



# McKenzie School Newsletter



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## 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, Kindness, and other character education programs were a tremendous success as they have highlighted all of our students' positive behaviors and acts of kindness throughout the year. Through many of our charity fundraisers and more recently our JDRF Walkathon fundraiser, 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!



JDRF Fundraiser



## Art

by Mrs. Speer

The East Rutherford Beautification Committee sponsored an Arbor Day Poster Contest for the McKenzie School 4th grade. The committee selects one poster from each 4th grade homeroom. Hugging a tree in the photo are the winners of the contest from left to right: Rebeca Coelho Ribeiro, 4-C, Sarah Valenzuela, 4-S, Shravya Kaja, 4-A, and Delila Roth-Witty, 4-A. Winners will receive a generous award from the committee for their outstanding work at the East Rutherford Mayor and Council meeting in June.



## Basic Skills Instruction

By Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Gaggis

Thinking of ways that we can connect with our children, we've come to realize that it occurs mostly during our daily conversations and activities. Therefore, reading with your child/children in the summer, will open up dialogue and will lead to countless ways of communicating. It is a means for sharing information and ideas.

What's most beneficial to any reader is reflecting back to the text, focusing on the many skills which students were exposed to throughout the year. This spontaneous sharing and extension of ideas promotes and enhances comprehension with any given text. Having the ability to communicate with your child/children and their beliefs, will foster more parental involvement and generate a more family-like community connecting home and school. Together, let's build resourceful readers in our school district!



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2018-2019



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 in late June. 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!

## Music

by Mrs. Alvarez



The Musical Champions of McKenzie School!

It has been a fulfilling year helping students find their voice through all the concerts and performances! All students gave 100% and I was particularly proud of the 4th grade End of the Year song featuring Jordan Pickett and Nicholas Zak as our rappers and special solo by Levi Lopez. The entire 4th grade was incredible and gladly supported these classmates in their special additional vocal parts. They all are talented and I hope they will continue making music throughout their lives. Everyone enjoy your summer.

## Second Grade

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



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.

## Kindergarten

By Miss. Garcia, Mrs. Narkiewicz,  
Mrs. Barone, Mrs. Cacchiola



Soaring into Summer!

As our school year came to an end we participated in many fun activities. Our field trip to The Williams Center was a success and Field Day was a lot of fun. We learned to exercise our minds and bodies.

In Science we watched the metamorphosis process. First, we had Very Hungry Caterpillars. Then, we watched the fascinating process as they changed into chrysalises. Finally, our butterflies arrived and we released them! Like our caterpillars, we have also morphed this year. Now, we are ready to soar into first grade!

## Fourth Grade

By Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Affortunato,  
Mrs. Corsale. Miss Scardino



The fourth grade students completed a persuasive writing unit on modern zoos that culminated in a world-wide live webcast with Dr. Jane Goodall. The students read her biography and compiled a series of questions that were texted during the live event. Following this unit, the fourth grade took a trip to the Bronx Zoo to see all the amazing creatures we read about in real life! From the Gorilla Forest to Jungle world, students had the chance to experience and observe the habitats of the wild animals.



## **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](http://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.**

## **Special Announcement**

### **Scholastic Visits Mrs. Narkiewicz’s Class**

Mrs. Narkiewicz’s class used *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta, illustrated by Ralph Masiello, as a high-interest informational text to help students who struggle with identifying letters. The students think the word “icky” is absolutely delightful! Watch Mrs. Narkiewicz’s book review to learn why Jerry Pallotta’s *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* is the perfect science-based resource to help students who have trouble identifying letters. Additionally, it gets the classroom buzzing with activity and exciting conversation!

Thank you to Mrs. Narkiewicz and Scholastic!

<http://www.judynewmanatscholastic.com/blog/2019/04/icky-bug-alphabet-book-review/>