



# McKinley Elementary School

*"We Believe All Students Can Achieve"*

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## SCHOOL BULLETIN

December 19, 2011

### CALENDAR

12/23 Early Release! Grade K: 11:40 & Grades 1-5 -1:50p.m.

12/26-1/6/12

Winter Break



1/09/12

School Resumes

1/10/12

School Board Meeting District Office 7pm

1/11/12

Coffee Club Portable J 8:15am



PTO Meeting Tonight ☺ – 5:30pm – Library

1/12/12

All Family Alliance Meeting SLHS 7pm

Minimum Day - Kindergarten: 8:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m., Grades 1 – 5 8:10 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

REMINDER: Every Wednesday is Early Dismissal.



### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Thank you again to our Music Director, Kathy Maier, Instructional Assistant, Stephen DeRosa, Choir students and families, for a beautiful Choir performance! Our students are musically gifted; their voices renewed our belief in the miracle of the season!

Thank you to Alajiah Moore's mother who provided donuts to McKinley Staff for the holidays; we certainly felt appreciated!

Welcome new Yard Supervisor, Stephanie Valteau to McKinley! Stephanie's mother, Willie Valteau was a former Yard Supervisor and their family is continuing the tradition of excellent supervision for our students and families. Please be sure to welcome Stephanie when you see her on the McKinley campus. ☺

Over the holidays, you may wish to have your child(ren) visit the free online math websites:

[www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com), [www.mathblaster.com](http://www.mathblaster.com), [www.jumpstart.com](http://www.jumpstart.com), [www.math-play.com](http://www.math-play.com),

[www.onlinemathlearning.com](http://www.onlinemathlearning.com), [www.apples4theteacher.com](http://www.apples4theteacher.com), and math music site,

<http://songsforteaching.com/mathsongs.htm>.

Thank you to our students and families who promoted and attended Saturday School. **Our next Saturday School will be on February 11th** and we need all who are invited to attend! The instructional minutes your child re-gains to best prepare for STAR exams in April, as well as ADA money earned to provide educational programs and support for your children is invaluable! Please support this free educational opportunity. Breakfast, recess, instructional materials and credentialed teachers will be here to welcome and support our McKinley families! ☺

**GO EAGLES!**

☺ Cher Mott, Principal

## **A Big Thank you to the following parents who participated in our December 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Chat:**

Joseph Tapia, Ysayra Garibay, Edelmira Vega, Teresa Silva, Dawn Thistlethwaite, Crisanto Cuevas, Rosa Veronica Moreno, Tania Maldonado, Eloisa Barragan, Rosa Flores, Olani Lee, Maria Zuniga, Kimberly Tindsley, Jonette Zane-Newey, Chris Newey, Monica Quinones, Sharon Mendez, Sabra Schnur, Alice Jagoda, Jeanie Lew, Destiny Malabaran, Reyna Zacapa, Fatima Ibarra, Veronica Bouchard, Elsy Jacob...and with special thanks to Briget Lopez for her excellent translation services!



### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Our phone system facilitates communication between schools and community. We check our voicemail often, so please leave a message if you happen to phone while we are away from our desks. McKinley's main phone number (510 618-4320) has easy voicemail options. Please make note of the numbers.

**Main number - 618-4320**

**Attendance line - 618-4321**

**Food Service - 618-4322**

### **CAUGHT BEING GOOD**

Congratulations to the following students who were caught being good: Quintin Grant, Jose Deras, Willie Bokai, & Jauron Newson.



### **TRAFFIC**

Each year we review the traffic rules for drivers bringing student to school.

Please be a positive role model for our children and drive safely and according to posted rules.

Right turns only are allowed when exiting the driveway onto E.14th St.

Parking directly in front of the school is allowed only when *dropping off* or *picking up* students. Cars parked without an occupant will be ticketed by the San Leandro police.

Drive slowly and carefully when arriving and leaving the school campus.

**Please make sure that your child is aware of their after school arrangements before he/she arrives at school. It is often impossible to track down a student and give them a message during the school day.**

### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

If you are interested in helping at school, please get a Volunteer Packet from the office. Before anyone may volunteer, a current TB clearance and Megan's Law clearance is required. Thank you! ☺

**Will your child turn 5 in September, October, or November 2012?** If so, your child may be eligible for a new, free public educational program called Transitional Kindergarten. California recently passed a law (SB 1381 Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010) changing the kindergarten age requirement and having school districts offer Transitional Kindergarten to children turning 5 years old between September 1 and December 2, giving children an opportunity to develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond. This kindergarten readiness program is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten giving these "young fives" a head start, with the intent that Kindergarten will be a two year program for these "young fives".

- **This program is free and part of public school education**
- **Specialized curriculum based on the kindergarten standards**
- **Transitional Kindergarten is taught by credentialed teachers**
- **After Transitional Kindergarten, students will attend Kindergarten**

Starting in late January, the District will be offering parent informational workshops at your school site. Please help spread the word, so that your child - and those of your friends - Don't miss out on learning more about this wonderful new program for young fives. We will publish those dates after winter break.

## **Kindergarten de Transición.**

California aprobó recientemente una ley conocida como la (SB 1 381 Ley de Preparación para el Kindergarten del 2010) que cambio el requisito de edad para el kínder y hace que los distritos escolares ofrezcan Kindergarten de Transición para niños que cumplirán 5 años entre el 1 de Septiembre y el 2 de Diciembre, ofreciendo a los niños la oportunidad de desarrollar las habilidades sociales y académicas y la confianza que les ayudará a tener éxito en kindergarten y más allá. Este programa de preparación para el kindergarten es un puente entre el preescolar y el kindergarten ofreciendo a "niños de 5 años" un buen comienzo, y la intención de que el Kindergarten será un programa de dos años para estos "niños de 5 años".

- **Este programa es gratuito y forma parte de la educación pública**
- **Un currículo especializado basado en las normas de Kindergarten**  
**El Kindergarten de Transición es impartido por maestros acreditados**
- **Después del Kindergarten de Transición, los estudiantes asistirán a Kindergarten regular.**

A finales de enero, el Distrito estará ofreciendo talleres para los padres de familia en la escuela de su hijo(a). Por favor, ayude a difundir la palabra, para que su hijo y los de sus amigos no pierdan la oportunidad de aprender más acerca de este maravilloso programa nuevo para niños de cinco años. Las fechas serán publicadas después de las vacaciones de invierno.