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through email.

## Sat., Feb. 9th @ 9:30am – Coach Lunsford’s Adventure Club: Bike Mission Bay

Meet at the parking lot adjacent to [Bahia Resort](#) (998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109) for a scenic bike ride around the perimeter of Mission Bay. Bring snacks, water, and dress in layers, too.

## McKinley Variety Show Moved to SD High

Due to a dim financial outlook, the Birch North Park Theatre has had to cancel our Variety Show reservation for this year. So the show will take place at San Diego High School instead. The show date remains Fri., March 1, however, because of the smaller audience seating, a second performance will be added on either Thurs., February 28 or Sat., March 2. More details to come as they are finalized.

## 2013 McKinley Casino Theme To Be

### Prom Night: Enchantment Under the Sea

The McKinley Casino Night is a fundraising dinner event for parents, alumni and friends. Activities include Casino Games, Silent Auction, Prom King and Queen Election, DJ and Live Band.

**When:** April 20, 2013 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Sunset Temple, 3911 Kansas Street, 92104

**Cost:** \$40/person for food, 1 drink and game money

For updates as they happen, Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/McKinleyCasinoRoyale](http://www.facebook.com/McKinleyCasinoRoyale). If anyone would like to help with Casino Night, email Arlene Ibarra at [arlene\\_ibarra@mac.com](mailto:arlene_ibarra@mac.com).

## The Results Are In! Thank You to SoNo Fans, Sponsors and Committee

For those of you who joined the thousands of people from our community who participated in the SoNo Park Holiday Fest & Chilipalooza back in December, you know the event was a success. San Diego Police estimated around 8 thousand people showed up to enjoy chili, ceramics, live music and local vendors. Thanks to the support of our great sponsors and planning committee members, this was the most successful McKinley fundraiser ever, **netting over \$32,000 for our McKinley Foundation.** Woo hoo!

Regarding our sponsors, **we cannot say enough about Kouta Shimazaki and [San Diego Ceramic Connection](#).** Thank you for providing the inspiration for the event, helping plan the event, making all the bowls and donating 50% of the bowl sales to McKinley.

**We’d also like to recognize other key sponsors who donated at least \$500 and encourage you to patronize them for supporting our school:**

- [Thorn Street Brewery](#)
- [Intuit Inc., makers of TurboTax](#)
- [Party Production Rentals](#)
- Kim Hawley & Brian Lacklen at [Ascent Real Estate](#)
- [California Coast Credit Union](#)
- [Mission Federal Credit Union](#)
- [San Diego County Credit Union](#)
- [Aspen Leaf Preschool](#)
- [Bar Pink](#) and [The Casbah](#) (bands and both stages)
- [Sloan Mason Insurance](#)
- [North Park Nursery](#) and [Ripe North Park](#) for donating the beer garden space
- [Albertson’s North Park](#)

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## February Dates

- 9th – [Saturday Adventure Club](#), 9:30am
- 15th – Lincoln’s Birthday Observance, NO SCHOOL
- 18th – Washington’s Birthday Observance, NO SCHOOL
- 20th – PTC Meeting, 6:15-7:30pm
- 21st – [Pizza Night](#)
- 24th – [Max & Jake’s Big Race](#)

## March Dates

- 1st – Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Pajama Day
- 1st – [Variety Show](#)
- 4th-22nd – Pennies for Pasta
- 5th – SSC/SGT Mtg. @ 4 pm

## Fundraising Corner

### \$1 Valentine Grams

The 5th Graders will be selling **\$1 Valentine Grams** to all students on Feb. 11-13 at afternoon recess. A Valentine Gram is a card attached to a Tootsie Pop that will be delivered on Feb. 14. Students who purchase one to send to a friend get to sign and address a Valentine (with the help of a 5th grader) for \$1. **Buy one for your child in the office by Feb. 13.** Any questions? Ask Ms. Phillips and Ms. Cheesman, 5th grade teachers.

### Fresh & Easy Fundraiser Earns More than \$3,000 for McKinley

Those receipts really add up! This year’s Fresh & Easy Fundraiser brought in \$3,039 for McKinley: \$931 from the Shop Night in November and \$2,108 from the receipts collected! A very special thanks to Amy Victor who led this fundraiser for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year!

### Max and Jake’s Big Race on February 24<sup>th</sup> – Now at Morley Field!

[Max and Jake’s Big Race](#) is a family-friendly 5k/1mile trail run and walk on February 24<sup>th</sup> at [Morley Field](#). The race benefits Rady Children’s Hospital and was in part [inspired by Jake Cook, a now healthy McKinley 3<sup>rd</sup> grader](#) who underwent open-heart surgery at age 2 to correct a very serious heart defect.

We hope you’ll join the [McKinley Racers team](#). You and your children can join other McKinley families for a scenic walk or run, live music, children’s activities, great prizes and community fun while supporting a great cause.

Register and join the McKinley Racers at <http://MaxAndJakesBigRace.kintera.org/mckinley>. If you can’t attend, please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

Thank you from the Cook family! They’re very grateful for all the support they’ve received from McKinley families, and they hope to see you on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.maxandjakesbigrace.org](http://www.maxandjakesbigrace.org) for more info.

# A Few Words from Principal Julie Ashton-Gray

Email: [jashton-gray@sandi.net](mailto:jashton-gray@sandi.net)

Dear McKinley Families,

## McKinley Community Cares!

A huge thanks to Jon Rogers who organized the Campus Clean Up on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Despite the wet weather, we had parents and students helping on various projects including working in the garden, weeding, cleaning storage areas, adding artwork, etc. Special thanks to Rachael Roth, Joe Stagg, Barbara Bovee, Nicole Champagne, Elizabeth and Jay Newlin, Alison Dearden, Jon Rogers, Orlando Malave, and their children! We will keep you informed of continued work to beautify our campus with the upcoming Joint-Use Project and artwork.

## IB Coordinator for the North Park IB Schools!

Please welcome Erin Knight to our staff as support for our IB Programme. She has been assigned to work with the three Primary Years IB Schools – Jefferson, Birney and McKinley – as IB Coordinator. She gave a presentation for Family Friday on Feb. 1. We are thrilled to have her on campus every three weeks. She returns to McKinley the week of February 19-22.

## Mid-Year Progress

Students in grades 1-5 will be taking the second benchmark exam in English Language Arts and Mathematics during the testing window that begins on February 11<sup>th</sup> through March 1, 2013. Grade levels work together to administer the assessments when appropriate for their schedule and to maximize student achievement. These assessments are just one indicator of how students are meeting grade level standards. Teachers continually provide ongoing assessments that are authentic and directly related to their units of study to get information on student progress. Please continue to provide support at home and communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions. The second grading period ends on March 1, 2013. Teachers will submit report cards for the second grading period by March 8. Parent conferences are scheduled for March 20, 21, and 22. As a reminder, school will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. on March 20, 21, and 22. Thanks you for your partnership!

## Kindness Matters

"The power of kindness is reflected in WORDS, ACTIONS, AND THOUGHTS...kindness stems from LOVE which is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students rose to the challenge during Kindness Week in January performing multiple acts of kindness. Students who turned in their kindness checklist and completed 80% of the Acts of Kindness will receive a special treat in the garden on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting your students.

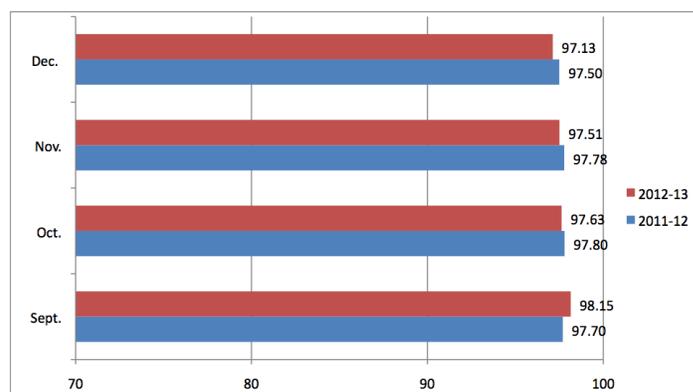
## McKinley is a TERRIFIC SCHOOL!

As we reflect on our work this past year, please share your opinions about what makes McKinley a GREAT SCHOOL! I will be asking students, staff, and parents. Please email me at [jashton-gray@sandi.net](mailto:jashton-gray@sandi.net) with your input.

## Attendance Counts

Thank you for making sure your child/children attends school on time every day. At the end of December, McKinley's attendance was 97.13%. We were ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the district out of 117 elementary schools! This ranking has decreased from November where we were 11<sup>th</sup> out of all elementary schools in San Diego Unified. The chart below shows the attendance for our school compared to our attendance last year. Absences do cost our district. Please make sure your child's absence is only due to illness. Thank you for helping our children develop responsibility and job readiness skills by being on time ready to learn every day.

For information on seasonal influenza, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/takingcare.htm>. For specific questions, contact Jenny Stabile, McKinley's Health Technician at 619-282-7694. Thank you to all families for calling the office to report an absence.



## Additional School News

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There are many other businesses that were under \$500, but played an important role as well. Please visit [www.sonoparkholidayfest.com](http://www.sonoparkholidayfest.com) for a complete listing of restaurants, sponsors and bands.

**None of this would have been possible without our AWESOME committee. Thank you so much to these folks:**

Stacey Birney (volunteer chair)  
Barbara Bovee (accounting co-chair, raffle)  
Elaine Boyd  
Laura Blount  
Jen Byard (vendor chair)  
Betsey Z Carabet  
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Steve Cook (event co-chair)  
Seth Dameron

Paul Fornier  
Taura Gentry  
Chad Glidwell  
Sara Glidwell  
Candace Gyure  
Kim Hawley  
Mark Keller (beer guy)  
Staci Keller (accounting co-chair, logistics)  
Brian Lacklen  
Abby Lawrence  
Jenny Moore (kid zone chair)  
Rachel Rath (music co-chair, web site)  
Jean Rivaldi  
Sarah Scalo (chili co-chair)  
Kouta Shimazaki (chili bowl god, music co-chair)  
Theresa Sinicrope Talley  
Amy Victor (chili co-chair)

Let us know if you are interested in helping us plan next year. We have a great time and there are lots of jobs for everyone! (Contact [steve.cook33@gmail.com](mailto:steve.cook33@gmail.com)).