



# Messenger

April  
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Be Caring  
Be Balanced  
Be Reflective

**First in Math  
Winners!**

2/12- Rittko



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

Our school  
recycles! Bring in  
drink pouches,  
glue sticks, corks,  
chip bags, ink  
cartridges, old  
pens and crayons!



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

### PTC Meeting

We will be having our next PTC meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the media center at 6:15pm. Childcare will be provided in the auditorium. The Foundation will be meeting at 5pm on April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss foundation business; this meeting is open to all parents.

### Area 3 Cluster Meeting

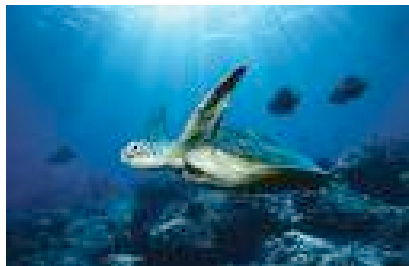
All parents, faculty and staff are invited to attend the first Area 3 Cluster Governance meeting. It will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm. San Diego High Ed Complex Auditorium 1405 Park Blvd.

### Carnival

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of carnival, because it needs about 75 people helping to make it run efficiently. Please email Wendy Kinsinger if you can volunteer the day of. [wskinsinger@gmail.com](mailto:wskinsinger@gmail.com)

### Farm Raiser

Still interested in Farm Raiser but haven't signed up? Grab a form from the office! The box of produce from Suzie's Farm will be delivered THIS Thursday. Please bring your own bags and pick up your order before 4:00 on Friday.



### Award Assembly

March 31<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, we will be having an award assembly. K-1 is at 9:20am; 2-3 is at 10:15am; 4-5 is at 11:15am.

### Joint Use Park

After years of school and community efforts, it looks like we're finally on the official "map" to getting a joint use park approved at McKinley. This will mean a much larger green playing field that would be open to the community during evenings and weekends. Thanks to Council Member Todd Gloria's office and the City Park and Rec's staff it looks as though there will be money allocated in the city's budget to get the pre-engineering and project design work completed, the first step in making our dreams for a joint use park a reality. Thanks also go to School Board President Richard Barrera and the school district facility's staff for their support and commitment to making this happen (with school district facilities funds that can not legally be used for teachers or programs).



### March Dates

31- Carnival Meeting

### April Dates

**\*Spring Break April 4-8 NO SCHOOL**  
14-15 – 4th/5th Graders at Balboa Park  
4/21-5/20 – STAR Testing Window  
20- PTC Meeting in Media Center  
21st – Pizza Night at DeLuca's  
23rd – McKinley Presents Casino Royale  
**\*Need tickets? Forms are in the office.**  
27th – Administrative Professionals Day



### Casino Royal

McKinley will be having a Fundraising Casino Night on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Coronado Yacht Club. Still haven't RSVP'd? No problem! Come to the office and get your form for your friends and family! So far Ms. Painter's 1st Grade Class is in the lead to register the most people for McKinley Casino Night on April 23 and Win A Yogurt Party from Yog-Art for the class. Tell your parents and friends to register for our Casino Night and your class could be the winner.

### Welcome Mrs. Kia Moore

Please welcome Mrs. Kia Moore as our new fantastic Health Technician! Our students are in excellent hands with Mrs. Moore and our nurse, Mrs. Candace Gyure! Mrs. Moore takes care of all our students along with her own children who attend McKinley. Thank you to Tristan (3) and Audrey (1) for sharing your mom with our entire student body!



**Principal: Julie Ashton-Gray**

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I am thrilled to be back with my McKinley family! I am recovering nicely from the hip replacement surgery but still have to be careful and not overdue it. Thank you for your kind words, cards, flowers, and best wishes for a speedy recovery. I extend my appreciation to the substitute principals, Mary Jo Longo, and Leah Tussey. I rested knowing the school was in good hands. They both enjoyed the opportunity to get to know you and your children and witness the great learning happening in our classrooms every day.

This school year is flying by! After Spring break, (April 4-8), there are two weeks until our STAR testing window, which begins on April 26th through May 11th for students in grades 2-5. Please do not schedule any dental or doctor appointments during these dates. I know the students will be prepared and rested to do their very best. Students must be here on time every day as missing schools causes them to get behind in their work. More information will be forthcoming when we return from the break.

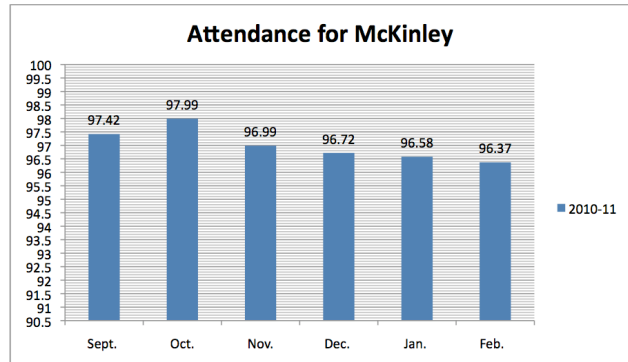
As a reminder, any student who has a cell phone is not permitted to use it on campus during the school day. All cell phones must be kept secure, silent, and stored away. Misuse of cell phones will result in confiscation and released only to the parents/guardians. Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices to school such as iPods, video games, etc. Please review the expectations in the McKinley Elementary Code sent home at the beginning of the year. I appreciate your assistance as we work together as partners.

Mrs. Z is officially on maternity leave and won't return for the remainder of the school year. We will miss her terribly but can't wait to meet baby Zdunich (which she refers to as Fat Freddie).

Most importantly, I want all of you to have a restful break with your child/children. When we return, we have many important and fun events to increase our learning in all areas and strengthen our community.

**Attendance Counts!**

Monthly, I receive a report of the calculated percentage of students that are present on a daily basis. These numbers are cumulative through the month. As of February, McKinley ranked 26th out of 118 elementary schools. McKinley can do better!!!  
-Mrs. Ashton-Gray



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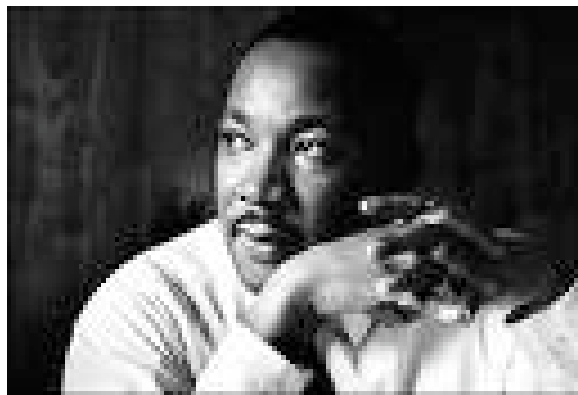
During the "Wheel" in learning how to be in the McKinley band. Mr. Black is my music teacher. In band, you can learn to play six instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or a snare drum. We learn lots of songs and we'll have two performances before the end of the year. We hope that everyone can come and hear us perform!  
Miles/Mrs. Gardiner's class

Student Council is doing something special called "Spirit Days". We are asking our classmates for ideas for themes. Some ideas from my class are : Hat Day, Scary Day, and Skinny Jeans Day! I hope one of these get selected by Student Council! Ronan O'Connor/ Rm. 11/ 2nd Gr.

The Third Graders are studying Native Americans! We learned how they gather food and how they build their houses. Did you know that when Spanish settlers came they built a wall between the natives and themselves because they were scared! When the Natives were done with a house they burned it. Sometimes they had to walk to the coast or to the mountains to get food. Emily/Room 12

Our second grade did hereo units. My report was about Martin Luther King JR. He changed the world with his ideas and words. We sang a song that is called "Go Make a Difference in the World". Now we are writing about our families and ourselves. We wrte bio-poems. Now our unit is called "Who We Are".

Izabella- Room 11



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