



11/7/11 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook

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## THANK YOU...

To all the **amazing kids at McNear** who are making things happen. From the exciting 4/5/6<sup>th</sup> grade Poetry Slam last Friday, to the multiple COTS donation drives around school, our McNear students are making us proud and inspired every day.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON...

Speaking of COTS, Anna Arial and Haley Rodas-Torres have been joined by Anja Hultquist in a **Clothes Drive**. Bring your clean, gently used or new clothing in a bag clearly marked with your child's classroom number. The bags are being collected from Room 7, the office, or your child's classroom. This clothing drive continues to November 29.

The PTA, in conjunction with Student Leadership, is proud to present **Movie Night!** Put on your PJs, bring pillows and sleeping bags, and cuddle up as a family to watch "Rio." Parents must stay with their children. Free event, Thursday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm in the multipurpose room.

**Conferences** start this week and continue through November 18<sup>th</sup>. Lower grades are released at 1:30, upper at 1:40. Early release time on Wednesday remains the same. This Friday, Nov 11, is Veteran's Day and there is **no school**.

Are you crafty, or have a kid who's crafty? This year's **HomeSpun Craft Fair** is now accepting registration. Space is limited and vendors are selected to offer the widest array of items. You can reserve a table for \$10. Vendors allot 20% of their sales to the PTA and After School Enrichment. The Craft Fair will be Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 2 pm in the multipurpose room. Email April Citti [aprilcitti@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilcitti@yahoo.com) or pick up a registration form in the office.

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## UPCOMING PTA MEETING

The next **PTA Meeting** will be on **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. We have invited Food and Nutrition expert, Miguel Villarreal to speak about **food and nutrition in our schools** from 6:00-7:00.

*Miguel holds a BA of Science in Food and Nutrition and a MBA in Business with 28 years experience as Director of Nutritional Services in Texas and California schools. Throughout the past 28 years he has*

*implemented innovative strategies for improving children's nutritional health by modifying menus and operations to exceed National School Lunch standards. His work is focused on creating "Total School Nutrition and Wellness Environments" for students by collaborating with student youth groups, parents, teachers, administrators, healthcare organizations, universities, Farm to School affiliates, and numerous allied organizations. Miguel's Farm to School gleaning program has attracted both State and National attention. Miguel is an active member of National, State, and local organizations focused on educating and improving student's well being. He also the Past Public Policy and Legislative Chair for the California School Nutrition Association.*

We have also invited Ray DiGiaimo, the Food Services Supervisor of Petaluma City Schools to be a part of the discussion. Our **regular PTA meeting** will follow the discussion, covering the following topics: Friends of McNear dinner/auction plans and fundraising targets, the adoption of amended by-laws, appointing a VP/Fundraising and absorbing Friends of McNear into the PTA. Childcare is available starting at 6 pm in Room 9, if you'd like to use this service please email Susan Cook at [cobyandsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cobyandsue@sbcglobal.net).

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## SWEATSHIRT UPDATE

We now have **pull-over hooded sweatshirts** available! There are also some extras of other items if you would like to buy a hat or t-shirt. You can pick one an order form in the office, or contact Brenda Martin at [queenof3@comcast.net](mailto:queenof3@comcast.net) or Susan Cook at [cobyandsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cobyandsue@sbcglobal.net) or 415-827-0433, or download an order form here:  
<http://www.mcnearelementary.org/pta/McNearGearOrderForm.pdf>

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## VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Have you checked in with your **buddy family** recently? If you haven't signed up to be one, and would like to reach out to a new family with a phone call or email, please email Kate Boyd to get involved: [katerboyd@gmail.com](mailto:katerboyd@gmail.com)

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To **join the PTA**, download a form: <http://www.mcnearelementary.org/pta/JoinPTAForm.pdf>  
Like us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/McNear-Elementary-PTA/81029894486>  
Check our section on the **McNear website**: <http://www.mcnearelementary.org/pta.html>

Please let us know if you have any questions, feedback or ideas. Or look for the **Suggestion Box** folder in the office and drop us a note!

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