

# Messenger

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Be Responsible  
Be Respectful  
Be a Problem Solver  
Our school rules!

### Bilingual Club

Bi-Lingual Club donated to the 5th Grade fund from the Bake and Nacho sales was \$512.60! Thanks!



### First in Math

Congratulations to the following students who earned the most stickers:

Richard Miranda De La Cruz 5,267  
Melissa Chhay 5,267  
Emily Chhay 3,130  
David Dill 2,635  
Kiara Johnson 2,329

Classroom winner:  
5/10-5/17 Ms. Honma's class! Congratulations!  
<http://firstinmath.com>



¿Necesita las noticias en español? Llame 282-7694.



Please consider the environment and recycle the Messenger and flyers after you have read them.

### Open House & Book Fair

This week we are having our Book Fair in the library. It will also be open tomorrow evening during Open House starting at 5:30pm. It will be open before school 8-9 all week. Mrs. Cervantes is looking for some volunteers to help her break down the fair, as well as volunteer to work during Open House. She will begin breaking it down at 10:30am on the 28th. Please contact Deanne if you would like to help at [dcervantes@sandi.net](mailto:dcervantes@sandi.net) Students will be sharing their work and learning throughout the year with their families. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to show off!

### PTC Potluck

June 7<sup>th</sup> is our last PTC meeting and it will be a potluck! Bring in your favorite or best dish to share around 6:00-6:15 and we will wrap up the year together in style. Join us to talk about our successes and "near misses" this year, celebrate all we've accomplished, and talk about some plans for next year. Afterwards we may gather at True North to toast our hard work and good fortune. All parents are welcome, even those who haven't been able to make a meeting this year; there is no official "PTC membership." Free childcare and translations will be provided.

### Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is June 4<sup>th</sup> from about 9am till noon. There will be many activities for grandparents to do with the children. There will be time allotted for grandparents to see all their grandchildren. Around noon, everyone can enjoy a potluck lunch together in the lunch area.

### Education Rally

Thanks to the 90+ McKinley parents, students, and teachers who showed up for the rally on May 8th. Our school definitely had one of the strongest showings. Estimates were up to 1,500 people total and our kids who spoke and held their posters up on stage made quite an impression. Three of our students were even asked to give their presentation to the School Board at their meeting on the following Tuesday. Thanks so much to Paige Evans, Hermela Berhane, and Ziv Rai Go.

Unfortunately, the Governor has released his latest budget and it appears he's proposing to cut an additional \$1 billion from K-12 on top of the almost \$2 billion he proposed in January. We need to keep the letters, phone calls, and e-mails going to our legislators, our family's legislators, and friend's legislators throughout California stating that enough cuts have been made to education over the last 3 years (\$17 billion) and we can't afford to make any more cuts.

Thanks for all you do!

### May Dates:

24-28- Book Fair in Library \*Open before and after school!  
27- TOMORROW Open House 6:00p-7:30p  
31- NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

### June Dates:

4- Grandparent's Day 9a-12p  
7- PTC Meeting/Potluck 6:15pm followed by drinks in N.P.  
17- Pizza Nigh at Sicilian Thing Pizza 1046 30<sup>th</sup> CASH ONLY  
**21- MONDAY, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

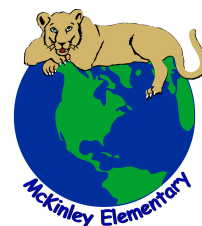
Please email me your entries at: [amy.miller1@cox.net](mailto:amy.miller1@cox.net) or [mckinleyptc@yahoo.com](mailto:mckinleyptc@yahoo.com)



### Kids in Action

Kids need education. But I need a teacher. I can't have my mom or dad teach me they have to work. And my teacher needs supplies. I love my teachers and the staff at my school. I especially enjoy Music, Library, Spanish and Art. Without these teachers my heart would be sad. What if you were a kid and we took teachers away from you?!

By Paige Evans  
Age 8, Grade 3



**Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray**

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### Principal's Corner

Schools across California recently received the 2009 Base Academic Performance Index (API) rank and targets for 2010. Schools in California are ranked from one to ten. McKinley's 2009 API score of 813 gave us a statewide rank of 6 with a one-point increase from last year! The 2009 Similar School Rank is an 8. To determine the similar schools rank, we are compared to 100 other schools with similar demographic characteristics. McKinley's scores continue to rise with our goal to improve student achievement for all students, and close any achievement gaps. Our partnership with the home is crucial for students' success!

Thank you to our parents for providing the staff with delicious treats and lunches during the week of May 17-21. We were treated like royalty and need to exercise a little harder during the next coming weeks from dining on all the delicious treats! Thank you for your generosity!

### Recycling At McKinley

Yes, we recycle quite a bit here at McKinley, making small steps for our Earth. In the lunch area, your child can recycle drink pouches (like Capri Sun), chip, and candy bags. In the lobby, teachers AND you can recycle glue sticks, Elmer glue bottles, old crayons, and corks. We are on the waiting list for pens. All items except for the crayons get sent to Terracycle, who make these things into bags and other items that can be purchased! [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)

## IB Learner Profile and Attitudes Highlighted

**IB Learner Profile Communicators: Students understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.**

**IB Attitude: Confidence- Feeling confident in their ability as learners, having the courage to take risks, applying what they have learned and making appropriate decision and choices.**

### VOTE FOR OUR GARDEN GRANT

We are in a contest for a grant to make our garden fabulous, and we need your vote! The gift from Nature's Path Company is worth \$25,000. To vote, go to [www.mckinleyptc.com](http://www.mckinleyptc.com) and follow the link. Tell your friends.

### McKinley Alumni Tour

We took these lovely and kind alumni around our school. We showed them our library, computer lab, and our beautiful garden. They thought it was awesome! The Alumni especially like the mural on the wall and we showed them the flowers. We know they loved visiting their school now and seeing all the great changes we have done. It was very cool showing them around.

By Nicole and Madison

### Alumni Gathering

Arriving at 2:00pm, I get to work. Today is when people from the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and so on are coming back to McKinley. They used to come to school here. I got to interview many people. The one I remember the most is this man who graduated in 1938 when he was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He told a story that he and his friend were picking on some girls about their food and his friend got in trouble. I loved meeting the alumni!

By Kenna Shaw

### Huge Oil Spill

On April 20 at an off shore oil-drilling site there was an explosion and eleven workers were killed. The biggest problem of all was that thousands of gallons of oil were spilling into the Gulf of Mexico per day. Now many species of wildlife are dying because of the oil's poison. Scientists are working right now to try and find a solution and have not yet succeeded. What will we do? By Joe O'Brien

### A Look Into the Past

During the reunion alumni interviews, I learned a lot about the restrictions girls had over their heads and was personally outraged at the fact that girls were not allowed to be on Safety Patrol. Our school used to lack the fence that surrounds it today. The school grounds were accessible during the weekend for a game of dodge ball and just to practice rollerskating or bicycle moves. There was a bowl, and area on school grounds where assemblies were held and certain events took place.

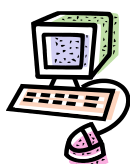
By Isabella Maria Lopez Powers

### North Park Festival of Arts

Thank you to all the parents that brought in items for the art table! With about 130 toilet paper rolls, 25 cans, 9 egg cartons, handfuls of lids and other stuff, we had plenty of materials to make art!

### Santos Coffee

Thank you Magali for bringing a coffee cart to the Eveoke performance and donating proceeds to McKinley! You are truly a community advocate. Ms. Honma & Ms. Rose-Weber: thank you for your efforts in helping make this happen!



Join other parents to discuss school issues at <http://mckinleyptc.com/>

Visit us at <http://new.sandi.net/schools/mckinley>

June's PTC meeting, June 9th, and will be a potluck! Childcare is provided.