



Messenger

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Be a Communicator
Be a Risk-Taker
Be Open-Minded

First in Math Winners!

12/10 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!



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

TOMORROW is Pizza Night!

Tomorrow is the Charger game, AND pizza night at Lefty's! The two go hand in hand, see you there!

3448 30th Street 619.295.1720

SoNo Park Holiday Fest

This was our first street festival, and thanks to all the hard work from the committee, as well as generous donations from community businesses and leaders, we were able to raise over \$8,000! I know many people, not only McKinley families are hoping this will be an annual event.

Jacket Drive

Continue to bring in old jackets to the tub near the office. The jackets will begin to be distributed this week before the holiday season is upon us. We will then continue to collect them after the break, as I am sure many of us will be getting new jackets for the holiday.

Reading and 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! Don't forget to take the time to review math facts, play the math games, read on the couch together, and play outside during the holiday season!

Attention All McKinley Students

Thank you for sending me your articles! I know I really enjoy reading them, as do the other members of our community. Keep them coming!

Amy.miller1@cox.net or mckinleyptc@yahoo.com

Jewelry Club the Best If you were in Jewelry Club, you were very lucky! You get to make lots of really cool bracelets and necklaces, by doing the weave and a swirly and cool pattern. At the last meeting, we made bracelets with cardboard tubes, a hoot glue gun and lots of sparkly pipe cleaners! All the bracelets and necklaces look like they were formed by magic when they were done. They are so swirly and cool!

Julia F. Nunamaker-3rd Grade

First in Math "First in Math" is an awesome website where kids can study math. The whole site is just for math. You can add, subtract, multiply, fractions, decimals, time, and much more! Anyone who uses the program will improve their math skills. There are lots of math games and puzzles that are fun! Math is an important subject in school. It's a tough one too! You can earn stickers as you play the games and customize your icon. Classes compete for a weekly trophy. Our class has won it many 3 or 4 times already!

Tavin Jongcharoeun- 4th Grade

December Dates:

TONIGHT Multicultural Potluck **Bring your favorite dish at 5:00pm. Winter Concert begins at 6:30pm

16- Pizza Night *Lefty's 3448 30th Street

17- Last day before break, PTC Staff Lunch 11:45-1:00

20th- Jan 1st NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK

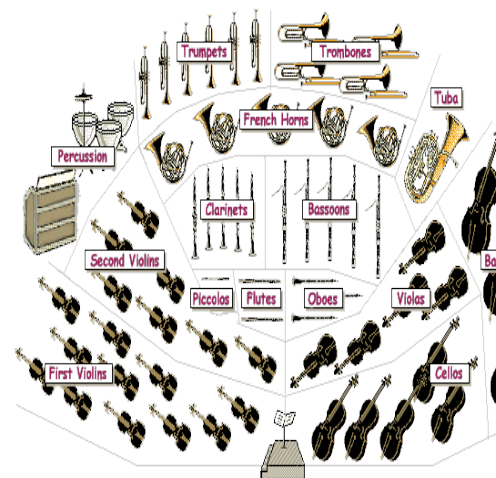
January 3rd is first day back



TONIGHT

Winter Concert & Multicultural Potluck

At 5:00 we will begin our multicultural potluck, bring your favorite family dish to share! 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.



Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray

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Principal's Corner

Where has the 2010-2011 school year gone? As the year 2010 comes to a close, I became grateful to be surrounded each day by such wonderful students, families, and staff. I wish all of you a very happy and restful holiday filled with moments of joy with family and friends. Enjoy some rest, relaxation, and taking time with your children as these years are precious. At least two of my three sons should be home so we can reconnect as a family. School resumes on Monday, January 3, 2011!

Congratulations to the McKinley Safety Patrol as they have been chosen **Patrol of the Year from the San Diego Police Department and the best patrol in the Western Division!** The police department sets high standards and many schools are competing for this top spot. The beautiful trophy and plaque are on display in the front office. Only fifth grade students are eligible for Safety Patrol. Members of this winning team include: Sophia Victor, Adaly Chepetla, Evan O' Connor, Kyle Tran, Malintzin Rodriquez, Xiomara Cifuentes, Devan Moore, Kasey Zatarain, Julieta Ornelas, Devanee Jenkins, Hannah Maghirang, Joshua Schoenfeld, Mariana Fregoso, Emily Chhay, Nicole Pinon, Max Arias, Clarissa Valenzuela, Alicia Kleiner, Major Burton, Brianna Canales, Christian Velasquez, Kaitlyn Johnson, and Sage Walhu. Officer Tim Zetterlund is in charge of our patrol and meets with our students each week. Special thanks to Ms. Honma and Mrs. Phillips for helping to supervise and support our student leaders.

Attendance

McKinley's overall attendance has slightly improved during the month of November. For every day a student is absent, the district loses \$32.00 per student, per day in ADA (Average Daily Attendance).

Since the beginning of the year, McKinley's portion in lost revenue to our district totals \$19,774.34. All students are required to be at school every day on time unless they are ill and can infect others. Please help us improve our attendance percentage each month! Regular attendance helps instill in our students good habits that will last a lifetime!

**"Gratitude makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today, and creates a
vision for tomorrow."**

Melody Beattie



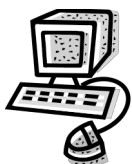
We are now an official IB World School!

Mrs. Pat Mrs. Pat has been coaching these reading clubs for 6 years. One of the clubs is 2nd,3rd,4th, and 5th grade classes. The children are supposed to go to the book room every Tuesday and read the books by themselves. Then give the oral book report to Mrs Pat. If it is acceptable she writes it on a card, and if you get 8 points you get to go to Sammy's Wood Fired Pizza. They offer free Messy Sundaes. Also you can become a better reader by going to these kind of clubs. Thank You Clarissa Valenzuela- 5th Grade

Chess Club

We just finished Chess Club at McKinley School. There are tournaments and the winners get stickers. There are kids from 2nd grade to 5th grade in the club. There will be a new session starting in January. I can't wait, because I love chess and my Mom is the leader of the club. Chess involves skill, strategy and smarts! More kids should join the Chess Club!
Justus Cusack 4th Grade

Long Division About three days ago we learned how to do long division in class in Room 15, Mr. Pike's room. This is now my favorite thing to do in 4th grade. It's really fun! From now on, I will stick to long division. I learned how to add and subtract in 1st and second grade. It earned it too quick. I know all my math facts and I'm very proud of myself! Susan Millan 4th Grade



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December 1st at 6PM is the next PTC meeting