



*1/29/12 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook*

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### **SAVE THE DATE...**

Plans are underway for this spring's fundraiser, **Lighting Up Their Lives**, on Saturday, April 14. We'll gather at Lucchesi Community Center and enjoy a sit-down dinner, dancing, and cash bar. There will be both live and silent auctions to raise money for programs and technology, including six new computers for the lab and hands-on science and arts programs. More details will come as the event draws nearer, in the meantime book those babysitters, we'd love to see everyone there!

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### **RECESS RENAISSANCE MEETING**

Janice Eurgubian and Chris Bell will be hosting a meeting of current and future **volunteers for Recess Renaissance** this Wednesday, Feb 1 at 1 pm in the library. Refreshments will be served to honor all the hard work of the volunteers so far, and they'll be looking for fresh ideas and additional participants who can bring some sports skills to the blacktop. If there is time to spare in your day, Recess Renaissance makes a tremendous impact for our students, one hour at a time.

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### **SKATE AND DONATE**

Get your wheels on and come skate this Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, at **Cal-Skate in Rohnert Park** from 6 to 8 pm. A portion of all sales comes back to McNear, and the class with the highest attendance wins a special prize from Cal-Skate! Click below for flyers:

English: [http://mcnearelementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/CalSkate\\_Eng.pdf](http://mcnearelementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/CalSkate_Eng.pdf)

Spanish: [http://mcnearelementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/CalSkate\\_Span.pdf](http://mcnearelementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/CalSkate_Span.pdf)

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### **GARDEN MEETING**

The **Garden Committee is holding a meeting**, Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> from 830am – 10am at McNear garden. They'll be discussing upcoming plans for Earth Day and the spring curriculum program, which will require parent volunteers for all grade levels. Following the meeting, 4 to 6 people are needed to help weed, harvest, and organize the garden for an hour. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

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### **VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP**

In our effort to streamline volunteer participation, we've created **Crossing Guard** sign-up sheets for each classroom. Each room is assigned a week to cover guard duties on G Street after school, and willing volunteers can simply watch their classroom for details. The sheet gives further information and has 5 slots to sign up for that particular week. The room parent for your classroom may give you a heads-up for when your week comes up, see that person for more information.

This week belongs to Room 15 (Ms Durkin's class); see the sheet on the outdoor bulletin board if you'd like to sign up!

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Read about [volunteer opportunities here](#). To **join the PTA**, [download a form](#). Like us on [Facebook](#). Check our section on the [McNear website](#).

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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