



12/18/11 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook

THANK YOU...

To all of the McNear families who pulled tags and purchased gifts for the Holiday Giving Program! Thanks to your generosity, more than 40 McNear students and their families will experience the joy of the holidays this year. We also need to recognize Sara Young and Tom Shanks, who heard about our program from McNear parents, and decided to forego Toys for Tots and give to our school this year. And last but not least, we send a special thank you to **Brandi Gordon** for coordinating this effort.

AUDITIONS WEDNESDAY

If your 2nd or 3rd grader is interested in participating in the spring performing arts show, "The Lion King," be sure to make time for **auditions this Wednesday**, from 12:45 to 2:45 in the multipurpose room. Registration forms are available in the office.

JINGLE BELL JOG

Join Mr. Sutter and the teachers this **Thursday at 8:00** for the annual Jingle Bell Jog. Bells will be provided to make little shoes jingle as the children jog around the school and hot beverages will be served.

WE NEED CROSSING GUARDS

Remember when we were in grade school and we had crossing guards to help us cross the street? Mr. Sutter would like to institute that safety practice at McNear school. Currently, our teachers act as crossing guards but it is often difficult for them to safely release the children to their parents and get to the crosswalk in a timely manner. We would like to coordinate a **rotation of parents to help our students cross** G Street safely. Parents would need to be at the G Street crosswalk at 2:45 and stay until approximately 3:15. Additional monitors would also be welcome at the Sunnyslope crosswalk during drop-off in the mornings. Would anyone be interested in leading this coordination effort? If so, please contact Susan Cook, Kate Boyd or Jason Sutter.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Many classrooms will be taking time out this week to have a holiday celebration or movie break. Your teachers may have special plans and need donations or helpers during the day. You may also wish to contact your classroom parent (listed on the class pages in the PTA directory) to find out if there are group gifts for teachers being organized.

This will be our last PTA message for a few weeks, enjoy your winter break and happy new year!

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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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