



M McNAIR NEWS



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Dear McNair Families,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. We are thrilled that our school has made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)! This is a result of students' hard work, the support of our wonderful teachers, and your continued support of our school. We made significant gains on the Standards of Learning exams. We value your partnership in our efforts to provide your children with the best education possible. We will continue our work together to as we strive to reach new heights this school year.

McNair's hours are 8:35-3:15. On Mondays stu-

WELCOME BACK!

dents are released at 12:45. In order to keep our students safe, we ask that you sign in and obtain a visitors badge at the office upon entering the

school building and then sign out when exiting the building. I would like to take this opportunity to share our mission and vision for McNair Elementary School. This was crafted with the input of teachers and parents.

McNair's Mission

The mission of our school community is to educate, inspire, and empower all students. We do this by providing challenging and enjoyable learning experiences. Together, as educators and parents, we believe that all students will attain their goals and

discover the joy of becoming lifelong learners.

McNair's Vision

McNair's school community is united in the common purpose of educating **all** students. Together, we will walk this path of education with integrity, trust, respect, and pride. We celebrate our diversity as we grow and learn from each other.

Please come to school events, join the PTA, and volunteer in our school. Together, we can make this year better than ever!

Sincerely,

Dr. Theresa West
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 19	PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
Sept 23	Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00
Oct. 1	Back to School Night 7:00 PM
Oct. 2	Innsbrook Order Due
Oct. 12	Columbus Day NO SCHOOL
Oct. 20	PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
Oct. 30	PTA Movie Night 7:00 PM
Nov. 2-3	Teacher Work Day/ Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL
Nov. 17	PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
Nov. 25	Early Dismissal 1:15
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
Dec. 15	PTA Meeting 6:00
Dec. 23	Early Dismissal 1:15
Dec. 24-Jan.1	Winter Vacation

MCNAIR HIGHLIGHTS



School Colors — Blue and White

School Mascot — McStang, the mustang

School Motto — Run with Pride





Call the Attendance Line 703-793-4747 or send an email to mcnair.attendance@fcps.edu if your child will be absent from school.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is important to academic success. We ask that you schedule doctors appointments and vacations when school is not in session. If your child is going to be absent or tardy, we ask that you contact us by calling the attendance line at 703-793-4747. You may also send an email to mcnair.attendance@fcps.edu if your child will be absent. When you call or email, please leave your child's name, teacher's name, the date, the reason for absence or tardy, and the symptoms your child has if they are ill. Thank you!

The Attendance Line and Email are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and is monitored by the office staff. FCPS asks that students with symptoms such as rashes, watery and inflamed eyes, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea should stay home until a doctor evaluates their symptoms and determines whether or not they are contagious. The Fairfax County Department of Health recommends that children remain home fever-free for 24 hours after an illness prior to return-

ing to school. To limit the spread of illnesses, when notifying the school of your child's absence, provide specific information about your child's reason for absence. If your child is ill, please be specific as to a physician's diagnosis such as strep throat or pink eye. If your child has not seen a physician, please be specific about the symptoms your child is having such as fever, cough, sore throat, headache, diarrhea or vomiting.



Dismissal is at 12:45 on Mondays and 3:15 Tuesday – Friday!

DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

Walkers, Car Riders, and SACC students will be dismissed prior to Bus Riders. If you wish to meet your child and they are a walker, please arrange to meet your child at the flagpole. We ask that you do not meet students in the Bus Loop. If your child is a Car Rider, we ask that you follow the Kiss and Ride Loop located where buses enter the school grounds near the supervised crossing area. The Kiss and Ride area is staffed with sufficient adults to ensure your child's safety. Please

do not get out of your cars to walk students across the parking lot or drop students off at the Bus Exit for student safety. If your child is a walker, we ask that you plan a direct walking route to school with the fewest street crossings. Students should cross streets at controlled intersections and in crosswalks where available. Students who walk to and from school should be encouraged to walk with other students. Walkers should go

directly home after school and never take shortcuts. Elementary students should avoid parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people, and, if they are unable to walk home safely, they should return to the school. Please note: Students should only be crossing Thomas Jefferson Drive under the supervision of our crossing guard. Safety is our priority. Thanks for your help!



Stay home if you are sick!

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) INFORMATION

As Flu season approaches Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) continues to collaborate with the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) to monitor the H1N1 (swine flu) situation around the country and locally in Fairfax County. FCPS has a plan in place and will follow the plan if any school is affected. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person to person

through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include fever (greater than 100°F), sore throat, cough, stuffy nose, headaches and body aches, and fatigue. The best preventative measures in controlling the spread of influenza-like

illnesses is to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze and cough. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. FCHD and CDC recommend that if students or staff members get sick, they should stay home from work or school and limit

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) CONTINUED

contact with others until they are symptom free and without fever for at least 24 hours. Individuals should contact their local health provider for follow up. The FCHD is **not** recommending the use of mask in school at this time.

Additionally, frequent hand washing with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer (60% alcohol) are also effective. Avoid touching your eyes,

nose, and mouth to prevent the spread the germs.

In the event that a case of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) is linked to an FCPS school, the school system will work with the FCHD to determine if that particular school should be closed. For more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swineflu.htm>.

The FCHD is not recommending any extraordinary

cleaning of schools. Please know that the daily cleaning chemicals and procedures used in FCPS facilities are effective against viruses similar to the H1N1 virus (Swine Flu). It continues to be our goal to promote good health for students in our school system and to manage communicable diseases.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts by being a positive role model.



Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 15-20 seconds.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Do you want to receive news, school closure information or updates regarding FCPS or your child's school by email or text? FCPS offers that service through the Keep In Touch system (KIT). KIT is used to deliver school system emergency messages such as school closings due to inclement weather, attendance and

outreach messages. It is critically important that your contact information (e-mail addresses, home phone, cell phone, etc.) be kept up to date so that you do not miss out on any important messages. To register for KIT or update your child's information, please go to <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/index.htm>. While

registering you can choose up to five schools and information on specific topics of interest. This service is provided through KIT PLUS. All service can be updated on line through www.weCare@school.com, a feature of the FCPS 24-7 Learning (Blackboard).

PTA NEWS

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works with the school to sponsor events throughout the year that brings the school community together and helps raise money to provide additional instructional materials and technology in addition to what the school system provides. Some of the programs/activities the PTA

has helped fund over the years at McNair include: Field Trips, Assemblies, Book Fair, Clubs, Ice Cream Socials, etc. All of these efforts could not be done without your participation. By joining the PTA you makes a difference in the life of a child and our school. To join the PTA, please complete the mem-

bership form (found in your child's Tuesday Folder or at www.mcnairpta.org). The cost of membership is \$6.00 per person. We are looking forward to another great year at McNair! Our PTA president is Andi Burkholder.

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.FCPS.EDU/MCNAIRES/



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Back to School Night — All Grades

7:00-8:30 PM

Please join us to learn more about our school and your child's grade level curriculum. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn about the daily routines, grading policy, and to schedule parent teacher conferences. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night. Please contact your child's teacher via email, phone, or note if you have questions or concerns before Back to School Night.



SCHOOL LUNCHES — EASY WAYS TO PURCHASE

School meals are planned by registered dietitians to reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and student preferences as determined at student taste parties. Low cost, nutritious lunches are served in every school and breakfast is offered at most school. Breakfast is offered at McNair. The cost of breakfast is \$1.50 and the cost of lunch is \$2.65.

Free and reduced meals are available. Please contact the school or Food Services at 703-813-4800.

FCPS offers three ways to pay for school meals:

- **Online**—Using

www.myLunchMoney.com—

The service is easy to use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee of \$1.95 per transaction. Once the account is open, parents may check the fund account at any time from computer or phone.

- **Check**—Write a check—made out to (School Name) Food and Nutrition Services—and bring the check to the food service manager's office. A parent who wants his or her check payments to be for meals only (no à la carte items) should write it on the check or tell the manager.
- **Cash**—Cash may be brought to the food service manager's office for deposit in student accounts, or students may pay cash for breakfast and lunch on a daily basis.

Parents—Please Note...

You may ask for a printed summary of your child(ren)'s account at any time by contacting our food service manager, Dee Compton (or by signing on with myLunchMoney.com). You don't need to use the online account for this service.

We ask that you remind your child(ren) not to share their personal identification number (PIN) with friends.

If you want your child's payments to be for meals only (no à la carte items or snacks) please tell or write a note to our food service manager, Dee Compton.

Please visit the food services website for more information on food services, allergies, lunch menus, and nutritional information, etc. at www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food_at_school/.