



Messenger

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**McKinley
Elementary**
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Be a Communicator
Be a Risk-Taker
Be Open-Minded

First in Math Winners!

- 11/16 Zdunich Pike
- 11/20 Rittko Cheesman



Terra Cycle
www.terracycle.net
Our school recycles!
Bring in drink pouches,
glue sticks, corks, chip
bags, ink cartridges, old
pens and crayons!



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



Please sign up with the office to get flyers and notifications through email.

Pennies for Peace Update

The Tally is in! After much Coinstar feeding and dirty fingers, here is the grand total:

\$487.20, which is, I believe, a new record! This amount can pay for a teacher's salary for one whole year in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

McKinley students raised:
24,315 Pennies, 763 Nickels, 699 Dimes, 374 Quarters, 1 Half Dollar, 17 Dollar Bills, 1 Five Dollar Bill, 1 Twenty Dollar Bill!

We also had: Euro, Canadian, Mexican, Chinese, and Malawi coins, two math manipulative pennies, one button, one restroom token, one Elmo souvenir penny, and one Zoo souvenir penny. I am so proud of the giving spirit of McKinley students!! Thanks a million to staff for supporting this effort. – Candace Gyure, RN

Jacket Drive

Continue to bring in old jackets to the tub near the office. The cold season has not yet really hit us, but our families that come to school with no jackets during that time would benefit from the ones we would be donating anyway because they do not fit any longer.

Raz and First in Math

Continue to utilize both the Raz and First in Math websites at home, especially over the long breaks. The kindergarteners have begun to use them as well!

Attention All McKinley Students

You are ALL encouraged to write articles that you think are important and submit them to the newsletter. If you are writing it down on paper, please make all your necessary edits, work with your teacher and parents, then submit it to me via the office. Your teacher can also put it in my box.

Another way to get it to me is to email it directly: Amy.miller1@cox.net or mckinleyptc@yahoo.com

ELAC

The next set of ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) meetings are as follows: Dec. 8, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 23, April 20, May 18 and will begin at 9:30am. Please ask the office for details if you are interested in participating. They will be reviewing the CST and testing methods, discussing computer and English classes, and will review the bilingual club.

Octopus Garden

ATTENTION STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS! Please E-mail mckinleygarden@yahoo.com with your writings, poems, photos, artwork, etc. about your service in the Octopus' Garden. All submissions will be reviewed and may be posted at mckinleyptc.com/about/garden. Please visit the website soon so you can see the new "ONGOING HISTORY" and "WISH LIST" sections.
-Jon Rogers

December Dates:

- 2- Award Assembly
- 4- Toyland Parade, McKinley Adventure Camp
- 5- SONO Park Holiday Fest 10am-5pm 32nd/Thorn St
- 15- Winter Concert begins at 6:30pm
- 16- Pizza Night *Lefty's 3448 30th Street
- 20th- Jan 1st NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK



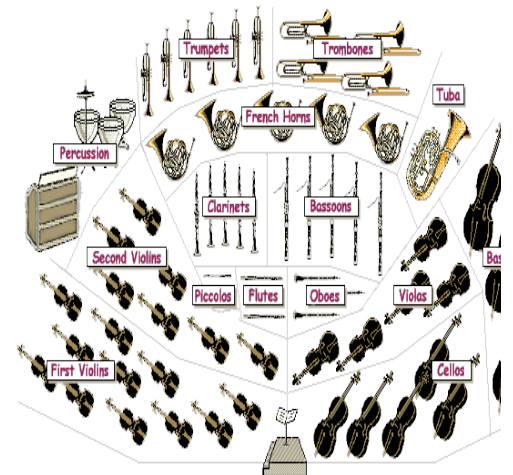
SoNo Park Holiday Fest

As many of you know we will be having our 1st annual Holiday Fest on Thorn Street, December 5th from 10-5. Sign up to make your wonderful chili and bring it to the event:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0ArofGmdhQ5qdEdfaFV1a01GMkdqbW1vcFdYWFZ3V1E&hl=en&authkey=CIXbs9MO#gid=0>

Winter Concert & Multicultural Potluck

On Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30pm the K-3 students will present a holiday concert in the auditorium. Concert dress code is dark pants or skirt and white or light colored blouse or dress shirt. More information to follow.



Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray

Email: jashton-gray@sandi.net

Parents,

Thank you for making sure you attended your parent/teacher/student conference to discuss your child's progress in school. Many students also attended their conferences, as we want students to be active participants in their education. In our journey of continuous improvement as a school community, I am always open to your feedback. Please email me any input on having your child attend their parent/teacher conference at jashton-gray@sandi.net.

Dr. Hector Montenegro is the Area Superintendent for the San Diego High Cluster. He will be speaking at our PTC meeting on Tuesday, November 30th. The meeting is scheduled from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dr. Montenegro comes with an extensive background in working with schools across the nation. For more information, visit www.sandi.net/administration to read more about Dr. Montenegro. The district's website has up-to-date information on programs, budget discussions, and important information for families.

Students with perfect attendance for the month of November will be treated to a cool treat on Friday, December 4th after recess. I am anxiously waiting to receive McKinley's percentage and ranking for the month of November.

Please wish Mrs. Ivonne Benson, our Health Technician, a fond farewell and best of luck as she takes a new position at Correia Middle School as of Monday, December 6th. Her last day at McKinley is Friday, December 3rd. We will have a substitute as a health technician until the position is filled.

During the past two weeks, I visited all classes to remind students of our high expectations and IB learner qualities of respect and integrity. Students need to be respectful and show their positive qualities as learners throughout their school day and with all teachers.

Weekly, students have the "wheel", where they have instruction in Spanish and visit the library while their teachers collaborate to plan lessons, IB curricular components, and monitor student achievement. Students need to exhibit positive learning behaviors in all educational settings so their time is well spent and beneficial to their entire educational program. Thank you for your partnership as working together is the key to our students' success!

-Julie Ashton-Gray



We are now an official IB World School!

Respecting Friends by Madelen

(Kindergarten) Madelen is respecting her friend by giving her a band aid.

Respecting Friends by Elliot (Kindergarten)

Elliot is respecting his friend by giving him a band aid.

McKinley Orchard by Julia Nunamaker

McKinley has a new orchard. It has about 17 young trees. But kids need to stay out. We have four monitors from student council: Meghan Bovee, Julia Nunamaker, Ronan O'Connor, and Grace Nunamaker. [The students are there to keep you out while the trees mature.] Next year, Mrs. Ashton-Gray might let students into the orchard to sit in the shade. The orchard is going to be a great success.

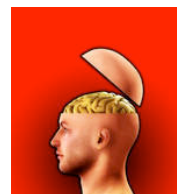


Open Minded By Lulu Garczynski

I think at McKinley, more students should be more open-minded. Mrs. Rose-Weber says, "You should think about other people's thinking and say, hmmm, let me think about it. But not say no, I don't like it!"

We're going to go with my plan. So that's why I want McKinley students to be open-minded. Open minded means: you have to think about other people's writing and when you're saying you don't like it, don't be mean about it, say it in a nice way.

Mrs. Rose-Weber wants her class to be open-minded. I'm trying to be open-minded as much as I can. So when it's award time I hope lots of people get an award for being open-minded!



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