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Shaimya Baldwin, Vincent Houllis, Bradley Burgess, Hannah Schultz, Emily Long, Tanner Baker, Troy Dyer, Hunter Forster, Christina Brooks, Jasmine Reyes, Shannon Keelin, Logan Lewis, John Choo Chew, Jared Klein, Ethan Curseay, Ian Sowell, Christie Dickman, Juliana Fonseca and Marcus Lockett

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Cesy Echevarria, Brittany Hilton, Savannah Long, Harrison Siegel, Alice Gannaway, Kayla Shipley, Dane Dorian, Nick Sellas, Olivia Landgraf, Ashley Thomas, Kiersten Maricle, Jack Singer and Seth Settle

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Nicholas LaCognata, Lindsay Gonska, Chad Dickman, Maria Lee, Niya Brown, Dmytro Lytvyn, Angelica Martinez, Rachel Weingarten, Steven Annas, Tara Myers, Jacob Gracie, Tatijana Simmons, Iana Demeulenaere, Willy Deng and Keaton Tiwary

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Austin Cheeley, Bejadin Redzepi, Mia Radovanovic, Blake McDonald, Stephanie Uden, Jonathan Stryker, Adrian Sela, Joey Poelker, Chandi Atherholt, Julian Sandoval, Sydnee Samuels, Szukia Bailey, Ilira Caboku, Courtney Holzwarth, Tori Hass-Mitchell, Conner Caprio, Amelia Goldstein, Melissa Marchica and Michael Weigley



## Dynamic Dads Update

Dynamic Dads are off to a strong start!

Close to 200 parents and kids attended the "Healthy Start Breakfast" on September 28th - a new school record. Thanks to all of the dads who helped, and to everyone who was there, I promise you this: next year, more tables and more food! Check out the photos:

<http://gallery.mac.com/vincentguerrera/100003>

Next we set another record, as nearly three dozen parents and children filled the Media Center for our first Game Night of the year. The tables were hopping with games like Pirates Cove, Ingenious, Carcassonne, Formula De', Ticket to Ride, and more. Check it out at:

<http://gallery.mac.com/vincentguerrera/100017>

Look for another Game Night in December.

And now...a Special Announcement! Plans are already being made for the biggest and best Valentine's Day Dance in MBES Dynamic Dads History! Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, February 10th, 2008.**

Vince Guerrero  
Dynamic Dads Chair



## 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



## Important Reminder

Please be sure ALL of your volunteer service hours are logged into the volunteer computer.

This includes at-home tasks, phone calls regarding school business, shopping for class activities, PTA & SAC meetings and activities on campus after school hours such as Nature Club etc. Our school hours will be submitted to the county soon and we need to get credit for all that our wonderful volunteers do!



**GOOD MORNING!**

**McMullen's Cafe**



Week of 11/26 - 11/30

- 11/26 Omelet  
Cereal  
Poptart
- 11/27 Breakfast on a Stick  
Cereal  
Grits
- 11/28 Breakfast Pizza Pocket  
Cereal  
Oatmeal
- 11/29 Chicken on a Biscuit  
Cereal  
Grits
- 11/30 Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal

Week of 12/3 - 12/7

- 12/3 Honey Bun  
Cereal  
Oatmeal
- 12/4 Ham & Egg on Muffin  
Cereal  
Grits
- 12/5 Cheese Grits & Sausage  
Cereal  
Oatmeal
- 12/6 Pancakes  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar
- 12/7 French Toast  
Cereal  
Grits

Week of 11/26 - 11/30

- 11/26
  - #1 Popcorn Chicken
  - #2 Baked Potato w/ Cheese
  - #3 None
  - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
  - #5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- 11/27
  - #1 Tacos
  - #2 Maxstick w/ Sauce
  - #3 None
  - #4 Chicken BLT Salad
  - #5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- 11/28
  - #1 Corn Dog
  - #2 Chili Cheese Wrap
  - #3 Ravioli & Cheese
  - #4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
  - #5 Turkey Sandwich
- 11/29
  - #1 Breakfast for Lunch
  - #2 Rib-B-Que
  - #3 None
  - #4 Farmer's Salad
  - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 11/30
  - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
  - #2 Fish
  - #3 Cheese Pizza
  - #4 Shrimp Salad
  - #5 P B & J Sandwich

Week of 12/3 - 12/7

- 12/3
  - #1 Chicken Patty on Bun
  - #2 Beef Dippers
  - #3 Yogurt Parfait
  - #4 Chicken Caesar Salad
  - #5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- 12/4
  - #1 Breaded Shrimp
  - #2 Grilled Cheese
  - #3 None
  - #4 Chicken BLT Salad
  - #5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- 12/5
  - #1 Hamburger
  - #2 Hot Turkey Sandwich
  - #3 Veggie Burger
  - #4 Mandarin Chicken Salad
  - #5 Turkey Sandwich
- 12/6
  - #1 Baked Chicken
  - #2 Spaghetti
  - #3 None
  - #4 Farmer's Salad
  - #5 Salami & Cheese Sandwich
- 12/7
  - #1 Pepperoni Pizza
  - #2 Fish
  - #3 Cheese Pizza
  - #4 Shrimp Salad
  - #5 P B & J Sandwich

**NOV-JAN Dates To Remember**

- Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
- Nov. 26 – Dec. 13 Canned Food Drive
- Nov. 29 Market Day Pickup, 2-3:30 pm, Cafeteria
- Nov. 29 PTA General Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Presentation, 7 pm
- Nov. 30 Report Cards Distributed for grades 1 – 5
- Dec. 7 Reflections Entry Deadline, 1:30 pm
- Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 Winter Holidays – No School
- Jan. 7, 2008 Classes Resume



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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**All Menus Subject to Change**



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