



*10/10/11 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook*

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## THANK YOU...

To everyone who dropped off an item for the classroom Carnival baskets! We'll be displaying the wrapped baskets later in the week so you may get your raffle tickets early. Look for them during Saturday's Harvest Carnival in a booth on the blacktop. If you still have an item for donation, be sure to bring them into the classroom before the end of school Monday.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON...

If you'd still like to donate items for the **Harvest Carnival**, we need food items to complete the food concessions: 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

The **garden committee** meets again at **7 pm on October 10** and will be gathering for a garden work day before the Carnival on **October 15, beginning at 8 a.m.**

Tuesday, **October 11** is a **Dine & Donate** event at Mary's Pizza. Patrons can hand in their flyer for dine-in, take-out, or delivery, and 20% of sales comes back to McNear. If you need a flyer, download one here: [http://www.mcnearelementary.org/docs/Marys\\_DD\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.mcnearelementary.org/docs/Marys_DD_Eng.pdf)

The sales of **Wednesday popsicles** have been taken over by the **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Fund**. The outdoor ed program is a three-day trip marking the end of the sixth graders' McNear experience with a wonderful opportunity to learn and bond before graduating. The popsicle sales will be one of several fundraisers the sixth graders undertake to lower the cost of the trip for everyone in the class.

**Friends of McNear** Dinner/Auction 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 attend.

We are updating family information for the **school directory**, which will be distributed to paid PTA members to better keep our community in touch. Each classroom has received a print-out of information: student and parent names, home phone number, mailing address, and one email address. There is also space where you can write in an alternate number, along with a label of what that number is (mom's cell, dad's work, etc). When you are on campus, please stop in to

your child's classroom to double-check that the information is correct. If you know you will not be able to visit the classroom but need to update, please email [katerboyd@gmail.com](mailto:katerboyd@gmail.com) with the information you'd like to have included.

If you haven't joined the PTA yet and would like to, you can stop into the office and get an enrollment form, or download one here: <http://www.mcnearelementary.org/pta/JoinPTAForm.pdf>

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## CLASSROOM BOXTOP TOTALS!

Cohen: 16	Hayes: 126	Turko: 80
Gray: 153	Joyner: 94	Colunga: 78
Sharp: 46	Morelini: 26	Sovel: 38
Elliott: 102	Durkin: 160	Heaslet: 129
Kincaid:126	Smaciarz: 102	Norstad: 77
McBroom: 0	Garcia: 202	Bockhold: 304

Remember that your class can earn an extra recess for just 500 boxtops, a popcorn party for 1000, an ice cream party for 1500, and a pizza party for 2000 boxtops. Mrs. Bockhold's class is well on its way to earning a pizza party by the end of the year! Great job so far to all the classes. Extra collection sheets are available in the office. Any questions? Email Anita Morris: [anitawmorris@gmail.com](mailto:anitawmorris@gmail.com) or call 228-6315.

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## VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

You can still get involved behind the scenes of this Saturday's **Harvest 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

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

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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 welcome any feedback or ideas. Or look for the **Suggestion Box** folder in the office and drop us a note!

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