



12/11/11 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook

THANK YOU...

To **Kelly Corlis** for the amazing job she did with her second grade class this year. She made a great impact on the kids in Room 4 and all of McNear School and we will all miss her. Hopefully, we will see her around from time to time subbing in various classrooms. We wish her the very best as she embarks on her teaching career.

WELCOME BACK MS. JOYNER

We are excited to welcome Ms. Joyner back to McNear School after her lengthy recovery from knee surgery. She and Ms. Kelly have worked very hard to ensure a seamless and easy transition for the children in Room 4 and these kids will be lucky to have had two great teachers this year. Be sure and welcome Ms. Joyner back when you see her walking around school on two good knees!

LOWER GRADE PERFORMING ARTS AND UPPER GRADE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Permission slips went home recently for the 2nd and 3rd grade spring production of "The Lion King" and for the 4th, 5th and 6th grade science olympiad. If your child wants to participate in either of these programs, be sure to get your permission slip in to the office by the deadline. Permission slips can be found in the office. Please note that performing arts permission slips for the 1st graders will go home in the spring.

LUNCH BOX DISASTERS

We love that our administrators take our children's nutrition seriously and want to communicate with families by sending home any uneaten food. This is very useful information for us parents to know what our kids have and have not eaten that day and thus make adjustments in what we pack or make an informed decision about an after school snack. However, if your lunchboxes are coming home looking like a yogurt explosion, we suggest sending an extra ziplock baggie or other eco-friendly container in your kid's lunchbox and reminding them to put uneaten or half eaten food in the ziplock to bring home. This way, we can still be informed but avoid stinky lunch box disasters.

McNEAR HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

We have already seen a great response to the holiday giving program and many of the tags on the giving board have been taken. These gifts and gift cards go directly to McNear students and their families who are experiencing difficult circumstances so that they can have essentials and the joy of the holiday season. There are still plenty of tags left and wishes yet unfulfilled, so if you can claim a tag, be sure to read through the steps. Presents are due back in the office by this Friday, December 16th. Please contact Brandi Gordon, Holiday Giving Program Coordinator, at bgordonleno@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

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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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