

Wildcat News

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McKenzie School

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Principal's Message

by Mr. Barrow

This year is going by quickly and I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for all of your help, support, and involvement in making it a very rewarding and satisfying experience for your children. I would like to share some of our engaging activities that took place recently:

- Celebration of Read Across America (Thank you to all guest readers)
- STEAM Trips
- Zumba Day
- Pennies for Patients Drive
- Hackensack University Traumaroo Assembly
- Kindergarten Concert
- School Spirit Week & Activities
- Light It Up Blue Day for Autism Awareness
- 100th Day of School Celebration



McKenzie School Celebrates Read Across America Day

To find out about more of our school's activities, I would like to invite you to see McKenzie School's and the East Rutherford School District's website. Our website has been designed to be a valuable source of school news, timely information, and easily found contact information for parents, students, and visitors to the site. If you have not already, please download our mobile app that accompanies our website to receive notifications, and follow us on Twitter to see all of our wonderful activities.

Enjoy your spring recess with your families.



Spanish

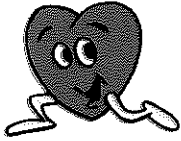
by Senora Paal

Students have been enjoying learning Spanish through songs, stories, games, and fun activities. Students are currently working on learning the weather, school items, the family, and the hobbies. All parents are encouraged to ask their children to share what they are learning in Spanish class and to practice with them at home. Thank you for your continued support!

Physical Education

by Miss Fontana & Mrs. Schneider

Healthy Heart



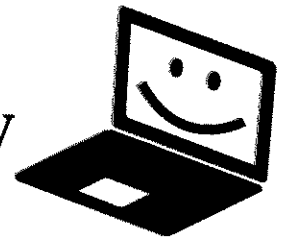
Healthy You

Aiming to Achieve!

Students have been performing a variety of activities that focus on aiming and accuracy skills. Students rotate through skill stations that include overhand and underhand throwing, bowling, Frisbee, and kicking. Students also learned about their hearts and how important it is to exercise regularly. Physical Education classes use pulse monitor bars to show the students how technology can show how hard their bodies work during different types of exercise and activity. Thank you for continuing to have your children prepared and ready for their physical education classes.

Technology

by Mr. Higgins



The next unit of study in technology is focusing on research and presentation of information using Powerpoint. Using both the Internet and print sources, the second graders are researching different states, the third graders are researching animals, and the fourth graders are exploring worldwide landmarks. Following their fact-finding, they will develop PowerPoint presentations through which they will share their information with the rest of their classmates. Their final slide, "Knowledge Check," measures how successfully each group conveys its facts to the audience.

Pre-Kindergarten

by Ms. Barongan

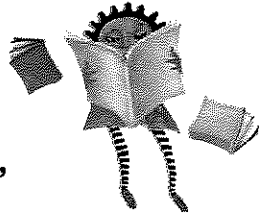


The preschoolers are celebrating spring by planting seeds. We learned what a plant needs to grow such as water, sun, air, and soil. We water our plants every day and we continue to watch them grow!

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First Grade

by Mrs. Errico, Ms. Bleich,
Mrs. Machado, Mrs. Traverso,
Miss Meli



Happy Spring! First graders are looking forward to our field trip to watch, "Dragons Love Tacos". Our March Reading Challenge was a great success! Students have been learning about plants in Science and influential women in Social Studies.

Guidance Office

by Mr. Wagner

As we enter into the final months of the school year here at McKenzie it is great to see all of the acts of kindness our students have performed! Our Kindness Wall grows every Friday as students hang their Golden Tickets for all to see.

On April 26, we will have an assembly where author Raakhee Mirchandani will be reading *Super Satya*. *Super Satya* is a story about Satya, a precocious Indian-American superhero, who is ready to save the day, even if she doesn't always know it right away!

We are so grateful for our PTA President Liz Bucci for organizing this event and creating our *Super Satya* bulletin board in the front entrance way! The bulletin will promote empathy and being a good friend just like *Super Satya*.

Mr. Wagner is available to the parents as well, to discuss any concerns. Please feel free to call him at 201-531-1235 (Ext. 4004) or email at jwagner@erboe.net.

Third Grade

by Mrs. Vecchione, Mrs. Nastro,
Mrs. TenKate



THIRD GRADERS KHAN DO IT!

Third graders have been busily working all year to complete their Khan Academy third grade mathematics missions. Half of our students, pictured above, have reached their goal! Khan Academy is a non-profit educational organization that provides free video tutorials and interactive exercises. The Academy's declared mission is "changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education to anyone anywhere." Third graders have used Khan Academy's practice math exercises, instructional videos, and personalized learning dashboard to reinforce skills that have been taught in class as well as to study new material at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. Khan Academy provides instructional materials in math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more! Good news- their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus! If you haven't already checked out Khan Academy, please do! If your children are in the third grade, please continue to encourage them to complete their third grade missions!

Important Information

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.

Important Dates

4/26/19- PTA sponsored Author Visit
4/29 – 5/2/19 Testing - 3rd Grade Math
5/1/19- PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Faust
5/6 – 5/9/19 Testing - 4th Grade ELA
5/8/19- International Night
5/13 – 5/16/19 Testing 4th Grade Math
5/16 – 5/28/19 Testing Make-Ups
5/21-5/22/19- PTA Book Fair
5/22/19- Memorial Day Assembly
5/24/19- One-Session Day
5/27/19- Memorial Day/Schools closed
5/28/19- Schools closed
5/29/19- McKenzie School Field Day
5/30/19- McKenzie School Field Day rain-date
6/3/18- Spring Concert at Becton
6/5/19- PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Faust
6/10/19- JDRF Walk
6/13/19- Pre-K Moving-Up Ceremony
6/17 & 6/18/19- One-Session days for students
6/19/19- Last Day of School/One-Session day

East Rutherford School District Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin on February 4, 2019. Children born by October 1, 2014 will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2019. **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.**

Required documents for proof of residency are: a property deed, sewer or tax bill or rental lease. You will also need 1 bill from the following list: current utility bill, current phone bill or voter registration and 1 of the following: current financial account/Bank statement, current paystub with address or current state agency document.

Other prerequisites for admission to the East Rutherford School District are a physical examination done by your doctor and proof of immunization against:

- **DPT: Any student entering Kindergarten requires a minimum of 4 doses and an additional booster given on or after the 4th birthday.**
- **Polio Oral Trivalent Vaccine: 3 doses, with one dose given on or after 4th birthday, or any 4 doses.**
- **Measles: Any child entering Kindergarten needs a minimum of 2 doses of Measles vaccine. First dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday.**
- **Rubella: 1 dose, Live Vaccine after 1 year of age.**
- **Mumps: 1 dose, Live Vaccine after 1 year of age.**
- **Haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB) vaccine (an anti-meningitis vaccine) 1 dose required after the 1st birthday.**
- **Mantoux-TB Test required if student is coming from a specific country listed on the website.**
- **Hepatitis B Vaccine Series: 3 doses are required for entrance.**
- **Varicella Vaccine: 1 dose after 1 year of age, or history of Chicken Pox disease documented by a physician.**
- **Pneumococcal: Minimum of 1 dose required after the 1st birthday.**

Vaccines are reviewed by school nurse prior to entrance into school.