

# Wildcat News

McKenzie Elementary School

**June 2022 Volume 4**



## **A Note From Mr. Barrow**

I would like to take the time to thank all of the wonderful students, parents, staff, and faculty for 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 Day and Wellness Week, International Day Assembly and Presentation, Memorial Day Assembly and Presentation to remember and honor our Veterans, participated in several school spirit days, and we were proud to celebrate our Pre-K 4 Program and our 3rd & 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



Fourth Grade Breakfast



Fourth Graders are moving on up!



Crazy Hair Day



## Physical Education

Mrs. Schneider & Mrs. Petrone

### Jumping to the Finish!

Students have been performing a variety of activities that focus on combining locomotor movements and fitness skills to complete tasks. Students have completed varying running patterns with differing speeds and agility, performed jump roping individually and in game-play, and practiced various tossing and catching techniques. Our field day was held on June 13, 2022 and the students were confident and excited to show everyone all of the skills they have accomplished throughout the year! Thank you for continuing to have your children prepared and ready for their physical education classes.



Google Slides

## Technology

Mr. Higgins

Students in grades K-4 completed a unit on animation. They learned how to create original animations using Google Slides. After completing their animations, they were shared with their classmates. All students did an excellent job and enjoyed creating and sharing their finished projects.



## Art

Mrs. Speer

### International Day 2022

On June 6, 2022, McKenzie School celebrated International Day inspired by our Spanish teacher, Ms. Martinez. Students had fun sharing their cultures with other students and their teachers. In Mrs. Speer's art class students volunteered to share stories about their families and their cultures. Students dressed in tee shirts that represented their favorite country and many dressed in traditional costumes.

Each grade level created art inspired by world cultures past and present. Kindergarten drew Chinese dragons, 1st grade created Chinese pandas and 2nd grade constructed paper sculpture Chinese dragons. Third grades took a trip to India to draw the elephants and went back in time to ancient Greece to create Greek helmets. Fourth grades visited India and learned about Mehndi hand decoration and created their own designs. Also, they learned about ancient Egypt and each student designed their own sarcophagus. The cultural art was on display in the hall for all to enjoy. Mrs. Speer and the students are looking forward to visiting more countries next year for International Day 2023.



## Kindergarten

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

### Soaring into Summer!

As our school year came to an end we participated in many fun activities. Our 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!

Take a trip to the public library to pick up some books to read. If you go on vacation or just take a walk to the park work on a Think, Sketch, Write paper which will help keep their writing skills fresh. Number concepts are also important to review, especially simple addition and subtraction. 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!!!



## 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 followed by a parade around our school. 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 join us. Many members of the ERPD were in attendance as well. We really enjoyed learning about the meaning of Memorial Day. A big thank you to the DeRosa Family and DPW for all of their help in making this day special!



## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Bronowich, Mr. Rizi, Miss Jacob,

The end of the year has been busy and enjoyable for our 4th Graders! We have been spending our days reflecting, celebrating and commemorating all their time here in McKenzie as they prepare to enter the new Lincoln School! 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 enjoyed an amazing clap out and delicious 4th Grade breakfast. These events were special as they were able to spend some time together with classmates and teachers to share memories enjoyed throughout time in Mckenzie. The moving up ceremony was also a wonderful way to celebrate all of our students and their many accomplishments throughout the years! The fourth grade teachers are so proud of this class and wish them the very best of luck next year! We will miss them all dearly, but are so happy for the challenging and exciting adventure that awaits them! They are champions!

**EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

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Student Days	
September 15	February 17
October 20	March 23
November 18	April 14
December 17	May 22
January 20	June 17

  

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Key						
H=Holiday; T=Teachers Only; R=Recess; 1 = 1/2 Day Recess						

  

Calendar Details						
Aug & Sept. 31&1	New Teacher Orientation					
September 5	Labor Day - Schools Closed					
September 6	First Day of School for Staff					
September 12&13	1/2 day students AM-Teacher PD in PM					
September 21	Faust "Back to School Night" 1/2 day students					
September 28	McKenzie "Back to School Night" 1/2 day students					
October 5	Lincoln "Back to School Night" 1/2 day students					
October 10	Prof. Day Teachers - No School for Students					
November 3	Fall Parent Conferences-1/2 day students					
November 10&11	NJEA Convention - Schools Closed					
November 23	Start Thanksgiving Break - 1/2 day					
November 24&25	Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed					
December 23	Start Holiday Recess - 1/2 day school					
December 24-31	Holiday Recess - Schools Closed					
January 2	New Years' Day - School Closed					
January 12	1/2 day students, prof. day pm only teachers					
January 16	Martin Luther King Day-Schools Closed					
February 20-22	Presidents' Day Recess					
March 9	1/2 day students, prof. day pm only teachers					
April 6	Spring Parent Conferences - 1/2 day students					
April 7	Good Friday - School Closed					
April 14	1/2 day prior to Spring Break					
April 17-21	Spring Recess - Schools Closed					
May 26	One Session Day - Memorial Day Recess					
May 29	Memorial Day - Schools Closed					
June 21-23	1/2 day students AM, Teacher PD in PM					
June 23	1/2 day students AM-Teacher Last Day					
	183 Student Days					
	186 Teacher Days					

  

School Calendar is subject to change if deemed necessary						
Board Approved on June 16, 2022						
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>						
Excess snow days taken from Friday of Spring Recess						
and continuing backwards from April 21, 2023						
Check District website for updates at <a href="http://www.erboe.net">www.erboe.net</a>						



