

CHRISTA McAULIFFE MESSENGER

September 2010

Character Counts!

The month of September kicks off a focus on the pillars of RESPONSIBILITY. Remember, the development of character is a process. You are building character a day at a time and often the path is two steps forward and one back. The ongoing efforts you make will be rewarded as your child becomes a person of good character!

IDEAS FOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY AT HOME

One of the most important challenges parents face is to help our children develop strong characters based on good values. Here are a few simple ideas to start with:

1. Use the word *responsibility* as you do each activity page with your child. This way your child will become familiar with the concept and will absorb the word into his or her vocabulary. Talk often about being responsible, using examples from your own life and the news.
2. Tell your child that you want him or her to be responsible. You expect it. Reward responsible behavior and discourage irresponsible behavior with fair, consistent consequences. If you notice your child, yourself, or others acting responsibly or irresponsibly, point this out to your child. Talk about who's being responsible. Talk about the consequences of the behavior, both good and bad.
3. Be careful and conscious about setting a good example of being responsible in everything you do and say. What you do and don't do sends a message to your child.
4. Give your child the opportunity to act responsibly. Set goals for responsible behavior at home – take care of toys, show self-control when angry, and so on. Help your child take responsibility for one or two chores. Make a simple job chart and let your child mark it each time he or she completes the chores.

PTO NEWS

Reminder – Hot Lunch order forms were due on Wednesday, September 1st – No late orders will be accepted, no exceptions. Volunteers are always needed, if interested contact Jennifer Thomas at 429-4742 or Jennifer Drucker at 614-6724.

Also, Entertainment books and ordering information will be sent home with the students on Thursday, September 2nd. The books will be on sale until September 24th. Watch for this information.

Reminder!

As mentioned in our Open House letter, we are asking for your help. The new fad, Silly Bandz, presents a danger to our students. We have learned that, on occasion, children have twisted them, cutting off the circulation in their arm, and have even put them around their neck. These bands also present a distraction from learning. Please do not allow your child(ren) to wear or bring them to school. They will be taken away.

Also, school will be closed on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.

Picture Day

Practice your smile! School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 22nd. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Nurse's Note

Students new to the district or in Kindergarten must have their physical form completed and returned to the school nurse. The State of Illinois requires physicals to be on file with the school by October 15th or the student can be excluded from school. To avoid exclusion please turn in the form by that time. Also, just a reminder to Kindergarten parents the State of Illinois now requires a vision examination. Please turn in the form as soon as possible. Also, dental forms for current kindergarten students are due May 1, 2011. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mrs. Richardson at 429-4565.

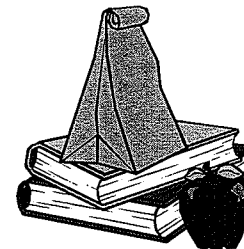
Arrival and Dismissal

Children should arrive at school between 7:40 and 7:50 a.m. If your student arrives at 7:55 or later, they are tardy and need to be brought into the office and signed in. Please remember to send a written note to school if your child is being dismissed early or taking a different means of transportation home. Older students must meet younger ones outside of the building. Please have your children decide on a place to meet near the younger child's exit. Thank you for your cooperation.



Christa McAuliffe School

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			1 Hot Lunch Orders Due	2 PTO meeting @ 9:30 Market Day pick-up 2:45 - 3:45	3 Thaddeus Rex assembly	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Hot Lunch	17	18
19	20	21 Fire Prevention assembly	22 School Pictures	23 START Day 12:30 Dismissal	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Hot Lunch Market Day pick-up 2:45 - 3:45 Bd of Ed mtg 7 @ Ad Ctr		
<p>--- BOOK FAIR ---</p>						

McAuliffe PTO

Newsletter – Sept. 2010

“Together We Can”

Welcome Back!

The McAuliffe PTO would like to thank all the parents and students who came to Open House night. It was a successful and productive evening. PTO is a very important part of McAuliffe School. Every year we conduct a few fundraisers to help achieve our goals. We also have many exciting events that go on during the school year and we look forward to your help!

If you'd like to donate to the PTO Membership fund, please send in \$5.00 and you will receive a calendar fridge magnet. This money goes toward many of our wonderful PTO sponsored events during the school year.

On Sports Day in June, our students officially named our park along with a student council ceremony. The new name is CHALLENGER PARK. The PTO donated a sign over the summer with our new name. Also, this fall the park will be getting some new trees.

Keep clipping Box Tops and Campbell's Labels! Our school earns \$\$\$!

We are excited about the new school year and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact a PTO member.

To keep up to date on important school and PTO information, check out www.ksd140.org

PTO Board – 2009-2010

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Information you need to know!

Important Dates to remember:

Entertainment Book Fundraiser – Lots of great money saving coupons for the whole family. More information is coming home soon.



Hot Lunch Forms – Hot lunch order forms are due Sept. 1st. Please turn in your order on time as we cannot accept late orders. Please put your phone # on all Checks.

September Assembly – Sept. 3rd - Thaddeus Rex!

Yearbook Order Forms: The yearbook order form is in your parent packet you received on Open House night. Please send it in a separate envelope with cash or check made out to MCAULIFFE PTO addressed to the "yearbook committee" with your child's name and room number. Please put **phone number** on your check.

Market Day News: The next pick up date is Sept. 2nd at 2:45pm. Please look for flyers that come home with your child or you can order on line at marketday.com Market Day is offered once a month. There is a large variety or great foods for everyone. Give it a try!

Chili's Restaurant Kick-Back for the month of Sept. Go to Chili's and eat there, present your voucher from McAuliffe and the school will receive a "kick-back". Contact Amy Kwiat, PTO for more info.

Marcus Theater Tickets will be on sale soon. This will start early in Oct. Please look for more information coming home. Movie Tickets make great gifts!

We have plenty of things for you to get involved in! Volunteering can really make a difference! If you'd like to get involved and sign up for a committee, please contact Emily Moser for more information.

Next PTO Meeting – Sept 2nd. - 9:15am – all are welcome to attend.