

Christa McAuliffe Messenger

December 2011

PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF BEFORE 7:40 A.M.

“Together We Can”

Once again our McAuliffe families will be demonstrating our “Together We Can” motto. Our students will become Santa’s elves by collecting hats, scarves, mittens, and food for our community. Students will watch our tree become decorated with their generosity and know that they have made a difference. The food items will be donated to our local food pantry. The Tinley Park food pantry welcomes all donations of non-perishable prepackaged items. Some items that the food pantry is in need of are:

Boxed Cereal

Cake Mixes

Boxed Potatoes

Hamburger Helper

Boxed Pasta

Toilet Paper

All donations need to be brought to school by Friday, December 16th.

Nurse’s Note

During the busy month of December, we need to remember the importance of good sleeping habits, healthy eating habits, and frequent hand washing. We need to give our bodies all the ammunition we can to fight off the cold and flu germs that seem abundant in the cold weather. Stay healthy and enjoy the holiday season! As always, please remember to keep your child home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, and feel free to call Mrs. Lois Murphy with any questions.

REMINDER!!!

Friday, December, 23rd is a Half Day, dismissal is at 11:10 am.

Winter Break – Dec. 26th – Jan. 6th
Classes Resume on Monday, Jan. 9th

The McAuliffe Staff wishes each and every one of you and yours a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

As we enter the second quarter of our school year, we recommend that all parents review with their child our Rights and Responsibilities that were given to you at the beginning of the school year. You can find this information on our website in the virtual backpack.

Cancer/Diabetes Fundraiser

The Cancer/Diabetes “Volley For The Cure” held on November 10th was a huge success. We raised \$545.60 for cancer and \$123 for diabetes. A BIG “**Thank You**” goes out to all who participated and to all those who made a contribution.

School Closings

The district will use the automatic phone calling system (Xpedite) to notify you of any school closings. When you receive the call, after you say hello, there will be a short pause and then the message will begin. You can also check for any closings@ www.emergencyclosings.com.

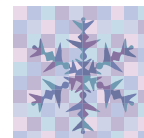
Brrrrr...It’s Getting Cold!

Please dress your children appropriately for the weather. Warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots may be necessary as winter approaches. The children will be going out for recess when the wind chill is 25 degrees or above. Also, please label all winter clothing.

P.T.O. News

Mark your calendars! Santa’s Secret Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring the family out for a day of fun and shopping. There will be pictures with Santa, raffles, balloon artists, face painting, shopping for the kids, and fun with Santa’s elves. The P.T.O. would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and wonderful New Year.

Please check McAuliffe School’s Virtual Backpack for a variety of information and community flyers. You can access the backpack by going to ksd140.org, click on McAuliffe, and then click on the Virtual Backpack at the bottom of the page.



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News and Happenings
November/December 2011**

Volunteers Needed

The P.T.O. is in need of chair people for next year. Chair people are needed for Volley for a Cure Night, and Entertainment Books. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact a board member.

Fundraisers

Coat Drive: This was a huge success. There were 83 coats donated to Together We Cope.

Market Day Pies: We received orders for 157 pies. Remember that the pick-up day is Monday, November 21 from 1pm to 3pm in the McAuliffe Commons.

Yankee Candles: As a first time fundraiser, this was a great success. We received 75 orders.

Marcus Theater Tickets: Order forms for the Marcus Theater tickets have been sent home. These make great stocking Stuffers! Orders are due by Tuesday, November 15th.

Thank you to all who have participated in the fundraisers. All of the money raised is used to fund assemblies, programs, and things for the students.

Happenings

On Tuesday, November 15th the P.T.O. is sponsoring an assembly for the students. Caldecott-Winning author Eric Rohmann will be visiting to celebrate Book Week.

Family Reading Night will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 5:45 until 7:45.

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All students that ordered hot lunch for the first half of the school year will receive a Free Hot Dog lunch on December 15th.

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