McKinley Parent Teacher Club and Volunteer Guide

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MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY

A neighborhood school with a global view

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Founded in 1925, McKinley Elementary School is located in the heart of North Park. McKinley prepares students to become critical thinkers, lifelong learners and responsible global citizens. Some of McKinley’s features include:

- Authorized school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- GATE program
- Foreign language
- Ceramics, dance, music, art and theater programs
- Specialized academic instruction for students with special needs
- Instruction for English language learners
- After School Enrichment Program
- Extended childcare programs (on site): PrimeTime and Character Builders
- Active Parent Teacher Club (PTC) who organize many family and community activities
**McKinley’s Parent Teacher Club/Foundation Board**

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McKinley’s Parent Teacher Club

The McKinley Parent Teacher Club (PTC) is a group of parents and school staff who volunteer their time to create a variety of fun events for our kids and families and the community.

The PTC orchestrates a wide range of activities and services. We help raise school spirit, advocate parent/teacher issues directly to our school board, and supplement funding our school receives from State and Federal funding.

Spanish, art, ceramics, dance, music, garden, student field trips and a variety of other events are provided from funds raised by PTC activities.

All funds raised by the PTC are collected through a 501c3 nonprofit organization called the “McKinley School Foundation of San Diego”. All donations are tax deductible.

We urge all parents to join in making a difference for our school, our staff, and most of all, our children.

There are volunteer opportunities that fit every working schedule. And, there is no cost to join the PTC!

E-mail us for information on how to become involved: info@mckinleyptc.com

Visit our website and subscribe to receive e-mail updates: mckinleyptc.com

Visit us on facebook: McKinley Elementary PTC

Be informed and become involved!
McKinley PTC Committees

Please consider joining one of these efforts:

**Communications Committee** – keep the parents, teachers and community members informed about McKinley Elementary events and activities. This committee maintains:

- McKinley PTC website and blog: mckinleyptc.com
- Facebook page: McKinley Elementary PTC
- Monthly Newsletters
- Weekly papers
- McKinley PTC Google Calendar

Contact Communications Committee Chair: **Bridgette Tullis - npfam@me.com**

**Beautification Committee** – enhance campus facilities

- Garden and landscaping upkeep
- Create murals, mosaics, signage around campus
- Work with the community and school district for our Joint Use Park

Contact Beautification Committee Chair: **Jen Spencer - jensabo@yahoo.com**

**Room Parent Committee** – shares information with the classroom teacher and parents

- Maintain the contact information for your child’s classroom
- Work with the teacher to help facilitate information to parents
- Help the teacher plan fun classroom activities

Contact Room Parent Committee Co-Chairs: **Elizabeth Newlin - elillja@att.net**

**Pauline Trevino - pptrevinog6@gmail.com**
**Fundraising Committee** – works with the Foundation on fundraising targets including online drives, grant writing and local business partnerships.

- Help with new fundraising ideas
- Managing donor sustaining program
- Grant writing support
- Grocery store loyalty program coordinate
- eScrip and Box Top coordination

Fundraising Committee Chair: **Mike Wallace** - [mike@publicradioRevenue.com](mailto:mike@publicradioRevenue.com)

**After School Enrichment (ASE) Committee** – coordinates a variety of after school enrichment programs for Thursday’s minimum day dismissal (chess, circus, robotics, flamenco, ceramics, gardening).

- Determine program offerings and schedule
- Work with instructors
- Coordinate classroom locations for each program
- Help on campus with assisting children to/from each program location

Contact ASE Committee Chair: **Bridgette Tullis** - [npfam@me.com](mailto:npfam@me.com)
Other McKinley Elementary Committees

**English Learner Committee (ELAC)** – ELAC provides parents of English Learners with opportunities to advise the principal and school staff on the most positive and effective programs and services to improve learning of English Learners. All schools with 21 or more students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program must have an ELAC Committee. ELAC is the advisory board to the school on four key issues including the school plan for English Learners, needs assessment, administration of language census, and efforts to raise awareness regarding the importance of attendance. The committee meets once a month on Wednesdays at 9:15 am in the Community Room.

Contact: Patricia Sands - patriciahsands@yahoo.com

**School Site Council (SSC)** – The SSC plans school goals and objectives, reviews and approves program modifications, monitors progress and evaluates outcomes. The SSC is charged with the legal responsibility to ensure that services meet the needs of special student populations and oversee the Site Plan for Student Achievement. The SSC is also responsible for categorical funding, such as Title 1 and Second Language to help make decisions that ensure an outstanding and inclusive education program at McKinley. The Council is made up of parents, the principal, teachers, school staff and community members. The council elects two members to act as the District Advisory Council (DAC) representative and the alternate.

- Regularly attend SSC meetings, which take place on the first Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the Media Center.
- Become knowledgeable about state and local educational issues related to assessment, curriculum, and instruction.
- Review district policies and procedures regarding categorical programs and budgets.
- Communicate SSC business with their constituent group; serve as a liaison between the SSC and their peers.
- Focus on improving student achievement for all students.

Contact: McKinley Elementary School Office - 619-282-7694
McKinley Fundraising Events

**Jog-a-thon** – This annual event in early October offers a fun opportunity for kids to get involved in raising money for McKinley. The jog-a-thon promotes physical fitness as the kids run laps around the school campus. Kids can get their family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them via an online donation website or paper forms. Every child with one donation has the chance to win a raffle for prizes such as a bicycle, LEGOLAND coupons, movie passes, museum and attraction tickets. Top money earners are entered to win a pizza party with the principal and more. Volunteer to help solicit sponsors, organize prizes, count laps, hand out water and more.

Contact: **Stacy Birney** - stacybir@gmail.com

**SoNo Fest** – 2015 marks our 6th annual SoNo Fest and Chili Cook-Off. [Sonofestchilicookoff.com](http://sonofestchilicookoff.com) In connection with San Diego Ceramic Connection, you can purchase handmade ceramic bowls and try over 50 kinds of chili from local restaurants and community members. This huge festival features 2 stages of live music, massive local beer garden, local craft vendors, food trucks and a kids zone with jumpy houses and carnival games. SoNo Fest is held the first Sunday of December on 32nd and Thorn Streets. Help out with the planning prior or on the day of the event.

Contact: **Jean Rivaldi** - jeanrivaldi@gmail.com

**Variety Show** – Our super fun annual Variety Show allows the McKinley students the opportunity to perform on stage. The students create their own acts, participate in rehearsals and invite their families and friends to come watch the amazing evening performance. Typically, the Variety Show is held in March at a theater venue close to school campus. Volunteers are needed to help at rehearsals, backstage during the performance and selling tickets, concessions and more.

Contact: **Elizabeth Newlin** - elillja@att.net
**Casino Gala Night** – The McKinley Annual Casino Night Gala is held each April and gives the parents, friends and community a great night out on the town. Held in a local North Park Venue, the Casino Night Gala offers a fun time for everyone with great food, casino tables, live music, silent auctions and much more all to raise funds for our school. Each year we pick a different theme and creative costumes are encouraged. Volunteers help plan the event and solicit silent auction prizes.

Contact: **Maribel King** - maribelaking@gmail.com

**McKinley Pizza Nights** – McKinley Pizza Nights are typically held the third Thursday of each month. Place an order from the featured local pizzeria and the restaurant will donate 20% of the proceeds to McKinley. It’s a great way to check out a new restaurant, have a family night out and maybe bump into a friend or two from school. Help out with printing flyers or postings around campus or handing out in the community.

Contact: **Cheramie Raffield** - cheramieraffield@hotmail.com

**Nancy Fores** - nancyhdz@gmail.com
OTHER EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

- **McKinley Theater Company** - each December students have the opportunity to audition for a free theater production held in our own McKinley Theater-Auditorium. Families, friends and community members are invited to performances. Past performances include Wizard of Oz, Jungle Book, and Mary Poppins. Help needed with rehearsals and back stage during the performances.

  Contact: **Barbara Smith** - barbarasmithwilke@gmail.com

- **Toyland Parade** – All McKinley students are welcome to march with the McKinley Chapter in the North Park Toyland Parade. The parade is typically held the first Saturday in December and runs along University Ave between Utah and Iowa Streets. The McKinley crew wears matching shirts and has a great time marching to represent our school. info@mckinleyptc.com

- **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** – each May, students, parents and teachers get together to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" (Spanish for “Fifth of May”, a traditional Mexican celebration) enhancing our IB identity.

  Contact **Patricia Sands** - patriciahsands@yahoo.com

- **In-classroom opportunities** – ask your child’s teacher how you can help in the classroom!
International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

McKinley Elementary is part of the IB worldwide organization that shares the commitment to quality international education. Teachers receive special training throughout the year to support the principles of the IB program and develop curriculum that is taught in schools worldwide.

The mission of the IB Program is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The IB program and mission statement form an umbrella to link all McKinley activities. The goal is continually develop and strengthen all aspects of our learning environment and school culture to reflect high-quality, rigorous and challenging education programs for our children and to prepare them for the K-12 IB curriculum.

Funds raised by the PTC events support the IB program by funding the annual program fee, Spanish, dance, art and garden programs all designed to meet the IB learner profile.

To learn more about the IB program, please visit www.ibo.org.
As our PTC continues to grow, we urge all parents to join in making a difference for our school, our staff and for our children!

**Be informed – become involved!**

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