

John A. McManus Elementary
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McManus Messenger

Keene's Korner...

Welcome to 2015-2016 school year! I am very proud to be principal here at McManus. I love sharing my days with this amazing community of staff, students, and families. I often say we are a team here at McManus. We all look out for each other and we work hard to do our best to grow each day. I am excited for a positive and exciting year ahead!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us for Back-To-School night on Wednesday, August 26th. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and find out what to expect for the upcoming school year.

TK - 2nd grade: 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Parent Meeting: 6:00 - 6:15 pm/MPR

3rd - 6th grade: 6:15 - 6:45 pm

We can't wait to see you!

Perfect Attendance Awards

For each month a student has perfect attendance, they are entered into a drawing for a new bicycle or Kindle. These items will be awarded to a boy and girl at the end-of year award assembly.

Good luck!



Box Top

Box Tops = \$\$ for the classroom!

We have box top forms in the office. Make sure the box tops haven't expired and return it to the office for a "Smencil".

PIZZA CONTEST!

We are offering pizza parties for the first 3 classes in Tk-3rd and 3 classes 4-6 that get their entire classrooms emergency cards turned in the fastest. These were put in your Back-to-School packets and it is crucial these get turned in immediately. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!



P T A

We invite you to become a member of our PTA. Membership packets went home in your Back-To-School packets and there is a small monetary donation, but more importantly we need parents to attend our PTA meetings and/or volunteer throughout the year for various activities, events and fundraisers. This is a great way for parents to get involved and meet other parents, teachers and staff. The PTA meets the first Friday of the month at 7:45 in the library. Our first meeting is September 4th.

See you there!

Meet our dedicated & experienced staff:

Mrs. Keene was an elementary teacher for 15 years, she coached teachers for 3 years, and this is her second year as principal at McManus. **Wendy Billingsley** has been an office manager for 4 years. Before that she was an attendance clerk for 12 years. **Lisa Billingsley** has worked 9 years in the district, 7 years as an attendance clerk and 2 years as a library media aide sub/office assistant sub. **Julian Gonzalez** has been making CUSD schools shine for 6 years as a custodian. He recently won the "PTA Honorary Service" award for his dedication to our school!

We all look forward to serving our McManus families this year!

The History of our school...

Did you know that our school was originally built in 1911? It was named Pleasant Valley School and part of the Pleasant Valley School District. It was built as a one-room schoolhouse to accommodate ranch and farming families who lived in the area during the early twentieth century. It expanded over time and by 1957 was accommodating 685 students! In late 1957, the school's name was changed to John A. McManus Elementary in honor of Mr. McManus' longtime service and devotion to the children of the community. In 1964, McManus Elementary was incorporated into the newly formed Chico Unified School District.

After School Program

CARD offers an after school program for students 1- 6th grade. They work in conjunction with our after school program. The enrollment options are as follows:

- Mon. - Friday: \$176 per month
 - M/W/F: \$115 per month
 - T/TH: \$85 per month
- Please call 895-4711 for availability & additional info.

