

Messages from McDole



October 17, 2011

From the Principal

Dear McDole Families,

I hope you are able to enjoy many of the fun fall activities that living in the Midwest provides. With the fall season comes the holiday of Halloween. On Monday, **October, 31st** McDole students will celebrate **Halloween**. Students can wear costumes that allow them to continue learning that day. We ask that props that accompany costumes stay at home. The PTO has done an outstanding job of helping identify snack ideas that comply with the district's health and wellness policy. During the party, students can enjoy one treat, one drink and one game, craft or activity. The classroom party and parade structure have changed a little this year.

2:00-2:15 parent volunteers will begin to arrive and sign-in at the office

2:15-2:45 Classroom party will take place.

2:45-3:00 Classes will be called down to the gym to line up for the parade

3:00-3:30 Classes will parade outside the building ****NOTE** the parade route is different this year. We will parade out the gym door and take the sidewalk just north of the playground around to the sidewalk that parallels Simpson Pkwy to the side of the building and enter through doors 3 and 4 near the bus lane.

Parents are welcome to watch the parade from the grass along the parade route

Classes will parade in order by grade starting with kindergarten and ending with 5th grade.

In the event of rain – the parade will be cancelled.

At our October 7th School Improvement day, teachers worked on editing and revising curriculum maps to align to the Common Core Standards (CCS) that the state of Illinois has now aligned with. Our maps have been realigned in math and teachers have been working on developing lessons to fit the sequence and identify additional resources necessary to teach any new objectives. Each teacher also participated in a training on how to create a test using a data warehouse tool, INFORM. Training will continue to take place throughout the year on the use of INFORM. Teachers on the School Improvement Team have worked to identify a school wide goal for R³ Tickets our students will work to earn this quarter.

On behalf of the McDole staff, we look forward to working with you during Parent Teacher conferences to discuss the progress each student is making in their learning at this point in the school year! Parent Teacher conferences are Wednesday, November 2nd after school from 4:00-8:00 and Thursday, November 3rd from 10:00-8:00. There is no school on Thursday (11/3) or Friday (11/4).

Your Partner in Learning,

Martne McCoy

Principal

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 18-Fun Lunch/

Oct. 18-PTO Meeting
7:00 @Sugar Grove
Community House

Oct. 19-McDonalds
Night 5:00-8:00 pm

Oct. 21-End of 1st
Qtr.

Oct. 21-Spirit Day

Oct. 24- PTO Box
Tops Due

Oct. 26-Picture Re-
takes

Oct. 28-PTO Hallow-
een Family Fun Night
7:00-9:00 pm

Oct. 31-Halloween
Parties 2:30 pm

Oct. 31-Halloween
Parade 3:00 pm

Nov. 1-Fun Lunch

Nov. 2-Parent Teach-
er Conferences 4-8 pm

Nov. 2-PTO Wendy's
Night 4:30-7:00 pm

Nov. 3-Parent Teach-
er Conferences 10:00-
8:00 pm

Nov. 3-Butterbraids
order due

Nov. 3-NO SCHOOL

Nov. 4-NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten

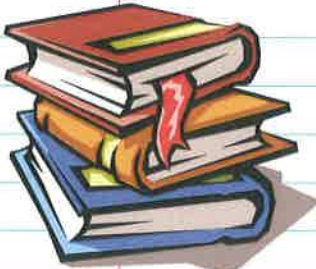
October is a very busy month in Kindergarten! We were very excited to go on a fieldtrip to Keller Farm stand in Oswego. We were able to learn about many farm animals and the interworking of a farm. We also learned about their apple orchard and were able to bring home our very own pumpkin from their pumpkin patch. . Back in the classroom, we will continue to learn about autumn while studying trees, apples and pumpkins through the reading



First Grade

First grade has had a very busy October! We are learning how to make text-to-self connections as we read. We have found that the author, Kevin Henkes, who writes such stories as *Chrysanthemum* and *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, has great books to easily make connections! The students are learning automaticity with addition facts through the use of Rocket Math! In writing we are using details to support our main idea and writing about small moments that are important to us. We look forward to a wonderful November and talking with parents at conferences.

Second Grade



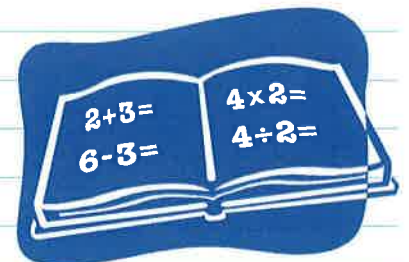
In 2nd grade we are busy, busy, busy. The students will start switching for Science and Social Studies this month. They will be traveling to a different 2nd grade room for new Science and Social Study Units. Start looking for their hard work coming home in their Communication Binders. And as always, record your

child's 20 minutes of reading each night on their Reading Logs. It's also a good idea to practice math facts at home. Their *Rocket Math* will really 'take off' if they practice at home.

Third Grade

Third graders have been working hard adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. Please remind your child to practice their basic facts nightly. The rocket math expectation is that subtraction will be mastered by the end of 1st quarter (October, 21st). Additionally, students are learning about main idea and supporting details in language arts. The students

are learning about narrative and expository essays. We all enjoyed the beautiful weather and fresh air on our first INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY.



Fourth Grade

When you walk through the hallways, you will experience a sense of what our native prairie may have been like many years ago. Many of our 4th graders have worked on "growing" a life-sized prairie as part of their studies this quarter. Both types of prairie plants; forbs and grasses, are represented with information cards to teach others what we have learned. Please make sure to visit and take a walk through the Big Bluestem, rattlesnake master, switch grass, and many other native plants.

Also, 4th graders have begun their fundraiser to support our trip to Springfield in April. Delicious Butterbraid pastries can fill your freezers and stomachs while supporting our students as they prepare to experience first-hand what they are studying about their state, our 16th president and their government. Order forms were sent home to all families if you wish to order.



Fifth Grade

On September 22nd and 23rd, McDole fifth graders experienced the great outdoors! It began with a trip to Oakhurst Forest Preserve where students enjoyed the day exploring their surroundings. Activities included learning about birds, insects, native plants and water study. After lunch, the students hiked the scenic trails at the preserve and put their observation skills to good use. Day two

took the fifth graders to Meredith Road Middle School for a day of team building. Students participated in activities which required collaboration and problem solving. Both days provided a wonderful learning experience for our fifth graders.



5th grade outdoor education

Help your Community

Holiday Spirit is a program that helps Kaneland families during the holiday season who are experiencing financial crisis. It is a joint effort between the Kaneland School District, service and professional organizations, churches, local businesses, and Conley Out-reach/West Towns Human Services.

If you are looking for assistance, applications for assistance are on KONNECT and are due October 28th.

If you are looking to donate Holiday Spirit to help make a families holiday a little brighter or want to adopt a family in the Holiday Spirit program, please contact Nicole Pryor at 630-466-8500 ext. 108 or Vikkii Moeller at 630-897-1961 ext. 142.

Community Resource (Sugar Grove) Between Friends Food Pantry, 52 Wheeler (in the EEI building across from the car wash on 47). A choice food pantry is available to Kaneland Families. Food is available Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 pm. No appointment necessary.

We also have a drop off in the front hallway across from the office for your convenience. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated by the needy families in our community.

Visit the pantry website:

www.sugargrovefoodpantry.com



Help McDole Elementary "Stuff the Turkey". We will have a large bin (decorated as a turkey) to collect donated items. Your generosity will help stock the Between Friends food pantry and in turn help local families.

Send donations with your child or bring items when you are here for Parent Teacher conferences.

Suggested items include: stuffing, Mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned fruit, cleaning supplies, coffee, laundry detergent/softeners, soups, paper towels, toilet paper, cereals, oatmeal, baby wipes, spaghetti sauce, etc.




















The items will be brought to the Between Friends Food Pantry in Sugar Grove on **Friday, November 18th.**

For more information, contact Vikki Moeller 897-1961 x142.

Pictures from International Walk to School Day

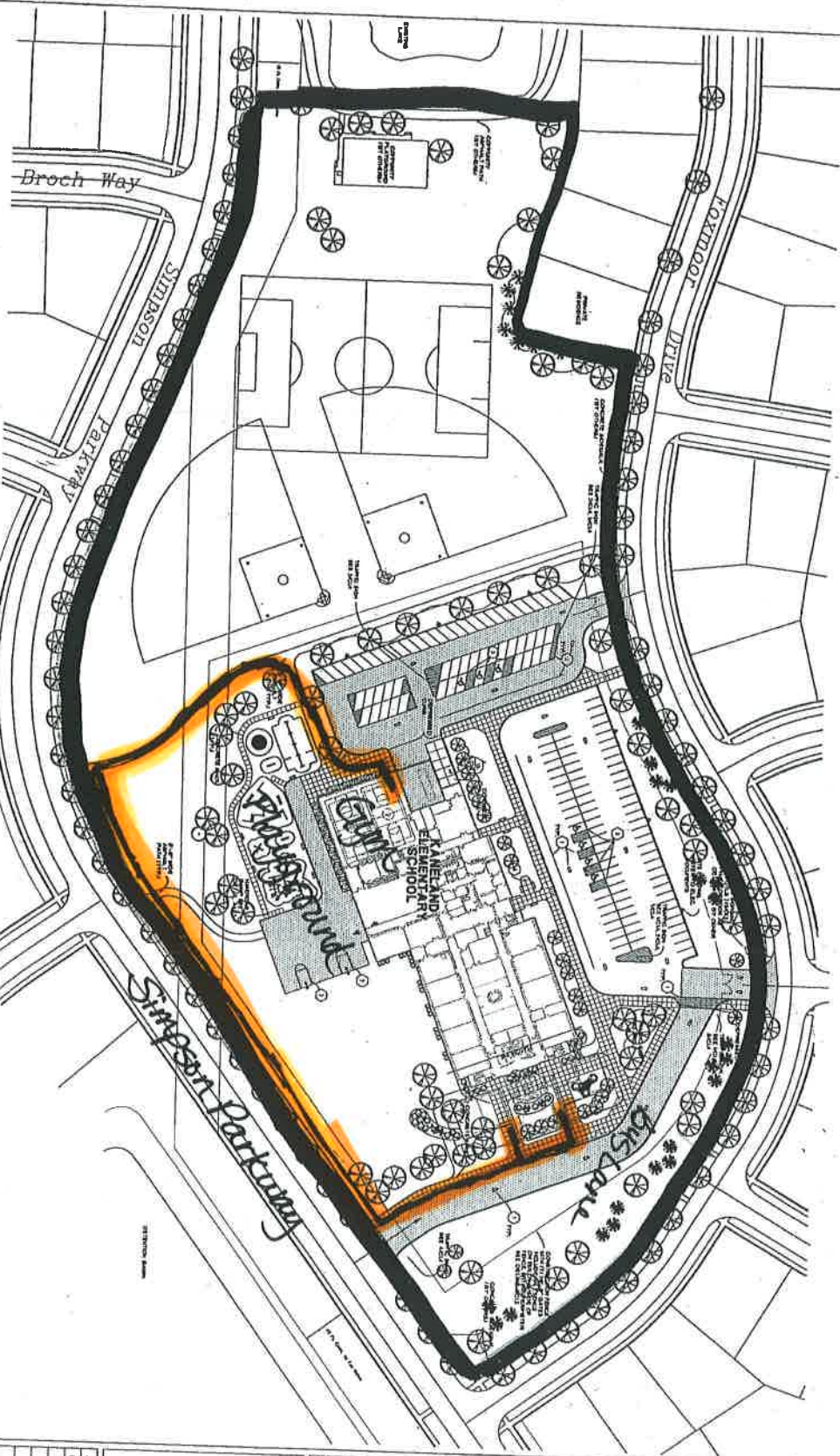


In September, 973 R3 tickets were given out and returned from students exhibiting positive behavior at McDole. Keep up the good work.

|  | <i>Classroom & Specials</i> | <i>Hallway/Stairways</i> | <i>Recess & Playground</i>  | <i>Lunchroom</i>  | <i>Bus</i>  | <i>Bathroom</i>  | <i>Library</i>  | <i>Offices</i>  |
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| Be Ready | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Do your best *Come prepared *Use materials appropriately  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Face forward in line *Stay on right side *Walk one step at a time  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use Problem Solving skills *Line up with your class when called *Dress appropriately  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Healthy foods and drinks *Choose seat wisely *Line up quietly  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Promptly walk to door/bus *Take all belongings with you  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Quietly return to class *Get in and get out  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Be polite and use your manners *Keep self to self *Choose seat wisely  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Be polite and use your manners |
| Be Respectful | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Listen and watch attentively *Keep self to self *Use kind words & be helpful *Raise your hand and wait your turn  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Walk quietly *Stay in line *Keep self to self  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Share *Use kind words *Include everyone *Keep self to self *Use equipment properly  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stay in seat *Use an inside voice *Keep self to self *Use good table manners *Raise hand for help * Use kind words and be helpful  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use an inside voice *Use kind words *Use your manners *Keep self to self *Listen to the driver  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Flush *Wash hands *Keep self to self *Use an inside voice  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Listen to instructions *Quiet voice *Use library materials appropriately  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wait your turn *Quiet voice  |
| Be Responsible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow Directions *Make good choices *Be accountable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow Directions *Keep hallway/stairs clean *Hold the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow directions *Be alert *Report problems to monitor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow directions *Keep tables and floor clean *Place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sit facing forward *Report problems to bus driver *Keep seats, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use at appropriate times *Keep clean *Use water and paper wisely | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Walk in and out quietly *Look for appropriate book *Ask for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Walk in and out quietly *Return to class if no one is there |

Halloween Parade Route

SITE PLAN - BASE BID



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| | | <p>425 East Washington Ave Chicago, IL 60611 Phone: (773) 442-2115 Fax: (773) 442-2116</p> |
| <p>10 YEAR LIFE SAFETY SURVEY</p> | | <p>at McDole Elementary School 47 W 25th St Chicago, IL 60611</p> |
| <p>for the BOARD OF EDUCATION Regional Community 47 W 25th St Chicago, IL 60611</p> | | <p>for the McDole Elementary School 47 W 25th St Chicago, IL 60611</p> |
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