Wildcat News

McKenzie Elementary School

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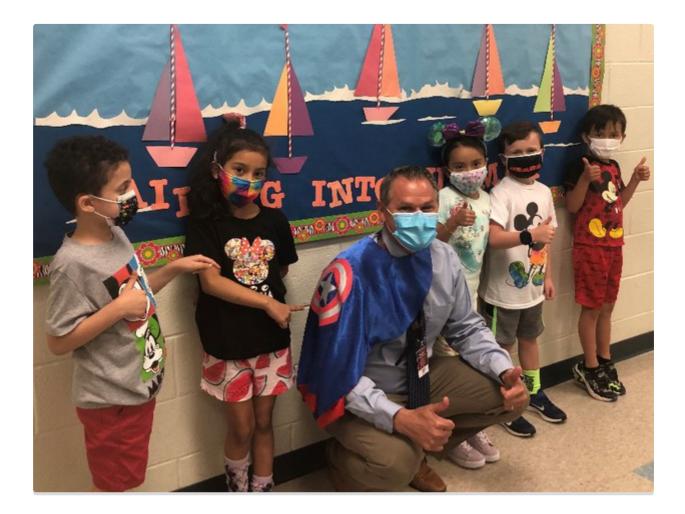
A Note From Mr. Barrow

I would like to take the time to thank all of the wonderful students, parents, staff and faculty in helping make this school year a fun filled learning experience for McKenzie School. Through all of the years and more recently during this past school year, our school community truly has shown their kindness and big hearts. Furthermore, during the months of May and June McKenzie School was proud to showcase a Field and Wellness Week, International Day Assembly and Presentation, Memorial Day Assembly and Presentation to Honor for our Veterans, participated in several school spirit days, and we were proud to celebrate our Pre-K Program and our 4th Grade students. These programs' successes are a result of all the collaboration, support, and generosity of the East Rutherford School District, 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. Your children are exceptional and each of them can achieve whatever goal they set for themselves with the support of loving families and outstanding teachers. Please continue to visit our website to access our learning resources, updates, and our grade level summer learning packets. I wish you all a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Brian Barrow McKenzie School Principal





Spanish

Miss Martinez

¡Hasta luego amigos!

What a fantastic year we have had! Students have acquired so much Spanish and I have had so much fun teaching them!

In Kindergarten, we learned to tell the story of the Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish, which helped with counting to 20, learning days of the week, and identifying cognates. Dino, the dinosaur puppet, helped us learn the Spanish alphabet!

First graders learned the months of the year as well as different holidays and celebrations such as Cinco de Mayo and their birthdays. Reading and learning about fairy tales helped us to achieve these goals.

Second graders learned about clothing for various seasons and weather conditions. We also talked about our families and the planets.

Third graders began with traveling the world and traveling around our city. Students also learned to name pets and wild animals, as well as to express their concern for endangered animals.

Last but not least, fourth graders were proud to read an entire chapter book in Spanish!

All McKenzie students also enjoyed a live virtual performance about the Americas on International Day. Thank you McKenzie families and staff for all your support! It has been a pleasure to support your students in the process of becoming multilingual learners!



Music

Mrs. Hernandez

This year was such a unique year, and yet we managed to make it amazing . There were many exciting music activities and lessons. I tried my very best to help and motivate our students learn and grow in their musical talents at McKenzie Elementary School. We used Quaver's Marvelous World of Music as our chosen curriculum. We also used Google Classroom for completing activities, assignments, messages, grades and to stream news.

Our students mastered elements of music like rhythm, melody, reading notes, playing instruments using diversity of resources: musiclab.chromeexperiments, videos, games, pixel and music websites for kids. Here are few you may want to try during summer...

http://www.classicsforkids.com

www.nyphilkids.org

www.sfskids.org

www.dsokids.com

http://www.kusc.org/kids

http://makingmusicfun.net

Go Wildcats! We did it! If you have any questions, or would like to know more about what our Music Department offers, please visit our teacher website or feel free to contact me Mrs. Ana Rosa Hernandez McKenzie Music Teacher



Basic Skills Instruction

Mrs. Gagis & Mrs. Kelly

The Basic Skills Instruction Program is happy to announce that all the children have been leveled in reading by using assessment benchmarks from Fountas & Pinnell. It was amazing to see how many of our students advanced to the next level and more. Watching their faces 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.

Furthermore, the BSI Math students should practice their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts using the **Think Central** site **"Do The Math, Independent Practice, Quiz", and/or IXL, Freckle.**

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



English as a Second Language

Mrs. Forte & Mrs. Fallon

The boys and girls in ESL had a long and very productive school year. A lot of success and good times came with this year. Besides completing and accomplishing plenty with our lessons, the boys and girls completed the Access for Ells State Testing during the month of May. The results will be in the beginning of September for our students. We are so proud that many of our students participated in the Virtual International Video which can be seen on the ERBOE Twitter page. Mrs. Forte and Mrs. Fallon wish all of our students and their families a very happy, safe and fun summer!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Narkiewicz, Mrs. Barone, Miss Hagel, Mrs. Foote, Mrs.

You are a very special person And you should know, How I loved to have you in my care How fast the year did go!

Please come back to visit me As through the grades you go Try hard to learn all you can There's so much to know

One thing I tried to teach you To last your whole life through Is to know that you are special Just because, you are you!

Love, Your Kindergarten Teachers



Second Grade

Mrs. Carti, Mr. Scelsa, Mrs. Gonzalez, Miss Yula

The second graders were excited to be a part of our Memorial Day celebration this year. In lieu of an in person assembly, the students held a virtual assembly. Upon entering school, students were greeted by patriotic decorations and music. We even had an Army Jeep displayed in the front of our school! Each branch of the Armed Forces were represented with their respective flag. We invited our local VFW to stop by and our very own Wildcat made an appearance, too. We really enjoyed learning about the meaning of Memorial Day. A big thank you to the DeRosa Family for all of their help is making this day special!



Fourth Grade

Mrs. Feldman, Mr. Rizi, Mrs. Affortunato, Ms. Medina, Mrs. Alkhalidi

While the end of this school year may look a little different still for our students, our 4th graders are excited about wrapping up their time at McKenzie School.

We've put a twist on tradition and created many activities to help them reflect, celebrate and

memories. They have been preparing for "Do Your Thing Day" where they will have the opportunity to share their many amazing talents with their classmates. The students will also be participating in an end of the year brunch with their classmates and teachers as a way to spend some time together and share good memories that were enjoyed throughout their year. A prerecorded virtual ceremony has been created, as well as an amazing clap-out to further celebrate these wonderful students and all of their accomplishments! The fourth grade teachers are so proud of this class and wish them the very best of luck next year in middle school! We will miss them all dearly, but are excited for the wonderful adventure that awaits them!

2021-2022 Calendar

EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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