

# McKinley Monthly

MAY 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Fine Arts Night—  
May 2
- PTA Dance—  
May 3
- 3-4-5 Music  
Program—May 9
- PTA—May 14
- K-1-2 Music  
Program—May 23
- Choir Fun Day—  
May 24
- No School—  
May 27
- Track and Field  
Day—  
May 29

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## From the Principal



There are many activities planned in the month of May. Please check the online McKinley Calendar at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/McKinley](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/McKinley) for an up-to-date view of events and helpful information. Mrs. Sperl keeps this calendar current and is adding new items weekly. If you have any questions about the calendar or what is going on at McKinley, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 446-5200 and talk with either Mrs. Sperl or Mrs. Strand.

This has been a great year! The teachers have engaged the students in a huge amount of new learning and have built deep, positive relationships with their students. We are looking to finish the year strong while maintaining the excitement through the end of the year. We appreciate your assistance in keeping the students rested, attentive and on track for these last weeks of the 2018-2019 school year. Our Wildcat Way continues to be our focus and guide:

***We are Caring, We are Respectful, We are Responsible, We are Safe, We are McKinley!***

I would also like to thank all of you for your time and support this year. I encourage you to continue to be an integral part of our McKinley School Community next year as well. So much can be accomplished when everyone works together to create a stronger community.

*As we complete the 2018-2019 school year, we'd like to thank the PTA for another wonderful year of financial and volunteer support to the school! We appreciate all that you do for McKinley!*

## YMCA—MASH

### Summer Care and 2019-2020 Afterschool Program

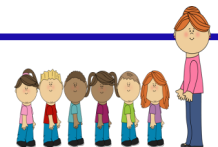
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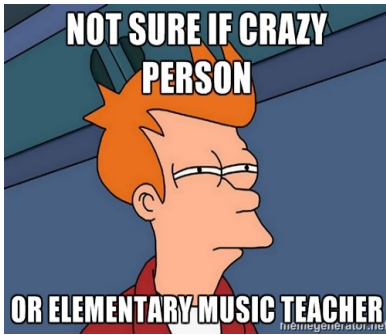
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McKinley: 218-359-2314

## May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week



*A very special thank you to our teaching staff! We are blessed to have such caring teachers. Please take a minute or two to let them know you value their work!*



# IT'S MAY IN MUSIC!!!!

It's Program time! The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will present "Let's Eat" on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 pm.

The Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will present "Yee-Haw!" on Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 pm.

Why do music programs? I believe that performance is a critical component to studying music. Performing music for an audience requires not only understanding the music content, but also self-analysis for improvement. Collaboration, cooperation, creativity, and critical thinking—our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills—are on full display as students prepare for their programs. Every student at McKinley has either a speaking or singing part in the program. Whether a large or a small role, every part is important to the whole performance!

Come watch your child be a part of something larger than him or her! Watch as he sings with confidence, and hear the pride in her voice as she delivers her lines! Come join us as we joyfully share all our hard work!

Learning about music doesn't have to stop during the summer! Quavermusic.com has many fun music games and many interactive activities for students to learn about and create their own music! If your child would like to use the apps and activities on the Quaver Music website over the summer, he or she can use the generic login: Username: mckstudent Password: mckstudent; or he or she can create his or her own log in and use the Quaver code XM9EU.

## ATTENTION CURRENT 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORCHESTRA?

The orchestra teachers will be coming to 4<sup>th</sup> grade music classrooms during the month of May to show your child the instruments of the orchestra (violin, viola, cello and bass) and demonstrate the characteristics of each. Orchestra classes will begin next fall for 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in being a part of the program.

Students and their parents/guardians are asked to attend one of the following rental nights from 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Carl Ben Eielson, Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Ben Franklin, Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Discovery

At the event, you can sign up to rent an instrument and purchase supplies. Also, please plan on attending one of the parent information sessions either at 5:00-5:30 or 6:00-6:30. The parent information session will give you a chance to ask any questions and learn about opportunities you will have in orchestra. Plan to spend a total of about one hour. You may go to one of the three music stores in the area if you are unable to attend any of these rental nights.

Please email Kathleen Thomas if you have specific questions. Thank you!  
thomask2@fargo.k12.nd.us

## Counselor's Corner—May Guidance Lessons

**Kindergarten** and **First grade** will begin to explore different careers and where people work.

**Second grade** will explore jobs and the tools that people need to do their job.

**Third grade** will be introduced to *Paws in Jobland*. It's a computer program that helps them explore the world of work. They will find where people work, the type of tools needed for that job and what kind of education is required for that job.

**Fourth grade** will take an interest inventory test and look at the different categories of jobs in our Career booklets. They will see what jobs are related to their interests.

**Fifth grade** will look at careers and see how they are categorized/classified. We will also start preparing for middle school by discussing information that will help them in this transition: organization, study skills, lockers & locks, and general questions about middle school.

Mrs. Linnell, School Counselor



**From Physical Education:** We made it!! It is May and we only have a few short weeks left of school! We have had a busy couple of months. The All City Track Meet was on May 7th at NDSU and our students did great! We get the opportunity to practice running technique, long jump, and even hurdles in our after-school gym program. It is such a fun day every year and our kids really enjoy it!

At the end of our school year we will be having our own track and field day on May 29th, weather permitting. This is such a fun day for our students and we like to involve the parents and families involved by asking for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer or just experience the activities with your student, please email me or let your classroom teacher know asap! (pieterj@fargo.k12.nd.us). Thanks for a great year!

## Summer Ideas

Just in case you need some extra ideas regarding "Things to do" in the summer, here are some suggestions:

- Enroll in the summer library program and enjoy books! Suggest that your children read to younger siblings. Kids love showing off their reading skills. Books can provide siblings with a way to enjoy spending time together without bickering over the remote control.
- Children love to have parents read a book to them. Select a book that is a little above the child's reading level, and discuss unfamiliar works and the characters in the story.
- Get gardening! Plant your next jack-o-lantern. Pumpkins are easy to grow, need plenty of space and sunshine and take a lot of time to grow. Teach your child about caring for growing plants.
- Play outside together. Encourage your child to participate in simple activities with you. Take a walk after dinner, play catch, kick a soccer ball around, play basketball or use props, like crepe paper to make streamers and scarves and let your children "run like the wind."

**Important**

The McKinley school office will close for the summer on June 7th. If you have any questions regarding the next school year please contact us before this date. We will reopen the week of August 5th. Any registrations will be handled through the Fargo Public Schools District Office. Calls will be taken at 446-1000.

# BREAKING NEWS

REPORT CARDS

WILL GO HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT  
THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



2019-2020 School Year

Teacher assignment letters will be mailed to families by August 16. Thank you for your understanding!

**STUDENT MEDICATIONS MUST BE PICKED UP BY JUNE 5, 2019.  
ANY ITEMS LEFT AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF  
BY OUR NURSE. THANK YOU!**



### Child Supervision Guidelines

The ultimate responsibility for the safety, care, well-being and behavior of dependent children remains with the parent or caregiver, whether they are present to personally supervise them or not. Supervising your children is one of the most important things you can do for them. The age of the child is not the only factor that should be considered when children are left alone. Other factors include the maturity of the child, emotional health factors and the child's physical or cognitive limitations.

Age of Child	Left Alone for Two Hours or Less	Left Alone for More Than Two Hours	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended	Left In Car Unattended for Limited Time	Child Provides Care for Other Children
Newborn-4	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES, except in hot or cold weather; must be in view of caregiver and in a restraint	NO
Age 5-6	NO	NO	NO	YES, playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to	YES, except in hot or cold weather, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
Age 7-8	NO	NO	NO	YES, with access to supervision	YES, except in hot or cold weather, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
Age 9	YES, during daytime hours with ready access to an adult supervisor	NO	NO	YES	YES, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
Age 10-11	YES, with ready access to an adult supervisor	YES, with ready access to an adult supervisor	NO	YES	YES, keys removed and emergency	NO
Age 12-14	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES (Child care classes recommended)
Age 15-18	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

In all instances above where "YES" is indicated, the parent should recognize their responsibility for using responsible judgement and for any incident or mishap considered preventable which occurs. Caution should be taken in leaving 15-17 year olds alone overnight. Submitted by Cass County Social Services.