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McManus Messenger

PARENTS...

OUR NEXT MINIMUM DAY IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Please refer to the schedule below and mark your calendar accordingly:

Minimum Day Schedule:

December 18, March 11, June 2	
Grades TK - K	8:10 - 11:30
Grades 1 - 3	8:15 - 11:20
Grades 4 - 6	8:15 - 11:35

Important dates coming up!

12/4, PTA meets 7:45 am in library
12/11, Kindergarten/TK Registration 8:30
12/9, Dessert w/Santa
12/18, Kindergarten Songfest, 9am, MPR
12/19-1/3/2016: NO SCHOOL! Winter Break
1/4/16 - School resumes!

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

We're running out of room on our lost & found rack! We have lots of jackets, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, backpacks and lunch boxes.



Kindergarten/TK Registration

Registration will be held on our campus in room 24 from 8:00 - 3:30. If you have a child or know of a child in the Chico Unified School District that will be five on or before September 1, 2016 then that child can be enrolled into kindergarten. Children who will turn five between Sept. 2, 2016 and Dec. 2, 2016 will be eligible for our TK (Transitional Kindergarten) program. Please bring your child's birth certificate, shot records and (2) forms of verification of your address with you when you register. Thank you!

Cold & Flu Season

Achoo! It's that time of year when we get exposed to germs and come down with a flu, cold or cough. The best ways to eliminate getting sick are:

- 1) Get a flu shot.
- 2) Wash your hands often and thoroughly. (Sing happy birthday twice as you wash!)
- 3) Use alcohol-based sanitizers when you can't use soap & water.
- 4) Avoid getting close to people who are sick.
- 5) Keep your surroundings clean. Sanitize doorknobs, light switches, cell phones, etc.
- 6) Keep up a healthy lifestyle. Eat your fruits & veggies and get a good nights' rest!

DESSERT WITH SANTA

Don't forget to come to one of our most beloved events!

When: Wednesday, Dec. 9th

Where: MPR

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

There is a \$2.00 charge per student and this includes crafts, cookies & ice cream, a book, and a picture with Santa! What a deal! *Parents, we can use your help volunteering for this event. A volunteer sign in sheet is in the school office. Thanks for your help!



We have a great opportunity to offer you!

If your child has missed one or more days of school this year, we have designed a fantastic program where your child can make up a day of absence on Saturday, December 12th.

This is a win-win situation for you and for the school district. If your child attends the full four-hour program, one absence day will be cleared from their attendance record.

This special day program will be structured with enrichment and recreational activities as well as providing an environment for students to catch up on missing assignments. The program will begin here at McManus promptly at 8am and run until 12:00pm. Breakfast will be provided for those who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. Check your child's backpack for the application or pick one up in the office. The deadline to return the application is Tues., December 8th.

My Love is Bigger than a Rhumba of Rattlesnakes

Our very own school counselor, Kristen Lape, has written a delightful children's book! It is targeted for ages pre-school through elementary school and is a fun read for any age.

Kristen's idea for *Rhumba* was first inspired by her two sons. "When they were small, we read a lot of books about animals and spent a lot of time outdoors in nature." As a counselor for Chico

School District, she has often been reminded of how much children love animals. This story is filled with charm, warmth and wonderful unique illustrations and is available to check out at our McManus Library and the Butte County Library. It can be purchased locally at CSU Bookstore, Made in Chico, Apple Blossom Baby, Turtle Bay, the Gateway Discovery Museum Amazon.com, & BarnesandNoble.com



Fun Family Event! COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING!

Friday, December 4th
6 pm - Downtown Plaza
This event includes: Performances by Children's Choir of Chico & Sounds of the Valley Chorus, a countdown to light the tree and a visit with Santa!



The tree lighting will take place rain or shine.