

Christa McAuliffe Messenger

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

FEBRUARY NEWS

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year. We are beginning a new semester! This gives us an opportunity for a fresh start, to change some habits that aren't working and develop better habits that will impact our learning. It is important for our students to realize that: Education and learning are important to each of us; we continue to learn throughout our lifetime—this is what life is all about; the McAuliffe community is a learning community. As our entryway states: "Through these doors walk the best students in the world." A family discussion on what it takes to be a great student would be helpful. Our teachers will also be talking about being great students and about the McAuliffe Rights and Responsibilities that you and your child signed at the beginning of this school year. It is a good idea to review these with your child. You can find a copy of our Rights and Responsibilities in our Virtual Backpack on the McAuliffe webpage, or ask your child's teacher to send one home. Also, please remember to have your child read each day!

A huge "Thank You" goes out to the McAuliffe community. We received letters from the Tinley Park Food Pantry and from the Pediatric Oncology Center with thanks for the food items and toys that were donated. Your generosity touched the lives of many people over the holiday season.

NURSE'S NOTE

All children in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades are required to have a dental examination. If your child is currently in Kindergarten or 2nd grade and you have not yet turned in a Dental Examination form, please do so as soon as possible. A licensed dentist must perform the exam and he/she must sign the form. Poor oral health can negatively impact learning and self-esteem. Children are often unable to verbalize oral pain until it is late in the tooth decay process. Parents should make every effort to obtain a dental exam for their child. Please consult the school nurse for information about dental exams offered through Orland Township at a reduced fee.

All health information can be found on the district website at www.ksd140.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mrs. Lois Murphy at 708-429-4565.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The number of students arriving late for school is increasing. Being on time for school is important for our students, less stress allows them to have a productive day. Arrival is a time for students to organize themselves for the day. **The McAuliffe staff comes in at 7:55 am. If your child arrives after that time you will need to come into school to sign them in.** Being prompt is a wonderful habit to develop as a life skill.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT 140 will conduct Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-13 school year on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at the elementary school building the child is scheduled to attend. Registration hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are unsure of which school, or need additional information, please call the Administration Building at (708) 532-6462. To attend school in the Fall of 2012, children must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2012. At the time of registration, parents must provide 3 proofs of residency (3 current utility bills). Parents must also present a birth certificate with the county seal affixed. It is also necessary to bring the following important information: parent phone numbers, work numbers and emergency contacts phone numbers. For children born in Cook County, birth certificates may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office, 16501 S. Kedzie Ave., Markham, IL 60426 (708) 210-4150; or Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Record Division, 118 N. Clark, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 603-7799.

You can download the updated Kindergarten registration forms, for the 2012-2013 school year, from the district website **after March 15th**.

P.T.O. NEWS

McAuliffe earned a total of 8188 Box Tops! Room 2-3 was the winning class with a total of 790. Way to go! The next turn in date will be Friday, April 27th. **CiCi's Pizza Kick-Back night**, Jan.31st 4pm-9pm. **Five Below Kick-Back**, Feb. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. **Dr. Seuss Night** Weds. Feb. 29th 5:45-7:45 pm. Remember to get your Market Day order in by Monday, January 30th. The pick-up will be on Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 2:45 until 3:45.

We are in need of a chair person for The Cancer/Diabetes event and Dr. Seuss night. Please contact a P.T.O. member if you are interested. We have a lot of fun things coming up that you don't want to miss out on!