



# Messenger

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**McKinley  
Elementary**  
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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!



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## Stop the Cuts to Education

Over the last three years, our school district has been forced to cut over \$300 million, close to 25% of its operating budget. Now there is a potential that the state will require us to cut another \$120 million next year from the district's unrestricted operating budget. To address the budget deficit over the last two years, the school district:

- \*Raised K-3 class sizes to 24 (more in some schools)
- \*Eliminated outside consulting contracts
- \*Shortened the school year one week
- \*Eliminated 1,000 full-time positions, including 700 teaching positions

Even if the District took all the following steps this next year, it would not come close to cutting the \$120 million of anticipated cuts:

- \*Class sizes increased in K-3 to 29 students
- \*Increase class sizes in grades 4-12 to 35+ students
- \*Close up to 10 schools
- \*Eliminate librarians, nurses, and counselors
- \*Eliminate busing for magnet schools
- \*Lay off hundreds of more teachers
- \*Eliminate school sports and music programs

We need to stop this madness. Send a letter to Governor-elect Jerry Brown, California State Senator Chris Kehoe, and Assemblywoman Toni Atkins and let them know they need to find another way. These types of draconian cuts to education are unacceptable!

Governor-elect Jerry Brown, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (510) 628-0202

Senator Christine Kehoe, 2445 Fifth Ave., Ste. 200, San Diego CA 92101, [senator.kehoe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.kehoe@sen.ca.gov) (916) 651-4039 OR 619-645-3133

Assembly Member Toni Atkins, 1557 Columbia Street, San Diego, CA 92101; Phone: (619) 645-3090; e-mail [assemblymember.atkins@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.atkins@assembly.ca.gov)

## Act and Think Globally

One of our Roots and Shoots families is involved in an organization called "Clean the World". <http://www.cleantheworld.org/> You can start collecting your used soap, seal it in a Ziploc bag, place in one of the collection bins in the front office area. This organization will clean and re-make soap for people in impoverished living conditions.

Every day in North America, thousands of hotels discard millions of pounds of soap and shampoo. These products often end up in already overflowing landfills and contaminate fragile groundwater systems.

In an effort to prevent these needless deaths from occurring, Clean the World distributes recycled soap products, along with appropriate educational materials, to impoverished countries worldwide, and to domestic homeless shelters.

## January Dates

- 17- Martin Luther King Day \*NO SCHOOL
- 18- Meeting for Rummage Sale & Gala 6:30p; 7:00p
- 19- Parent Meeting on Budget 6pm
- 20- Pizza Night at Sicilian Thing 4046 30<sup>th</sup> Street
- 26- Roots and Shoots \*Meet at tables
- \*Next PTC TBD based on Richard Barrera's availability

## 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



## Planning Meeting for Casino Night Gala and Rummage Sale

Prior to the Casino meeting we will be having a short meeting regarding the **Rummage Sale starting at 6:30**. The Rummage Sale will take place on May 21st at the Carnival. Volunteers for this event will be needed in May, so it will not overlap with Casino Night. [jensabo@yahoo.com](mailto:jensabo@yahoo.com)

Our meeting for the Casino Night will be held at **7:00 PM on January 18th. It will be at 2920 29th Street (off Redwood)**. Wine and snacks will be provided. [sharischlossberg@cox.net](mailto:sharischlossberg@cox.net)

## Come Help Contribute Ideas to McKinley Fundraising Ventures

Please attend a one-hour meeting to review our current Fundraising events and suggest new ideas for next year. We like fresh faces and ideas, so now is a great time to learn about the fundraising process. We need your support to keep the great programs we provide our students. Please email Sarah Scalo ([swscal@gmail.com](mailto:swscal@gmail.com)) with the time that works best for you: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, January 24th-26th at 4, 5 or 6 pm in the Community Room.

**Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray**

**Email: jashton-gray@sandi.net**

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Just a quick note to let you know that I will be working at McKinley during January to replace Julie Ashton-Gray while she is on leave. Already in my brief time at this school I have been impressed with the dedication of the students and staff, as well as the quality of parent involvement. What a wonderful place for students to learn!

This month a proposed budget will need to be developed. It is extremely important to hear from families in setting priorities and understanding the challenges that your school will face in the future. I'll be holding a parent meeting to bring you up to date and ask for feedback on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00pm.

I look forward to meeting families and getting to know you over the next few weeks. Please feel free to stop by and say hi! - Leah Tussey



### Run For Your Life

Each morning about 15 minutes before school begins, our children are participating in a program called "Run For Your Life". Each time a student completes a lap, they receive a popsicle stick. When they have 20 sticks, they receive a foot charm to add to their necklace! Please encourage your children by asking them how the program is going and their progress.

### Want to Coordinate eScrip?

Do you ever eat at Station Tavern, Zensei Sushi, or Paesanos? These are just some of the restaurants registered with the eScrip Dining program that donates money to McKinley each time you dine at a participating restaurant and pay with your registered credit card. McKinley Families and Neighbors can earn up to 5% per dollar spent - including tax and tip at thousands of participating restaurants.

- No cards or coupons to present
- No membership numbers to remember
- Earn 2.5% per dollar on everything you order - food, drinks, even the tax and tip - at thousands of restaurants
- Earn an additional 2.5% when you complete a post-dine survey

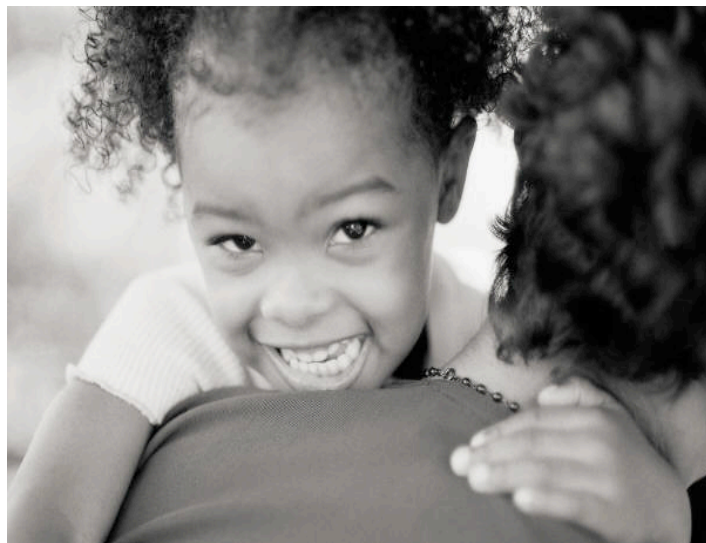
That's it! When you pay at a restaurant with a registered credit or debit card, eScrip Dining tracks the dine and automatically awards McKinley with 2.5% for every dollar you spend on your entire dining bill. For more information & to search restaurants visit the eScrip Dining page. [escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/](http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/)

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### Mrs. Soto

Where were you born? I was born in Tijuana, Mexico.  
How long have you worked in the schools? I have worked in the schools in San Diego for 20 years or more.  
Why do you like working with kids? I really enjoy working with and teaching kids because they are our future.  
What is so special about McKinley School? I like everything about McKinley School. It is like one big family.  
What makes you so dedicated in your work? I love to work. It feels good to make a difference in the lives of children.  
What are your wishes for the new year? I hope to get more organized. I also hope that there are no more cuts in education in the state. I would really like to get a computer for this upcoming year. World peace would be a wonderful wish, of course! I would also love to spend more time with my family!

by Quinn O'Connor/4th Gr. Room 15



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January 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Meeting 6pm

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<http://mckinleyptc.com/>