



The McManus Express

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Reliability is shown when a person is trustworthy and dependable.
Environmentalism means appreciating and conserving natural resources.

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BEST Week 11 Computer Lab

BEST Week 12 Playground Calendar

Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week: Read A Thon Day, Crazy Hat Day, Pajama Day, Crazy Hair/Wear Red, Orange/Black Day
October 29	Halloween Parade at 1:05 End of 1 st Trimester
October 30	Parent Conference Day-No School for Students 7:45-9:15 CUSD Teacher Breakfast
Nov. 2-12	SMILES dental sealant program
November 2-13	PTA See's Candy Sales
November 11	Veterans Day – School Holiday (Wednesday)
November 12	Lifetouch Retake Picture Day
November 16	PTA, 2:30; Room 3

Bird's Eye View

This year McManus's API (Academic Performance Index) rose from 731 (2007-08) to 744! Schools are rated by this score which can range all the way to 1000. Our school community is very proud of our score as our school continues to show improvement. Our sub group (Hispanic, White, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged and English Learners) scores range from 636 to 802 and all but one subgroup increased its API. This year our school focus is on math with our new textbook adoption, *Everyday Math*, and our English Learners. At the beginning of the month we celebrated six students being re-designated from English Learners to Fluent English Proficient.

The McManus community is celebrating Red Ribbon Week this week. Students and staff are wearing red ribbons to raise public awareness about the dangers of drug use. The week's activities focus on our commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. This means no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of legal drugs shall prevail in our schools, neighborhoods or communities. On Wednesday classrooms will decorate their doors with a Red Ribbon theme and classrooms make a tour of our school to see these festive doors.

FREE DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

Your child will have the opportunity to receive **FREE** dental sealants November 2-13 at McManus School in room 31, the Healthy Start office. Healthy Start is coordinating this service through the **Children's SMILES Program**. Regular cost is \$50-\$200. The program helps stop tooth decay. Your child's teeth will be checked by a dentist and/or hygienist to determine which back teeth will benefit from sealants. Those teeth will be coated with a plastic sealant. Sealants seal out food and bacteria which cause decay. To have your child participate in this **FREE** program please fill out the forms that were sent home with your child and return them to his/her teacher no later than Wednesday, October 28.

One of our neighbors, Sycamore Glen Active Retirement Community, located at 1199 Diablo Avenue, will be offering a Trick or Treat opportunity on Saturday, October 31. Please stop by before 7:30 PM, and come in costume. The residents really love to see the kids, and give them treats. Everybody wins!



MCFITNESS NEWS

It is just about time for our **TREATS FOR TRADE FOR TROOPS.** What is that you ask? This is YOUR opportunity to send some of YOUR Halloween candy to our military overseas. **YOUR** reward is being able to sign a huge banner with your well wishes to them. This is the fourth year that you have donated your sweet treats to our troops, and now they look forward to getting a bit of home in the care boxes they receive. We will be collecting the candy on **November 2nd and 3rd** before school. Your donations bring a smile to the faces of not only the troops but they share it with the children. A SMILE IS AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE SIGN. We appreciate anything that you can spare from your 'loot' of sweets.

Our 'Caught you eating and being healthy spy' is delighted to report that Mrs. Lewis rides her bicycle to work and our computer wizard, Mr. Jim Leek has been seen riding on East Ave. (with his helmet on) as well. Mrs. Brennan Smith's wonderful second grade class was able to write thank you letters to our Farmer of the month for the super delicious 'lunch box apples' that we had for our Harvest of the Month taste. Mrs. Bird was spied munching on grapes inside of her office, and Mrs. Harrington enjoyed a green salad for her lunch, while Mrs. Marshburn was copying a healthy recipe for dinner. Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Weis walk everyday on their lunch, and our school nurse, Mrs. Betty was chomping on an apple in her truck on her way home from school....WAY TO GO HEALTHY HEROES! Each staff member is doing their part in modeling their healthy choices to your children.

Thank you parents and guardians for protecting your little ones bodies by supplying heart smart choices in their lunches and snacks. Strong body, strong mind.

ARTI-JOKE OF THE DAY:
How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?
(answer) With a pumpkin patch.

Community Events:

It's not too late to visit
Garner Ranch Pumpkin Patch!
Open every weekend in October
10 am to 5 pm.

Located at 211 Sycamore Dr., Chico,
CA (Eaton Rd Exit to Hicks Lane)
Includes a corn maze, hay pyramid,
huge sand pile, farm animal exhibit,
scarecrows, pumpkins, corn, and so
much more!

Downtown Chico will once again be
offering:

TREAT STREET

A SAFE AND FUN ADVENTURE!!

Saturday, October 31, 2009

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Begin your adventure in City Plaza where
exciting activities await children 12 and
under! Check in, pick up a Treat Street map
and goody bag and a special sticker. There
will also be a costume contest this year! For
more info call 345-6500 or visit
www.downtownchico.com