



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, especially during our most recent remote learning platform. Our Golden Ticket, Wildcat Safety Patrol, Wildcat of the Month, Kindness Tree initiative, 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 during this pandemic, 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 virtual Health and Wellness Day, National Fitness Day, Memorial Day Presentation of Honor for our Veterans, a virtual Art Show and Field Day, 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 learning resources, updates, and our grade level summer learning packets. I wish you all a fun and safe summer!



Basic Skills Instruction

By Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Gagis

Remote Learning Has Sprung Out The

Chrome Books!



McKenzie School's BSI students have had the opportunity to have direct access in the remote learning process. Because of this, our students benefitted on a daily basis and became more proficient as 21st century learners. In addition, students were exposed to more opportunities to perceive, to listen, and to interact with lesson materials whereas instruction became meaningful and students were more driven to learn. This interactive way of teaching promoted a positive influence of learning in endless ways!

Continue being computer savvy this summer and explore ways to enhance the many skills learned. Come September, students will be able to share their findings through the many platforms that they have already been exposed to.

Parents, please have your child read through the summer months; this will be time well spent by utilizing www.readworks.com.

Furthermore, the BSI Math students should practice their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts using the www.thinkcentral.com, www.ixl.com, www.freckle.com, www.xtramath.com, www.flocabulary.com

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

Stay healthy & safe!

Spanish

by Senor Friedberg



From the desk of Señor Friedberg...

¡Hola, familias! I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe as we cruise into the end of the 2019-2020 school year. I want to send out a big GRACIAS! to all of the families that have helped make the remote learning process a bit more comfortable for everyone involved. No one knows what to expect once school resumes in the fall but I hope this has prepared us a little bit better for what's to come.

My kindergarten and first graders have been completing their work through various activities and assignments on different websites. OnlineFreeSpanish.com has offered interactive activities on a wide range of topics including the colors, shapes, days of the week, the calendar, the weather and seasons, and the parts of the face and boy. The work that's been submitted to me through email has been vibrant and full of energy. Thank you to everyone who has shared their work with me!

My second, third, and fourth graders continue to work on assignments through the Google Classroom portal involving a variety of topics we covered throughout the year in the classroom such as the family, classroom objects found both in the class and in our backpacks, definite and indefinite articles, the agreement of adjectives and nouns, and hobbies/sports/pastimes. We are in the home stretch here and I am looking forward to seeing some great work put out by the McKenzie School students!

I hope everyone continues working hard up until the last day of school. Finally, I would like to send a shout-out to the graduating classes of 2020: the McKenzie fourth graders, the Faust eighth graders, and the Becton graduating class of 2020. You have all endured so much and succeeded in so many ways. I wish you all the best in all that you do, and remember to shoot for the stars!



Music

by Mrs. Hernandez



I am very grateful to the East Rutherford District for the warm welcome they have given me. Despite this difficult period we have been through, I have received support from administrators, teachers, staff, parents and most importantly our students.

Our kindergarten students in three weeks of classes were prepared for a concert that unfortunately we could not do; but in our Remote Learning classes they were able to record the program's songs in videos.

From Kindergarten to Fourth grade, I have received videos in which I have been able to enjoy students singing and playing real and virtual musical instruments, photos, writings, songs created. Students have been able to learn patriotic songs and their meaning, as well as songs related to topics of their interest in celebration of Nurses' Day, Mother's Day and the Rainbow project. By the end of our fourth marking period they have learned McKenzie's Pledge by singing and playing it.

McKenzie Pledge song.

I pledge today to do my best in reading, math and all the rest.

I promise to obey the rules in my class and in our school

I'll respect myself and others too,

I'll expect the best in all I do I am here to learn all I can,

To try my best and be all I am. McKenzie Wildcat!

Kindergarten

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



Soaring into Summer!

Even though we've been far apart, we've learned how to come together to keep us smart. Kindergarten has almost come to an end but let us cherish the memories we made as friends. Over the summer, continue to read and build upon your skills so you are ready for first grade!

Second Grade

By Mrs. Gonzalez, Miss Tadiello,
Mrs. Carti, Mr. Scelsa



The second graders delved into remote learning quite well. The last few weeks, the students were involved in multiple research projects for social studies. They learned about the continents, oceans, and parts of a globe. Later, they explored various Native American tribes in the United States and reflected on how they helped impact our country's development.

We hope the students enjoyed their Virtual Field Trips to Disney World and the San Diego Zoo!

Fourth Grade

By Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Affortunato,
Mrs. Corsale



Fourth Grade Moves Up, Virtually

While the end of this school year may look a little different for our students, our 4th graders are excited about wrapping up their time at McKenzie School in an amazing virtual way!

We've put a twist on tradition and created many virtual activities to help them reflect, celebrate and commemorate as they move up to the middle school flooded with wonderful McKenzie School 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 a live virtual breakfast with their classmates and teachers as a way to spend some time together and share good memories 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!

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



The East Rutherford School District's Pre-Kindergarten registration will be completed online for the 2020-2021 school year. Online registration will be open via Genesis beginning today, May 14th, at 3:00 PM. Please visit the district's website at www.erboe.net and click on the Registration tab to access the registration platform and documents. Pre-K registration will close on Monday, June 1st, at 8:30 AM.

Kindergarten registration will begin at 9:00 AM, May 15th, and will be ongoing. After you have completed the online registration, someone from the main office will be in contact with you to review the documents you have provided. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during the process.