



*Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook*

## THANK YOU ALL

Thank you Christi Reynolds and Tricia DeCarli for another fantastic jog-a-thon! The kids did so great; we are so proud of all their running. Thank you to all the volunteers who cheered on the joggers and helped track their progress. Pledge envelopes will be accepted up to October 12. Stay tuned for reports on how much money was raised.

## WHAT'S GOING ON...

The **garden committee** meeting on Monday, September 26, was attended by over a dozen people. Although no new chairperson was selected, a lot of new ideas were introduced for the future of the garden. They have scheduled another committee meeting at 7 pm on **October 10** and a day to work in the garden on **October 15**, before the Harvest Carnival. Read more from the committee in the next school newsletter.

**Wednesday popsicles** are back! The PTA has revived the tradition of selling popsicles after school on Wednesdays. This is a great way for kids and parents to say hi to friends while enjoying a tasty treat. Look for us in the breezeway near the office.

Plans are underway for this year's **Friends of McNear** Auction/Dinner benefit. Co-Chairs Liz Foote and Susie Parsons are hosting a planning meeting **October 12, 7 pm to 8:30 pm**, at the Foote residence, 120 Ravenswood Court. They'll also be meeting with Jason Sutter in the library **at 2 pm on October 17** to discuss what the money will be raised for. All are welcome to contribute.

The **Harvest Carnival** is rapidly approaching and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. You should have already received a sheet about the **raffle baskets**, which each classroom builds around a theme. There is a marked container in each classroom where you can drop a new item that fits the themes, which are:

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| Gray/Rm9 = Outdoor Fun         | Sharp/K = Crafty Kids         | Cohen/K = Built It            |
| Kincaid/3 = Gift Wrap Supplies | Elliot/2 = Happy Hour         | McBroom/6 = Winter Wonderland |
| Hayes/5 = BBQ It Up            | Joyner/4 = Sweet Tooth        | Morelini/Salazar/10 = Movies  |
| Durkin/15 = Pizza Paisano      | Dowdy/18 = Harvest/Halloween  | Smaciarz/14 = Family Fun      |
| Garcia/17 = Trendy Girl        | Turko/16 = Mexican Fiesta     | Sovel/8 = Gardener's Dream    |
| Heaslet/13 = Sports Nut        | Bockhold/7 = Gift Card Galore | Norstad/12 = Gift Card Galore |

The Harvest Carnival always features a variety of food, provided by the skilled cooks of **ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee)**. We could use some supplies for this effort. If you wish to donate or can help obtain donations from a supplier, we need: soda, water, ketchup and mustard, 100 hot dogs and buns, 50 tortillas, and 2 Costco-sized bags of mozzarella. Please email Kate if you can help out: [katerboyd@gmail.com](mailto:katerboyd@gmail.com)

You can also get involved behind the scenes of the Carnival:

- ▲ Set up: 10-11 am
- ▲ Break down and clean up: 3-4 pm
- ▲ Bake: one large item for the Cake Walk or individual treats for the Bake Sale
- ▲ Hour-long shifts between 11am and 3pm at one of the stations:
  - Game booths, bake sale, raffle ticket sales, game/food ticket sales
- ▲ If you have a good idea for a new game or attraction you'd like to set up and run, let us know.

Please contact Antoinette Butts at [abutts94954@yahoo.com](mailto:abutts94954@yahoo.com) or 707-888-8592.

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## VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Another thank you to all the families who have stepped up to become a **McNear Buddy** to a new family. We're hopeful that all newcomers feel a little more settled and have all their questions answered. If you are a new family and still need some guidance on anything McNear (or Petaluma) related, or are an established family and can partner with a newcomer, please email Kate Boyd at [katerboyd@gmail.com](mailto:katerboyd@gmail.com).

We're ready to start collecting information for the **school directory**, which will be printed and delivered to paid PTA members. Students are listed by classroom along with parent contact information to make communicating within the school easier. Be on the lookout for sheets on display in the classroom so you can check which information you'd like to have included with your child's name. Anyone who can spend some time editing and formatting the information will be appreciated, let us know.

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Don't forget to Like us on **Facebook** (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/McNear-Elementary-PTA/81029894486>) and check our section on the **McNear website** for additional information (<http://www.mcnearelementary.org/pta.html>). **Volunteer opportunities** are updated here: <http://www.mcnearelementary.org/volunteer.html>

Please let us know if you have any questions about anything. We are almost always available and welcome any feedback or ideas. Or look for the new **Suggestion Box** folder in the office and drop us a note!

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