

MCKINLEY NEWS

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Dear Families,

It is such a pleasure to visit classrooms each day at McKinley. Students have fully engaged themselves into the excitement of the school routines and are willing to share the newly found knowledge from their new learning experiences. We have started a new practice with "Instructional Walkthroughs" in order to observe teaching and learning, gather data on curriculum implementation and establish classroom presence on a regular basis. The 3 pillars of our work at McKinley are rooted in Professional Learning Communities: 1) Collaborative Culture 2) Ensure Student Learning 3) Focus On Results. It is a privilege to work with a community that realizes each child's potential. In closing, I would like to invite you to stop in anytime to visit or to discuss strengths and challenges at McKinley.

Sincerely,
Diane Campbell

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on April 1st from 8:00am-7:00pm. Your child must be 5 years old by Sept 15, 2015. The registration process will take place at the Muscatine School Administration Office 2900 Mulberry Avenue. Bring your child's birth certificate or other documents showing name and date of birth, immunization card, and verification of dental and vision screening (if available). Free Vision screenings will be available to your child onsite. Information on free Dental screenings will also be available.

Race For The Schools

The 3rd Annual Race for the Schools will be held on May 2nd, 2015 at Muscatine High School. The 5K/10K starting time is 8:00am, and the 1-mile Fun Run begins at 9:00am. Proceeds from the race directly benefit each school. Registration forms are available at all Muscatine School buildings and at the Muscatine Schools Administration Center. On-line registration is available at **Get Me Registered.com** <http://goo.gl/2B6Bo4>. Let's see how many McKinley members we can get registered!

Band Concert

Beginning Band Concert is April 30, 7:00 PM at Central Middle School. Students should arrive by 6:40 with their instrument and Music. The concert is approximately 1 hour long and students are expected to stay for the entire concert. If a student is unable to attend the concert, please contact Mrs. Spoto ([563-263-7005](tel:563-263-7005)) or alyce.spoto@mcsdonline.org and she will assign a make up assignment.

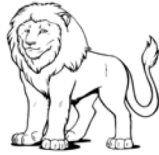


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Important Dates

3-30	IA Assessment week
4-1	Kindergarten Roundup
4-3	No School
4-6	School is in session
4-7	4 year old PK Family Night
4-16	PTO 6:30pm
4-17	Kindergarten Visits (no Kindergarten classes)
4-27	MAP Testing
4-29	Early Dismissal
4-30	Band Concert
5-2	Race For The Schools
5-4	FAST Testing
5-6	Talent Show
5-20	Instrument Presentation



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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Next week, your students will be taking the Iowa Assessments.

Understanding your child's academic achievement benefits from information to help them excel and succeed. The Iowa Assessments make this possible by providing detailed information about your child in a variety of important content areas including Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

- The Iowa Assessments help to determine how students are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core
- The Iowa Assessments measure student growth and progress from year to year.
- The Iowa Assessments help teachers identify a student's strengths and identify areas that may need additional emphasis. The assessments produce information that enable sound decision-making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction.
- The Iowa Assessments provide information about your child's performance relative to the school, the state of Iowa, and the nation

To help your child do the best that they can, please make sure they get adequate sleep and eat a good breakfast. I will be talking to your students to encourage them to give their best effort and I would encourage you to do the same. Thank you for your help and encouragement as your students continue through the remainder of the school year.

Diane Campbell
Principal