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McKenzie School Newsletter



Principal's Message

by Mr. Barrow

I would like to take the time to thank all of the wonderful students, parents, and faculty in helping make this school year a fun filled learning experience for McKenzie School. Our Golden Ticket, Wildcat Safety Patrol, Wildcat of the Month and other character education programs were a tremendous success this year as they have highlighted all of our students' positive behaviors and acts of kindness throughout the year. From our JDRF fundraiser and program to our Duct Tape Charity Challenge our school community truly has shown their kindness and big hearts. These programs' successes are a result of all the collaboration, support, and generosity of McKenzie faculty, McKenzie students, McKenzie families, and our wonderful PTA.

Once again, I appreciate all of your help, support, and involvement in making this year a very rewarding and satisfying experience for your children. Please continue to visit our website to access learning resources, updates, and our grade level summer learning packets. I wish you all a fun and safe summer!



Duct Tape Charity Challenge



Music

by Mrs. Alvarez

Music Reflections

First and foremost I would like to thank all the parents and students for an extremely satisfying musical year at McKenzie. Particularly in mind is the 3rd and 4th grade Spring Concert, The Greatest Show. Our students performed with enthusiasm, joy and passion. My hope is that all will continue to enjoy and make music for the rest of their lives. Have a restful and fun summer. See you in September!

Basic Skills Instruction

By Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Gagis



Summertime Balance for Reading & Math!

The Basic Skills Instruction Program is happy to announce that all the children have been leveled in reading by using assessment benchmarks from A-Z for Pre-K-2 and Fountas & Pinnell for 3rd & 4th. It was amazing to see how many of our students advanced to the next level and more. Watching their face light up when they continued onto the next level was rewarding for them, as well as for us. Please have your child read through the summer months since we level once again in September; this will be time well spent.

Furthermore, the BSI Math students should practice their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts using **Go Math** site www.thinkcentral.com and www.ixl.com.

After all, working in partnership with **Home, School, and Community fosters academic success!** Have a relaxing summer-*See You in September!*



Physical Education

by Mrs. Schneider & Ms. Fontana

Field Day Thank You

Teachers & Paraprofessionals for their assistance
 Helpful Custodial Staff and DPW
 All prepared students
 Never ending effort from the athletes
 Kindness, cooperation, and sportsmanship from all
 Youthful enthusiasm from 7th grade coaches
 Our PTA for shirts and water break
 Unlimited support from the spectators & administration

English as a Second Language

By Mrs. Forte & Mrs. Fallon



A Successful 2017-2018

As the school year has come to an end the boys and girls in ESL classes should feel that they have accomplished much. Besides keeping up with the work in their classes, they have made good achievement with English Language Learning. The students were all tested by the State of New Jersey with the WIDA Access 2.0. This test was computer based for the students in grades 1 – 4. The Kindergarten students were tested with a game board and through stories. The results of this test will come into the district over the summer. Parents will receive the results in the next school year.

Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. Forte wish everyone a safe and happy summer and we will see you in September!

Mrs. Iavarone & Mr. Rizi



Mrs. Iavarone's students partnered up with student mentors from Mr. Rizi's class for a reading adventure. Mr. Rizi's students read their favorite book while modeling fluency and demonstrating their excitement for reading. Mrs. Iavarone's students practiced their listening and comprehension skills. After reading, the student mentors asked comprehension questions about the book. All students used their communication and social skills to discuss the story. Continue this adventure at home by reading and talking about books with a special person over the summer!

Kindergarten

By Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Narkiewicz,
Mrs. Barone, Mrs. Ferrell



Kindergartens *ROAR* Off to First Grade!

The Kindergarteners are *roaring* off to First Grade! Even though they all have visions of vacation filled with swimming, BBQ's and ice cream please don't abandon the terrific Reading habits that were developed throughout the year. The "K" kids read hundreds of books this year-what an accomplishment! Keep looking for JUST THE RIGHT BOOK [not too hard, not too easy] to read with your child. If you go on vacation or just take a walk to the park draw a picture and write a sentence or two which will help keep their writing skills fresh. Number concepts are also important to review, especially simple addition and subtraction. Children need to relax and recharge their batteries the same as adults do, so don't forget the fun and family time! The children will be refreshed, ready to take on the challenges of First Grade. Have a wonderful summer. Be Safe and Stay Healthy!! But, before we sign off for this school year, let us all wish Mrs. Guhl, Mrs. Liloia and Mrs. Ferrell a well-deserved, spectacular retirement!

Second Grade

By Mrs. Gonzalez, Ms. Bleich
Mrs. Carti, Mr. Scelsa



The Adventures of Flat Stanley

The second graders embarked on adventures with their new friend, Flat Stanley! The students read the story, Flat Stanley, written by Jeff Brown, about a young boy who is squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. On the bright side, he discovers that his parents can now easily slip him into an envelope and mail him to new, exciting places!

Our very own Flat Stanley visited all of the students' homes and they documented his visits in a journal that was shared in the classroom. Family members and friends took him along on outings, snapped photos, and wrote wonderful stories about all of their exciting activities.

Fourth Grade

By Mrs. Feldman, Ms. DiPisa,
Ms. Crowe, Ms. Thielker

Ellis Island: Gateway to a Dream Field Trip/Social Studies Curriculum

In Social Studies, the fourth grade has been learning about the history of New Jersey all school year. In our latest unit, we have covered immigration and learned about Ellis Island. On April 26, the fourth graders at McKenzie School took a field trip to Ramapo College to see a play "Ellis Island: Gateway to a Dream". After returning from the trip, they participated in an Ellis Island simulation where the fourth grade classrooms became miniature Ellis Islands and the students experienced what it is like to be an immigrant arriving in America at Ellis Island. Students also drew posters of their own simulated immigrant journey through Ellis Island and compared and contrasted their "experience" to others in the class.



FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please be advised that the New Jersey compulsory attendance laws require that all children between the ages of six and sixteen regularly attend school. Extended vacations should be planned during a period when school is not in session.

Please remember that if your child is going to be late for school, **YOU MUST COME INTO THE OFFICE TO SIGN THEM IN.** Students **ARE NOT** to come into school late **WITHOUT AN ADULT.**

East Rutherford School District Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin on February 12, 2018. Children born by October 1, 2013 will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2018. **We will be registering students by appointment only.** You will be able to call the school at 201-531-1235 extension 4002 to set up a time to return your completed registration papers.

Parents will be able to access the forms they need to complete from the district web site (www.erboe.net), under the McKenzie School "For Families" tab, or they can pick them up at McKenzie School before February. **Registration forms may be picked up from the school by appointment only.**

Important Dates

6/21 Last day of school
Report Cards sent home

9/6 First day of school ½
day for students

9/7 ½ day for students

9/20 McKenzie School Back
to School Night ½ day for
students

