



McKinley Messages

A Monthly Newsletter for McKinley Elementary School
sponsored by your Parent-Teacher Club

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MCKINLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 2 Elks Hoop Shoot @ Oregon School for the Deaf –see page 8 for details
- 5-8 Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center (before & after school– see page 3 for details)
- 5 Choir Capitol Field Trip . Performance at 11:30 AM
- 8 McKinley Spirit Day: Pajama Day!
- 8 PTC Friends & Family Holiday Pajama Movie Night @ 6:30
- 9 McKinley PTC Friends & Family Day at Café Yumm! from 10 AM– 9PM
- 11 Winter Concert– (Choir, Band, Orchestra, Classrooms) South High School @ 7 PM
- 12 PTC Meeting 6:30-7:30 in the Media Center

Dec 18—Jan 1 Winter Break

January 2018!

- 2 Return to School
- 9 PTC Meeting 6:30-7:30 in the Media Center
- 15 NO School, Holiday
- 19 All School Vision Testing
- 26 NO School, Staff Development Day

McKinley Spirit Day: Pajama Day– December 8th



Be extra comfy and wear your pajamas to school on Friday, Dec 8th. Please note: no robes, no slippers and no stuffed animals. Wear appropriate shoes you can run and play outside in.

Choir @ The State Capitol



Drop by the State Capitol Building on **Tuesday December 5th** at 11:30 AM to hear the McKinley Choir perform in the Capitol Rotunda!

All-School Winter Concert: Monday, December 11



All classrooms will sing, and the band, orchestra and choir will also perform!
South Salem High School Rose Auditorium at 7 PM. (Rose Auditorium is on the North side of the school).



From the Principal....



Hello McKinley Families,

I hope you had a fabulous November! Brrr, the weather has turned chilly in the mornings. Please be aware that the doors do not open until 8:45 unless students are eating breakfast. Breakfast eaters are allowed into the cafeteria at 8:30. The rest of the students have been complaining of being cold as they stand outside and wait and I can't help but notice that some of those cold students are not wearing coats. Please help them be prepared by making sure they have adequate outerwear. We also like to get kids outside to recess as often as possible (sometimes even in the rain), and it is nice to be warm while playing. If you need any clothing assistance for your child please contact our school counselor, Megan Miranda, through the school office.

Our Make a Difference Team is coming together to take on some leadership activities in the school. Congratulations to those 4th and 5th graders who volunteered to be a part of that group!

This week the district repaired the concrete steps on our playground which were crumbling. They now have steel covers on them which have a good tread. We will also be having repair work done on the gate on the High St. side of the playground. The intent is to have that gate closed during school hours for security purposes. Some families have been using that area as a parking lot during choir or at pickup time. Please remember it is for authorized vehicles only. Finally, the light bulbs which are out on the parking lot side of the gym are being replaced soon. It was amazing how dark it was out there after daylight savings time came.

Next week is our Fall Book Fair. It will be open Tuesday-Friday for a short time before school and longer after school as well as during Movie Night on December 8th. Fourth grade parents will also have items for sale to help raise money for the overnight field trip fund. They plan to have some Christmas items and gift cards for sale. Please take time to check it out.

As always, we appreciate our families and the wonderful children you send to us each day. Have a happy December.

Michelle Nelson

Before School Drop Off



8:30—Breakfast—Students who are eating breakfast at school can enter the cafeteria

8:45— First Bell— Students can enter building

9:00—Second Bell— Students should be in their classrooms ready to start the day

With the colder and wetter weather ahead, please make sure to drop your children off as close to 8:45 as possible. It can be a long wait standing in the cold rain waiting for the school to open.

Parking Before and After School



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Parking or driving of any kind on to school grounds past the gate on the High Street is not permitted (except by district approved vehicles). Please park in the designated parking lot or along the street when dropping off students or picking up after school, choir or any other activity. Thank you for helping keep our school grounds safe.

Chapstick OK

Winter weather sometimes brings with it dry, cracked lips. It is okay for your child to bring “Chapstick” to school as long as they keep it in their backpack and use it when needed. The health room does not provide any remedies or treatments for chapped lips.



Parent Teacher Club (PTC) News

Oh What A Month of Holiday Fun.....

Catch the Spirit with one or all of the events below.

Put your Holiday Spirit to Work— Help Support McKinley in one of these fun ways.

Dec 5-8 Scholastic Book Fair (volunteers needed, call the school office to get connected)

All proceeds go towards new library books for McKinley.

Tues (Dec 5) 8:30-8:55 AM & 3:15-4:00 PM

Wed (Dec 6) 8:30-8:55 AM & 3:15-4:00 PM

Thur (Dec 7) 8:30-8:55 AM & 3:15-4:00 PM

Fri (Dec 8) 8:30-8:55 AM & 5:30-7:30 PM @ movie night

Dec 8 Friends & Family Holiday Movie Pajama Party

Wear your cozy pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

Gym Doors Open 6:00 PM —*Holiday Themed Movie TBA*

Book Fair Doors Open 5:30 PM in the Media Center

Concessions for sale, including Hot Chocolate

Holiday 4th Grade Fundraiser Sale

Dec 9 McKinley PTC Friends & Family Day at Café Yumm!

10 AM– 9PM., 2755 Commercial St . See page 5 for details

Bring out your school spirit! Eat at Café Yumm anytime on Saturday, Dec 9th. 25% of sales go to support McKinley students and classrooms. Remember, this only works if you show the flyer at the time you order.

Dec 11 RAFFLE! (At the All School Concert)

Win a handcrafted wreath or a 6” x 6” local artisan clock. Raffle tickets are \$1 for a handcrafted wreath and \$2 for the artisan clock. Proceeds go to support McKinley’s school garden and classroom field trips. Wreaths are handcrafted by McKinley students with the help of Garden club volunteers. The “Fox Forest Clock” is an original design by local artist and McKinley dad, Jude Morales. Raffle tickets will be for sale during Book Fair week and movie night. Raffle ticket sales and drawing will be at the McKinley all school concert on Monday, December 11th. (see page 6 for pictures)

Dec 12 PTC Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 12 6:30 – 7:30pm

Come join our Parent Club meeting in the Media Center and find out how you can be a part of McKinley’s great group of involved parents. Everyone is welcome. Meetings will occur the 2nd Tuesday of most months. *Free Child Care is provided!*





More Parent Teacher Club (PTC) News

PTC Fundraising Committee: PTC is still looking for parent volunteers to join the Fundraising Committee. We would love to put on a fun family event for early 2018 and could really use your talents. If you are comfortable soliciting businesses for donations for a raffle or support for an event. The McKinley community is very generous, but we are facing some financial challenges going forward. Remember - all funds raised through any PTC sanctioned activity goes directly back to your student and to the extracurricular activities that are offered. If interested or if you have ideas to share, please contact Carol Suzuki at 503-871-3428/ckosuzuki@gmail.com or another PTC Executive member.

Want to Volunteer: Please contact Lyndsie Taylor lyndsietaaylor@gmail.com or call the McKinley office at 503-399-3167 for volunteer information! A current background check needs to be on file for all volunteers and visitors.



Chipotle Fundraise Update: Thank you to all of the McKinley families, neighbors and friends who ate at Chipotle on Nov 18th. We raised close to \$250 to help with field trips, classroom supplies and other activities for McKinley.



A big THANK YOU to the PTC for coordinating the Taco Bar for the teachers and staff during conference days. So much yummy food! We appreciate your support.



Please bring this coupon with you on Saturday, Dec. 9th so that 50% of your sale will help fund McKinley PTC.

NOURISH YOUR BODY. NURTURE THE CAUSE.

SPECIAL FUND-RAISING EVENT FOR:

McKinley Elementary School

Receives 25% of Attributable Sales

WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 10am – 9pm

WHERE:

Café Yumm! Candalaria Crossing – 2755 Commercial Street SE

Visit www.cafeyumm.com/Salem for our map and menu.

Bring in a printed flyer, or show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to help ensure your purchase counts towards the fund-raising.



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YUMM! YUMM! YUMM! YUMM! YUMM! YUMM! YUMM!

Raffle Prizes!! - See details on page 3



The “Fox Forest Clock” is an original design by local artist and McKinley dad, Jude Morales.



Holiday wreaths will be made by students and will look similar to these pictured above.



Winter WEATHER

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, DISTRICT OFFICIALS WILL MAKE THE DECISION BY 5:15 A.M. THAT DAY TO CLOSE ALL OR SELECTED SCHOOLS, OR TO DELAY THE START OF SCHOOL.

If schools are closed or start times ARE delayed, all students and staff will get a recorded message to the phone number on record with the district. This message will tell you about school cancellation, delay to start times, or district closure. Calls begin going out at 6 a.m. Make sure your contact information is up to date. Families who need to update their phone number should contact their school.

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://www.salemkeizer.org/>

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If no announcement is made it's safe to assume that the district is operating as usual.

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Elks Hoop Shoot Salem Elks Lodge #336

Dear Educator,

The Salem Elks Lodge will be holding our annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest on December 2nd, 2017 At the Oregon School for the Deaf at 999 Locust St Salem OR in the Peck Gym from 10 AM to 1 PM. The Hoop Shoot is an exciting competition for youth ages 8-13 to compete starting at our local shoot with winners advancing onto our district and potentially onto our national Hoop Shoot.

We ask that you please inform your students and their parents of this opportunity to compete. This is a free contest open to all students with the Elks sponsoring our winners and their families at every level of the competition. We do ask that participants come with a parent or legal guardian as unattended minors will not be allowed to participate. Parents are required to provide proof of age at time of registration. Age groups will be determined by the students age on 4/1/2018. Students are also not required to wear athletic clothing although it is recommended. Students may also bring their own balls; however, they will be subject to inspection by Hoop Shoot Officials.

For our Hoop Shoot we will have six divisions

- Boys and Girls ages 8-9 will compete at 10 AM
- Boys and Girls ages 10-11 will compete at 11 AM
- Boys and Girls ages 12-13 will compete at 12 PM

We ask all contestants be registered 15 minutes prior to the start time of their division. Any contestants arriving after their division has finished will not be allowed to participate.

The top scoring winner from each of our six divisions will be forwarded onto our district contest in January. Should you have any question you can find more information at www.elks.org/hoopshoot or by emailing me at garry.whitson@comcast.net or calling me at 217-725-9553

Sincerely

Garry D. Whitson
Salem Elks 336 Hoop Shoot Director

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Para TODOS los niños y estudiantes de 1 a 18 años.
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December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 27, 28, 29
 2017 de diciembre



Free lunch 12 pm–1 pm
 almuerzo gratis

Free activities 12 pm–1 pm
 actividades gratis

FREE lunch, FREE books, FREE interactive crafts,
 board games, reading & much more!

*Almuerzo GRATIS, libros GRATIS,
 manualidades interactivas, juegos de
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2017-18 Calendar for Parents

The following calendar lists key dates for the Salem-Keizer School District. Please note that individual schools might have additional key dates so check with your local school.

Key Dates for 2017-18

These are the key dates for the 2017-18 school year listing no school days, district office closures and other significant dates.

Sept. 5: First day for grades 6 and 9
Sept. 6: First day for grades 1-5, 7-8, 10-12
Sept. 13: First day for all Kindergarten

Oct. 12: No school for 6 - 12 grade students
Oct. 13: No school

Nov. 3: No school for K - 5 grade students
Nov. 10: No school and district offices are closed
Nov. 20-24: No school for all students
Nov. 23-24: District offices are closed

Dec. 18-29: No school - Winter Break
Dec. 25-26: District offices are closed

Jan. 1: No school and district offices are closed
Jan. 15: No school and district offices are closed
Jan. 26: No school

Feb. 19: No school

Mar. 9: No school
Mar. 22-23: No school
Mar. 26-30: No school - Spring Break

April 27: No school

May 28: No school and district offices are closed

June 6-8: High school graduation
June 13: Last day for K - 5 grade students
June 14: Last day for 6 - 11 grade students

February 19 and June 18-20: Designated as make-up for emergency closure days called by Superintendent.

For additional calendars, please visit the district Web site at <http://www.salemkeizer.org/content/calendar>.



March 2017

September 2017					October 2017				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			

November 2017					December 2017				
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13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15
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27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29

January 2018					February 2018				
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29	30	31			26	27	28		

March 2018					April 2018				
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26	27	28	29	30	30				

May 2018					June 2018				
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7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
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