



MacNews

A Note from our PTA President

MacArthur Elementary PTA

PTA President: Mikel Eppenbaugh
email: president@macarthurpta.org
phone: (847) 885-9438

Newsletter Editor: Vanessa Brand
e-mail: newsletter@macarthurpta.org

MacArthur PTA website:
www.macarthurpta.org

MacArthur PTA Facebook Page:
[MacArthur Elementary PTA](#)

Principal: Mrs. Danette Meyer
e-mail: danettemeyer@sd54.org
Phone: (847) 357-6650

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Diana Lipman
e-mail: dianalipman@sd54.org
Phone: (847) 357-6650

Main Phone: (847) 357-6650

Absentee Line: (847) 357-6652 (must call by 9:00 am EACH DAY your student will be absent)

MacArthur Website:
web54.sd54.k12.il.us/schools/macarthur

School District #54 website:
web54.sd54.k12.il.us

District 54's Virtual Backpack
<http://sd54.org/virtualbackpack/>

Inside this issue:

Calendar	2
A Note from our Principal	3
PBIS Update	4
Giving Tree	5
Reading Calendar	6
Taste of MacArthur	8-9
Community Closet	10



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. It's hard to believe the holiday season is already upon us. This will be the last newsletter sent out before Winter Break, so I encourage you to read this entire issue.

Next Friday is the first ever Taste of MacArthur from 6:30-8:30 pm. This wonderful multicultural event will include samples of foods from our MacArthur families and their ethnic backgrounds. Please join me in tasting foods from around the world! During the evening, there will also be pick-up for our Butterbraid fundraiser and you can pick up any Spiritwear you ordered.

When we return from Winter Break, I invite you to join us at our PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm. The Book Fair will also be that week during Parent/Teacher Conferences. On Friday, January 20th your PTA will host our 2nd Science Fair. I encourage you to come out to see what great projects the children of Mac have been working on.

It's not too late to become a member of the PTA. We only need 15 more members to reach our goal for the year! Thank you to Jae Davis, our Membership chair, for all her hard work. You can even ask your family and friends to become members. Your dues support all the wonderful things we do here at Mac. We will have a membership table set up during the Taste of Mac, so be sure to sign up!

I hope everyone has a fantastic Winter Break and gets to spend some great family time together!

Happy Holidays!

Mikel Eppenbaugh
MacArthur PTA President

“TEAM-Together Everyone Achieves More”

December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Hot Lunch	3
4	5 Market Day	6 Ice Cream	7	8	9 Fun Foods: Hot Dogs Taste of Macarthur Butter Braid & Gift Card Pick-up	10
11	12	13 Ice Cream	14 Pizza Day	15	16 Hot Lunch Cultural Arts Assembly	17
18	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25 Christmas	26 No School Christmas Day Observed	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31

Pizza Days

Don't miss out on the last pizza day for 2011: December 14! Cheese pizza is only \$2 a slice. If you don't have an order form, you can just put the money in an envelope with the students full name and room number on it. No pizza will be sold to students on the day of the lunch. Watch for the January, 2012, pizza order form to come home before winter break.

Happy Holidays!

REMINDER

BUTTER BRAID PASTRY PICKUP :

DECEMBER 9, 5:30 p.m. AT MACARTHUR

Please pick up your Butter Braid Pastry order prior to the Taste Of MacArthur.

Thank you for your support of the MacArthur students and PTA!

A Note from our Principal



Dear MacArthur Community,

Mrs. Meyer and I hope you had a fun and relaxing Thanksgiving Break with your family. During this holiday season, we have lots to be thankful for. We are thankful for our students who come to school each day, ready to do their best. We are thankful for our teachers who put their hearts into their work, and expect the best **from each student. And we are thankful for MacArthur parents for supporting your child's** learning at home by making reading a priority, practicing math, and setting goals together.

Winter MAP Testing began this week on Monday, November 28th with Grades 2-6 taking the Reading test. Next week, students in Grades 2-6 will take the Math test, and grades K-1 will test in both Reading and Math. Winter MAP results will be shared with parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences on January 12th and 13th.

Winter weather is quickly approaching us, and with the chill comes the need to focus on safety before, during, and after school. When dropping off students before school, please remember to park your car outside of the bus zone, allowing your child to exit the car near the curb and cross the street using the crosswalk. Students will continue to go outside for recess during the winter months, so please be sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Please contact the office, Ms. Perez, or Mrs. Janes if your family could use support with getting winter clothing for your family this season. Also, during dismissal times, be aware of buses and always yield when a bus stop sign is extended. Thank you for helping ensure the safety of all students and parents at MacArthur School!

Mrs. Lipman, Assistant Principal

School Store is now up and running! We have lots of items to choose from:

· Gel pens

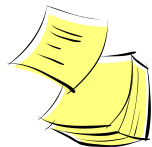
· Folders

· Memo Pads

· Rainbow Pens

· Scented Highlighters

· Erasers - all sizes



· Pencils - lead, rainbow, #2

· Markers

· Colored Pencils

· Glue

· Notebooks



· Protractors

· Bookmarks

· Pencil Sharpeners

· And the list goes on

and on...

Prices vary from 5 cents to \$1.85. School Store is open on Mondays during lunch.

PBIS UPDATES!!

Cool Tools the Week of:

November 7th – Behavior Expectation when Visitors are at school

November 14th – Indoor Recess Expectations



Up and Coming Cool Tools: In December we will be focusing on Celebrating Cultural Diversity. Since our PTA is hosting the exciting Taste of MacArthur event on December 9th we would like to join them in Celebrating Cultural Diversity.

24/7-MacArthur Staff would like to remind all families that the Bear Essentials (Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful) should be followed at all school events. This would include Boy/Girls Scout meetings, after school, evening or weekend activities at MacArthur. We feel doing this will continue to promote a positive environment in our school.



Bear Buck Goal for November: 7,000



With the holidays arriving, students at Mac are a buzz with excitement. To help keep us focused for the next few weeks the staff will be handing out themed Bear Bucks. Starting next week and continuing until December 1st Mac staff will give out

Thanksgiving Bear Bucks for following the Bear Essentials. December 1st will kick off our green, red and blue holiday Bear Bucks. Make sure to check in with your child to see if they have received any Bear Bucks.



Don't FORGET! PBIS Reminder: Wear your school colors (blue and yellow) on PBIS assembly days. Next PBIS assembly: December 1st

Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe,

The PBIS TEAM



MacArthur Community

The holiday season is upon us and we would like to join together to bring holiday cheer to our MacArthur community. This year we will be sponsoring a 'Holiday Giving Tree' which will be set up in the front hallway of MacArthur School beginning November 21st.

On the Giving Tree will be stars with items that we are asking our MacArthur community to donate. If you would like to donate, please take a star off the tree, purchase the item, wrap it and return to MacArthur. Please tape the star to the top of the gift so MacArthur staff can identify the item. For ease of stacking and transporting, please do not put bows on the gift.

The gifts will then be given to our own MacArthur families who are in need this season. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, a collection will be started in the main office. MacArthur staff will use the money to purchase additional items. Please bring in all gifts by Monday, December 12th.

Candy Canes

Student Council will be selling candy canes starting Monday, November 21st until the Friday before Winter Break. Candy canes will be sold for 50 cents for one or 3 for \$1.00. We have all different flavors to enjoy!



Money raised will benefit GiGi's Playhouse!




READING CALENDAR

What holidays / traditions does your family celebrate?
Learn more by checking out a book at the library!

Write down the number of minutes you read on the calendar. Turn the calendar into your teacher to get a reward!

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Weekly Total
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
GRAND TOTAL 							

Please note: Kindergarten – Sixth Grade: 300 minutes required = 15 minutes for 5 days per week

Parents, reading to non-readers also counts. Keep track of minutes read to your child!



SUPPORT the FOUNDATION

**Purchase your holiday décor
From Superior Evergreens
At
Mallard Crossing
(NE corner of Meacham & Nerge Rds)**

November 21st through December 23rd

***Mention the D54 Foundation and portion of the proceeds
will be donated back to the Foundation!***

Visit www.johnsevergreens.com for further information.



Taste of MacArthur

Join in the fun!

Friday, December 9th
from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Our very first Taste of MacArthur is a PTA event celebrating all the different cultures within our school. Come join in the fun of an evening of ethnic food and entertainment.

You will have a chance to “taste” foods of the many cultures here at MacArthur, whether they be Mexican, Polish, Italian, Indian, Greek, Asian, American or any other European, African or South American dish, handmade by our very own MacArthur community.

Tickets will be used to purchase a “tasting” of the different dishes (main dish, side dish, appetizer, or dessert). They will be available for pre-sale for pick up at the event, or to purchase at the event. Drinks will also be available for purchase.

Each tasting will be 1 or 2 tickets. \$.50 a ticket OR
SPECIAL PRE-SALE FAMILY PRICE 35 tickets for \$15.00.

Student Name _____ Room # _____

Number of tickets _____ Total cost \$ _____

Cash or check made out to MacArthur PTA.
Please kindly return by Tuesday, December 6th.



Taste of MacArthur

Friday, December 9th
from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING A FAVORITE DISH!!

Our very first Taste of MacArthur is a PTA event celebrating all the different cultures within our school. This will be your chance to represent your heritage with an ethnic food of your choice, handmade to share with the entire MacArthur community. We are looking for main dishes, side dishes, appetizers, desserts, etc. Tickets will be purchased by Mac families so they can “taste” the ethnicities of MacArthur!

We need lots of our families to volunteer to bring a dish and show off your culture for the rest of us to experience. We are hoping to have Mexican, Polish, Italian, Indian, Greek, Asian, American and any other European, African or South American dish, and more.

Please complete the below form to proudly show off your cuisine!

Student Name _____ Room # _____

Parents Name _____ Email _____

Phone # _____

Name of Dish and Ethnicity _____

Please kindly return by Tuesday, December 6th.

In these hard times we all can use a helping hand.



If your family is in need of free gently used clothing, please contact your school and ask to speak with the social worker. The social worker can provide you with a voucher to bring to the District 54 Community Closet.



The Community Closet is open (to families with vouchers only) on two evenings and one Saturday each month at Addams Junior High School in Schaumburg.



The Closet operates like a thrift store, with clothes available in sizes from infant through adult. However, all of the clothes at the Community Closet are free to District 54 families in need of assistance.



Have clothes to donate? You can drop off the clothes at any District 54 school or office; label the boxes



Questions?

Contact Kathy Canary at (847) 357-5027 or your school social worker.

