

Christa McAuliffe Messenger

October 2009

REMEMBER SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:00 – Students should be in the classroom at this time. If arriving at 8:00 or after, you need to sign your student in at the office.

Safety First!

The first few weeks of school have gone well. Both students and staff are energized and eager to learn. The safety of our children **must** come first! Please review the **new** entrance/exit procedures contained in the McAuliffe Parent/Student Information Guide that you received in your packet on Parent Info. Day. Please require that your child walk only at crosswalks and with crossing guards. Everyone who drops off or picks up a student must be familiar with our arrival and dismissal procedures. We ask that you inform grandparents, aunts, friends, or anyone you designate to transport your child of these procedures. Also, **please do not bring pets up to the school;** there are students who can be frightened by them.

Student Council News

Our Student Council will be getting underway during the month of October. One of their first projects will be a charitable fundraiser for both cancer and childhood diabetes. Our Cancer/Diabetes Walk will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 6 pm (rain date will be Thursday, October 29th). Our new Student Council Reps. will be sharing information with their classes and their buddy classes. We ask your support in empowering our children to help others.

Nurse's Note

With Halloween just around the corner, here is a little note regarding food allergies. The only way to prevent a reaction is to avoid contact/ingestion of the allergy causing food. Throughout the year, please discourage your child from sharing food during lunch and snack times. To read more about food allergies visit www.foodallergy.org. Please encourage your child to wash their hands before and after eating. Also, good hand washing should be taking place throughout the day. These important reminders create a safer environment for all of us. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Richardson at 708-429-4565.

When bringing in your students lunch, please do not bring in fountain drinks. We can no longer accept them in the lunch bins. This procedure needs to be followed to prevent others lunches from being ruined if the drink spills in the bin.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Character Counts is a character education program that has been and will continue to be used at McAuliffe School. This year, Character Counts will be used district-wide as a guideline for all schools to help our students maintain good character. Character Counts embodies the following Pillars of Character:

TRUSTWORTHINESS:

Tell the truth, keep your promises, and do the right thing.

RESPECT:

Treat others the way you want others to treat you.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Make good choices, do what is right, and be accountable for your behavior.

FAIRNESS:

Play by the rules, be open-minded, and treat people right.

CARING:

Be kind, helpful, and giving and value the feelings of others.

CITIZENSHIP:

Work to make your school and community a better place to live.

It is in the best interest of our students, families and community to implement and encourage good character. Character Counts is a good guide for our students to make wise choices today and in the future. You will continue to see the Six Pillars of Character throughout the year in our school as well as throughout the district. As with any program, Character Counts works best when supported in the home.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 12th. If your child missed picture day in September, you may send the money envelope on November 12th and have your child photographed. Students already photographed will be receiving their pictures soon. If you are not satisfied with your student's picture, send the entire package back on November 12th and your child's picture will be retaken.



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4	5 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30 Student Council 2:30-3:30	6 Running Club 2:30-3:45	7 4th Grade Field Trip Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30	8 Hot Lunch Running Club 2:30-3:45 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30	9 Fire Assembly	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	13 Student Council 2:30-3:00 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30	14 Birthday Books 9:15-10:30 Running Club 2:30-3:45 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:40	15 Hot Lunch Running Club 2:30-3:45 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30	16	17
18	19 Running Club 2:30-3:45 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30	20 START Day 12:35 Dismissal	21 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30	22 Hot Lunch Kind Mtg 6:30pm Bd of Ed Mtg 7pm @ Ad Ctr Running Club 2:30-3:45	23 Popcorn Day	24
25	26 3-3 and 3-4 Field Trip Student Council 2:00-3:00 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30 Handchime Club 2:30-3:30	27 3-1 and 3-2 Field Trip Cancer/Diabetes Walk @ 6pm	28 Girls BB Practice 2:30-3:30	29 Hot Lunch Market Pick-up 2:45-3:45 Rain Date Cancer/Diabetes Walk	30 Last Day of 1st quarter	31