



# Messenger

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Be Caring  
Be Balanced  
Be Reflective

**First in Math  
Winners!**

**Winter Break:  
Kenyon**



**Terra Cycle**  
[www.terracycle.net](http://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.

## Fundraising Ideas Meeting TONIGHT

We are already planning for next year, I know, so soon right? Well, we need new and energetic parents with your ideas and expertise! Come join us in the community room (near the office) for a chance to get involved in both small and big ways. 5pm

\*\*We already have a plan in action for school supplies, and ways to fund classroom projects, thanks to the ingenuity of parents like you! \*\*More info on that to come.

## See's Candy Orders

See's candy orders are due, please bring them in by tomorrow morning to get your order in before Valentine's Day. Mmmmmm!

Contact Shannon Griffin: [shanlgriff@yahoo.com](mailto:shanlgriff@yahoo.com) with questions.

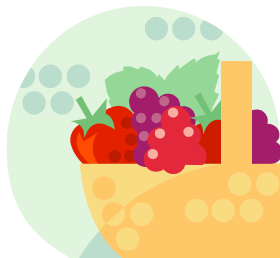
## Good Food Champions

Do you enjoy and want to see more good food in school? Do you coordinate hands-on food, farming and health lessons? Than the Food Services Department needs you!

Be a Good Food Champion. Volunteer champions may help in many ways and/or we can help our champions in many ways as well. Some examples of Good Food work include:

- \*Building your own customized Good Food school program with our help
- \*School garden assistance
- \*Handing out educational materials to students
- \*Hosting Good Food taste tests
- \*Being our "go to" person on campus.

If you are a Good Food Champion or want to be one contact Vanessa Zajfen, Farm to School Specialist  
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## January Dates

26- Roots and Shoots \*Meet at tables  
\*Next PTC TBD based on Richard Barrera's availability, probably in next couple weeks.

## February Dates

11-Lincoln's Birthday \*NO SCHOOL  
17- Pizza Night at Luigi's Pizzeria 2121 El Cajon Blvd  
21- Washington's Birthday \*NO SCHOOL  
23- Roots and Shoots \*Meet at tables  
24- Variety Show \*More info to come  
27- Max and Jake's Big Race \*More info to come  
2/28-3/11 Pennies for Pasta \*More info to come



## Farmraiser

You read it right! One of our McKinley parents, and also our school nurse, Candace Gyure is helping organize our first "Farmraiser". A local CSA, Suzie's Farm, will be working with us to not only get many of our families eating farm fresh vegetables in season, but also lend a hand to the school. More information to follow, contact Candace Gyure at [candisco@gmail.com](mailto:candisco@gmail.com) to help get involved.

## Spring Carnival

Yes! Rides, food, games, bands, cake walk, silent auction...and so much more is coming our way on May 21st! This year we plan to have an IB theme, giving our community a chance to experience other countries in a hands on way. We need lots of help with this one...lots of Dads! Please consider lending a hand for a couple hours, or help organize an activity. Hula hooping contest at noon? Bike parade at 1pm anyone? Please join us at Wendy Kinsinger's house on 2/5 at 2821 Felton Street, just one block south of McKinley, at the corner of Felton and Teresita. Call if you get lost, 619 980 8581 and email if you want to help that day, but cannot come to the planning meeting. Wendy Kinsinger [skinsinger@gmail.com](mailto:skinsinger@gmail.com)



**Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray**

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### Principal's Corner

Dear Families,  
Thank you for all the participation in our ongoing budget meetings. Several parents have made helpful suggestions and are working on creative solutions that will support our students in the future. I am confident that with our dedicated staff and supportive families, that McKinley students will continue to thrive in the future. As more information comes available in the upcoming weeks I'll keep you posted.

Sincerely,  
Leah Tussey



### Max & Jake's Big Race

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the McKinley team! Sign up quick at [MaxandJakesBigRace.kintera.org/mckinleyracers](http://MaxandJakesBigRace.kintera.org/mckinleyracers) for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event on February 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit Rady's Children's Hospital.

### Awarded a \$4800 Grant!

Thanks to the hard work of one of our parents and volunteer grant writers, Gabrielle Dumka, Lowe's Toolbox for Education awarded us \$4800 to make over our auditorium/cafeteria. We will need lots of hands to help paint! Stay tuned for details on upcoming work parties. Thank you to all our grant writers at McKinley!



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### Second Grade

Our incredible 2nd graders have been up to so much lately! We just finished up our 2nd IB unit, Where We Are In Place and Time, which focused on all that is involved in a product getting from producer to consumer. The kids presented what they had learned in ways of their own choosing. We have just begun our 3rd IB unit, Sharing the Planet, which focuses on how people from the past and present inspire us to create peace in the world. In math, we are finishing up our work on 2-digit addition and subtraction. These are tough concepts, but the kids have been working hard and making great progress. We are just about to begin our work on measurement. In science, we have just begun our unit on balance and motion where we will be investigating how things in the world balance and roll, and what things effect how things roll and balance. In writing, we just finished a piece in which the kids each took a piece of nonfiction text we read and wrote a letter persuading someone to read it.



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Next Parent Meeting TBD

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