



MacNews

A Note from our PTA President

MacArthur Elementary PTA

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We have had a great start to the new year! At the PTA meeting, we posted the slate for the 2012-2013 PTA Executive Committee. The nominees are Kate Johnson for President, Mikel Eppenbaugh for 1st Vice President, David Slotnik for 2nd Vice President, Liz Searle for Treasurer, Laurel McGrath for Corresponding Secretary, and Amy Kruger for Recording Secretary. According to our PTA Bylaws, the slate is to be posted for at least 30 days, and the nominees will be elected at a general membership meeting. Our slate is posted in the front hallway on our PTA bulletin board, and the election will be held at our general meeting on Friday, February 24th at 6pm during our Family Dinner/Picture Night.

We also held another successful Book Fair, thanks to Amy Kruger, during Parent/Teacher Conferences last week. It is so wonderful to see all the children excited about their new books. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped Amy run the Book Fair.

Tonight is our 2nd Annual Science Fair in the MacArthur gym from 5-7pm. I hope you all can come by to see what great science projects the Mac kids have been working on. We had a total of 88 students participate this year. 50 projects will be on display for viewing. Thank you to Vanessa Brand for all her hard work putting this great event together.

Donuts for Dads will be on Friday, February 3rd. **Don't forget to turn in your RSVP form** so we can make sure we have enough donuts to go around. You can also rsvp electronically through our PTA website at www.macarthurpta.org. Thank you to Martetta Thompson, Hospitality Chair, for organizing this event.

Lastly, we have reached our Membership goal for the year with 294 PTA members! **This is an increase of 10% over last year. It's never too late to become a PTA member to show your support to Mac. Let's go for a 15% increase by the end of the year!** That's only 14 more members. I know we can do it! Thanks to Jae Davis, Membership Chair, for her enthusiasm this year.

Peace, Love, and Happiness for 2012!

Mikel Eppenbaugh
MacArthur PTA President

"TEAM-Together Everyone Achieves More"

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 ML King Day No school	17 Ice Cream	18	19	20 Fun Foods: Nachos Science Fair	21
22	23	24 Ice Cream	25 Pizza Day Open Enrollment Fair at Addams	26	27 Hot Lunch	28
29	30	31 Ice Cream				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Donuts with Dads Fun Foods: Hot Dogs	4
5	6 Market Day Pickup	7 Ice Cream PTA Meeting 7pm	8 ½ Day School. No Kindergarten	9	10 Hot Lunch	11
12	13	14 Ice Cream	15	16	17 Fun Foods: Nachos	18
19	20 No School President's Day	21 Ice Cream	22	23 Kindergarten Registration	24 Hot Lunch Family Dinner	25
26	27	28 Ice Cream	29			

A Note from our Principal



Dear MacArthur Community,

Our first 5th/6th Grade Fitness Night on Tuesday was a great success, and we had many experts here sharing nutrition information, fitness and exercise tips, and ideas for living a healthier lifestyle. It was a full night of fun and learning! Please be sure to join us at an upcoming fitness night for 1st/2nd or 3rd/4th grade students. You can bring the whole family and recipes and activities will be new at each session.

Earlier this month we learned that MacArthur is one of two schools in Illinois to be chosen to receive a grant from the American Heart Associate to start a Teaching Garden this spring! We will be working in partnership with Zurich Corporation in Schaumburg to build raised beds for planting vegetables and herbs. Our students will learn about the growth cycle, nutrition and healthy eating habits, and take turns tending the garden as a class. As we get closer to spring, we will announce our first planting day to kick off our first growing season. We hope you will be able to join us in May!

Many thanks to Mrs. Brand and PTA volunteers for planning and organizing the MacArthur Science Fair. The students were very excited to share their knowledge with the judges and are looking forward to project demonstrations and explaining their results to the community this evening. We hope to see you there!

Danette Meyer

In the interest of keeping our students safe, District 54 would like to reinforce a few laws and policies concerning smoking, cell phone use and school buses.

No Smoking at Schools

District 54 policy prohibits smoking or the use of tobacco products on district property and in district facilities, regardless of whether students are present or school is in session. Individuals or groups using or renting facilities are also banned from smoking or using tobacco products in District 54 facilities or on District 54 properties.

School Bus Stop Arm Violations

It is unlawful for a driver to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload children when its stop signal arm is extended. Any driver traveling in the same direction as the bus is required to stop his vehicle when the driver is on a road fewer than four lanes of traffic.

Cell Phone Use in School Zones

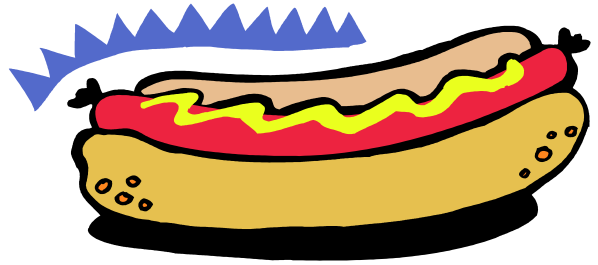
It is unlawful for any person, regardless of age, to use a cell phone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone.

HOT DOG FRI DAYS!!!

Introducing All Beef Hot Dogs for only \$1.50 each.

Money collection days are on Tuesdays. Please make checks payable to MacArthur PTA. PRE-ORDER ONLY!!! (NO SALES)

****Please note, this will be a Hot Dog ONLY



HOT DOG DAY ORDER FORM:

Student Name: _____ Phone: _____

Room#: _____ Teacher: _____

Date	Price	# of Dogs	Total
Fri, Feb 3	\$1.50		
Fri, March 2	\$1.50		
Fri, April 13	\$1.50		
Fri, May 11	\$1.50		

Grand Total: _____



We are looking for pictures for **this year's year-**book. Please put any pictures you

have on a CD and turn them into the office or you can upload them to communityupload.com, the access code is XYUHZZ. If possible please label the pictures so we know what event or classroom they are of.

If you have any questions please contact Susanne Fawbush at sfawbush@gmail.com.

Yearbook Order

\$22

Child's Name: _____

Room #: _____

Checks payable to MacArthur PTA

Any questions contact Susanne Fawbush at

yearbook@macarthurpta.org

MacArthur PTA

Butter Braid Fundraiser

- Stock up for the upcoming holidays & Mother's Day!
- Easy to bake and enjoy!!!!
- Just allow the pastry to thaw and rise until double in size, and then bake for a great homemade pastry!
- Each pastry includes icing & will serve 11 people



Please collect payment when taking orders.

Checks should be made payable to: **MacArthur PTA.**

All orders are to be returned to MacArthur no later than **3/2/12.**

Order pick-up on **3/13/12** at MacArthur between 6-7p.m.

Please no Door-to-Door sales.

Reading Calendar

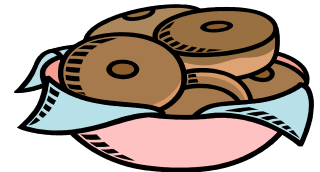
Due to a typo on the December Reading Calendar the Student Name and Room Number was cut off. Please make sure you include your child's name and room number on the calendar.

Thanks

Mary Galle , Reading Recognition Committee

Donuts With Dads

February 3rd Dads are invited to join Mrs. Meyer and the PTA in the **MacArthur Gym** for information and then visit their child's classroom.



Morning Schedule:

8:00am-8:30am gym
8:30am-9:15am classroom

Afternoon Kindergarten Schedule:

12:30pm-1:00pm classroom
1:00pm-1:15 teacher's lounge

****ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7th**

Hot Lunch Form 2011-12

Name: _____

Room: _____

ALL MEALS ARE \$4.25 and are served as described below
Please check one entrée (and one ice cream for culver's)

Total Paid: _____
PTA use only

February 24, 2011 Rocco Vino's	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken parmesan Sandwich both with Sunchips and fruit snacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Panzerotti (pizza puff)
March 9, 2011 Popeyes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 piece chicken tenders with a biscuit and mashed potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Mac and Cheese with corn and a biscuit
March 23, 2011 Pasta Mia	<input type="checkbox"/> Meatball Sandwich both with pasta salad and oreos	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bosco Sticks w/ marinara (bread stuffed w/ cheese)
April 20, 2011 Riccardo's	<input type="checkbox"/> Pancakes w/ syrup both with fruit cup and gogurt	<input type="checkbox"/> French Toast sticks w/ syrup
May 4, 2011 Riccardo's	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Sandwich both with carrots and gogurt	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheese Ravioli w/ marinara
May 18, 2011 Culver's	<input type="checkbox"/> Hamburger all w/ baked chips	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheeseburger vanilla ice cream
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Cheese chocolate ice cream	<input type="checkbox"/> lemon ice

TOTAL # OF MEALS _____ x \$4.25/EA. = _____

Checks made out to MacArthur PTA or **EXACT CASH** accepted

***Order must be received no later than Tuesday February 7th**

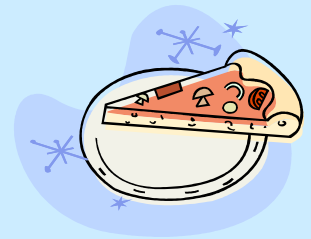
Please remember money should only be submitted on Tuesdays

Email: Macarthurhotlunch@yahoo.com

Meals are pre-ordered, if your child is absent we are unable to issue a refund

Pizza Days

The next pizza day is January 25. 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. Orders must be submitted by Tuesday, January 24. No pizza will be sold to students on the day of the lunch.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

OUR CANDY CANE FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WE RAISED ALMOST \$300 AND WILL SET UP A MEETING WITH GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE AND STUDENT COUNCIL STUDENTS TO GIVE THEM OUR DONATION. THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYBODY WHO PARTICIPATED!

Environmental Club News



Lights for Learning Fundraiser

Thank you so much to so many of you who ordered light bulbs and strings of holiday lights through our Lights for Learning Fundraiser.

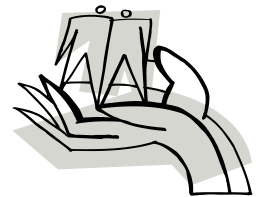
It was a huge success and we are currently in the process of deciding on different ways to best use the profit we made. Thank you not only for helping out the MacArthur Environmental Club but for also being **“GREEN”** by using these great products!

The Environmental Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in January, February and March and **we have many fun activities planned. One of the highlights definitely is our “compost bin”.** We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our worms to start composting to be ready for the planting season in April and May when we meet a couple times a week to clean up around the school and beautify the front of MacArthur School.

Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day we will have a recycled items collection from February 15th through February 28th. These items will include Capri Sun juice bags, cell phones, ink cartridges, used batteries, and more. We will send home flyers during the first week of February with more information.

Student Council News



As part of our **“MacArthur’s Student Council Cares Program”** our Student Council Members are organizing an after school fieldtrip to the Alden Poplar Creek Rehabilitation and Health Care Center on 1545 Barrington Road (next to the hospital) in Hoffman Estates on Thursday, January 26th from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

We are scheduled to play Bingo with the residents and bring in some cookies and prizes to share with them. Please fill out the bottom portion of this permission slip and send it back to school with your student, no later than Monday, January 23rd.

Please note that you are responsible for your student’s transportation but you do not have to stay at the Center.

I give _____ permission to participate in the Bingo night at the Alden Poplar Creek Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, January 26th from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. I will drop my child off at 6:45 p.m. and pick her/him up by 8:00 p.m.

Signature parent _____ Date _____

“Mad isn’t bad!”



Who: Dr. Felix Casados

Private Practitioner – children, adolescents, adults, and families

When: Monday, January 23, 2012; 6:30-7:30p.m.

Where: Schaumburg School District Office

(524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Do you or your child need to develop anger management skills for personal growth and/or to enhance your relationships? **Perhaps anger is interfering with your child’s academic performance? In this seminar, participants will learn about the different types of anger and that anger is not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, anger actually has a purpose and can be helpful if used correctly. Participants will also learn anger reduction techniques, as well as the rules of “fair fighting”. Finally, we will discuss how to reduce the inappropriate expression of anger in children, how to diffuse conflict, and how to use strategies to reduce tension at home and at school.**

This class will be presented in English!

There will be childcare available and a gift card drawing!

You can register for this class at SPU@sd54.org, or by calling
Meg Kwak (847) 357-5534 or Brigid Janiak (847) 357-2073

“Family Recipe Book!”



Who: Sue Longo – Scrapbook Consultant

When: Wednesday, January 18, 2012; 6:00-7:30p.m.

Where: Schaumburg School District Office

(524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Join us as we make a family recipe book filled with the recipes for your family’s favorite treats, or the snacks your children like to prepare for themselves. Bring along 5 – 7 recipes and a photo that you would like to use as the cover of your recipe book and we will put together a guaranteed best – seller!

There will be a limit of 15 families for this class

There is a \$5.00 fee to be paid at the door

This class will be presented in English!

There will be childcare available and a gift card drawing!

You can register for this class at SPU@sd54.org, or by calling
Meg Kwak (847) 357-5534 or Brigid Janiak (847) 357-2073



Open Enrollment Fair scheduled for January 25

A goal of our District 54 Board of Education is to provide choice for parents in the selection of their child's school. In addition to the neighborhood school, we have developed programs at several district schools, which we can now offer as choices.

District 54 invites parents to its annual Open Enrollment Fair from 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 25, 2012. The fair will provide parents with information on nine schools in our district: Blackwell, Campanelli, Dooley, Enders-Salk, Hanover Highlands, Hoover, Lincoln Prairie, Link and MacArthur. Each of these schools houses a unique program and we anticipate a few openings at each site next year.

Please know that you do not need to arrive early to get a spot at one of the schools. While applications are available on Jan. 25, names will not be chosen that evening. In addition, people who cannot attend the event can still apply for their children to attend one of our open enrollment schools. The application deadline is March 1, 2012, and schools will begin notifying parents if their children were selected on March 23, 2012.

The fair will take place at Addams Junior High School, 700 S. Springinsguth Road in Schaumburg. **Overflow parking can be found one block south at St. Marcelline's Church. A short, formal presentation by Superintendent Ed Rafferty will be followed by opportunities for parents to visit each school's booth and learn about each program in greater detail.**

Blackwell Elementary School will explain how it offers sign language lessons and a full production lab as a mode to **communicate with the school's hearing-impaired student population.**

Campanelli Elementary School District 54 will highlight its Mandarin Chinese immersion program.

Dooley Elementary School will showcase its Japanese Dual Language and Early Instrumental Music programs.

Lincoln Prairie School will highlight its strong parent involvement, its multiage configuration at all grade levels and its multiple intelligences showcase for this school year.

Enders-Salk, Hanover Highlands, Link and MacArthur elementary schools will highlight their Spanish Dual Language programs.

Hoover Math and Science Academy will highlight its unique learning environment for students in the areas of mathematics and science.

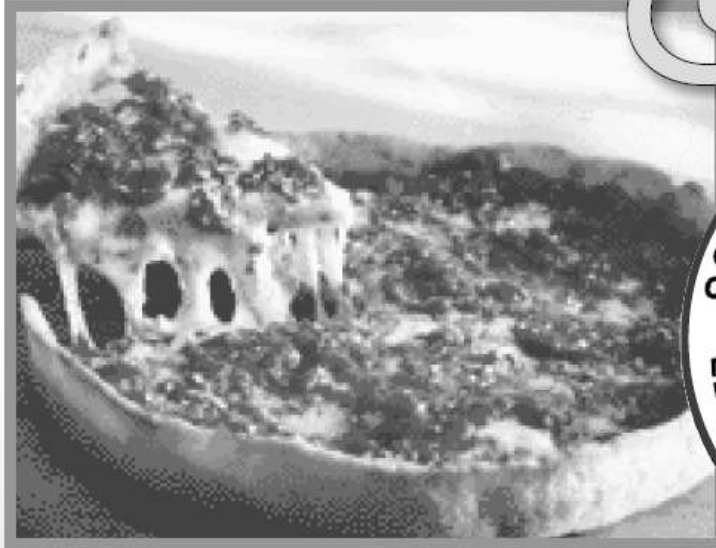
People interested in viewing the programs in action, can visit the schools. Dates will be set after the fair, so that groups of interested parents can tour the school together. Call each school to make an appointment:

Blackwell	(847) 357-5555	Hoover	(847) 357-5800
Campanelli	(847) 357-5333	Lincoln Prairie	(847) 357-5955
Dooley	(847) 357-6250	Link	(847) 357-5300
Enders-Salk	(847) 357-6400	MacArthur	(847) 357-6650
Hanover Highlands	(630) 736-4230		

For more information call Terri McHugh, community relations director, at (847) 357-5028.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Lou Malnati's[®]
PIZZERIA



Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Times: Schaumburg - 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Barrington Road - 4:00-10:00 pm

Locations: **SCHAUMBURG**

1 S. Roselle Road ■ 847.985.1525

DINE-IN, CARRYOUT AND DELIVERY

BARRINGTON ROAD

357 S. Barrington Road ■ 847.524.1900

CARRYOUT AND DELIVERY

FOR QUESTIONS:

Please contact Sophia Grassa - found54@sbcglobal.net

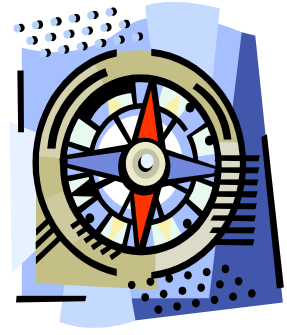
Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation (20% based on *pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol*) from orders received *WITH THIS FLYER* on 02.08.12.

This flyer must accompany order/payment.

For orders of 15 people or more, please call Catering at 847.562.1918.

★ PLEASE MENTION FUNDRAISER EVENT WHEN PLACING ORDER.

★ OFFER VALID ONLY AT THE DATE AND LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE.



Navigating Community Resources

- *Has your child been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum or as having a Developmental Delay?*
- *Do you find yourself confused about how to locate the essential community services, or even how to identify the services that your child or adolescent needs?*

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please join us as we explore the following areas:

- Community Resources- what is available
- First steps in connecting to resources
- Services available with private or public insurance
- Supports available to the family (siblings and parents)
- The effect of the diagnosis on the family
- *How* to talk to your child and *when* to talk to your child (or others in their lives) about the diagnosis

Any other questions you may have...

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Place: District Office (524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Presenter: Brianne Lukowski, Psy. D., Clinical Navigator,

Autism Spectrum and Developmental Resource

Center, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network

Interested? Please sign up by e-mail at SPU@sd54.org or contact Meg Kwak at (847)357-5534.