



# McNair News

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Can you believe it – this is the last newsletter of the 2011 year. As we reflect on the first part of the school year, I am so proud of the many opportunities and activities that we offer at McNair thanks to the hard work of our wonderful staff and PTA. During the month of November you probably noticed, there were many items seemingly in disarray in our hallways, classrooms and library. Boxes of canned goods for the Food Drive, boxes of books for the book fair, Bullying prevention awareness bulletin boards in the hallways and lots of Thanksgiving celebrations. In addition, we had an amazing turnout at the McNair fun run and at our parent potluck luncheon on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The chicken and rice, casseroles, coconut pudding, and macaroni goulash dishes were delicious!

This month promises to be just as busy. Our family dinner night is scheduled for tonight at the Pei Wei. The AAP evaluation process informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 12/7 from 8:30-9:30 AM. We have our Reston Towne Center 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performance on December 20<sup>th</sup> @5:30 PM. Our winter chorus concert is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and there is so much more. Please make sure you monitor our school's website and take home Tuesday folders regularly.

Interim reports go home on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for them. Reading levels will be updated to reflect your child's current instructional level. Over the winter break, I encourage you to have your child read every night. My Skills Tutor, our math computer program, can also be accessed from home. Of course, we want you to enjoy your family time as well.

From the faculty and staff at McNair, we wish you and your family a safe and happy new year.

Sincerely,

Maria Eck  
Principal

## Other News

### **Change in Weather**

As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately and that coats, gloves, scarves and hats are marked with your child's name or initials. For articles of clothing that do not make it home, our lost and found is located in the back of the cafeteria.

### **Chess Tournaments**

The second McNair Scholastic Chess tournament last Saturday was a great success with 82 students participating. McNair took a total of seven trophies including first place in the K-3 and K-8 divisions and second place in the K-5 division. The next tournament will be held Saturday, January 21.

### **A note from our Specialists**

Please be sure to check your child's specialists' tabs on FCPS 24/7. Information about what your child is doing in Art, Music and Physical Education is available for you, including extra activities for your child while at home.

### **Winter Break**

The front office will be on a modified schedule during the winter break.

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: closed

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: closed

Tuesday, December, 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December, 29<sup>th</sup>: open 9a.m. – 3p.m.

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: Closed

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Closed

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: School Resumes

### **FROM PTA**

Thank you to Ketty Almeida for her efforts as Treasurer. Welcome to Georgina Chin, who will once again take over as Treasurer.

A special thanks to Laura Jones for a great STEM presentation. It was a very informative meeting! Thanks to all who attended.

Don't forget to re-link your grocery store cards. This simple process makes a huge difference to our school. Also remember to sign up for a Silver Diner Eat Well Do Well card. When you link your card to McNair, 5% comes back to our school for Nutrition and Fitness programs!

The PTA will be hosting a winter fundraiser in conjunction with Scrip Gift Card program. The way it works: you purchase a gift card at the face value desired, you receive the card at the value purchased, and McNair receives a percentage of the sales. It's an easy way to raise funds for our school.

### **Upcoming PTA Events:**

December 5-9 Scholastic Bookfair

December 6 PeiWei Dinner Night

January 6 Skate Night

January 27 Bingo Night

February 17 Valentine Dance

### **Action for Healthy Kids:**

Did you know that 2000 steps equals one mile? Wear a pedometer and set a daily goal. Here are some simple tips:

- Walk to school instead of driving.
- Elevator or escalator? No way! Take the stairs!
- Take a walk after dinner.
- Walk to the grocery store when you need to pick up a few items.