



1/8/12 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook

WELCOME BACK!

We hope your winter break was relaxing and fun, and that you're all ready to get back to regular life. There's plenty to look forward to this year!

2nd/3rd PERFORMING ARTS BEGINS

Rehearsals for "The Lion King" begin this week. Rehearsals will take place in the multi on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30 and Wednesdays from 12:50-2:30. The cast will be announced this Tuesday and all cast should attend both of these rehearsals. In the following weeks, children may not be required to attend rehearsals depending on which scenes are being covered. You will receive weekly emails that will tell you whether or not your child should attend. If your child is scheduled to go to the Y, please let the Y know that s/he will be at rehearsals. The show dates are Friday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please contact Amy Wolff at wolffden6@gmail.com or 318-2238, or Ray Decker at rdecker@ipgpromo.com or 953-6961 with any questions.

PTA MEETING POSTPONED

Our first PTA of the meeting of the year was scheduled for Monday, January 9, but with no set agenda we decided to push it back until January 23 at 7 pm. There is **no school** next Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

FRIENDS OF MCNEAR CHANGE

After much thought and discussion, the PTA recently decided to formally absorb Friends of McNear into the PTA. Friends of McNear was an organization formed years ago to raise money for the school when event planning was hindered within the PTA. It has been the sponsor of the spring fundraiser, but lacks continual and cohesive leadership. By planning the spring fundraiser as a PTA event, we accomplish several important goals, such as easier business solicitations and financial oversight. Liz Foote (co-chair of the fundraiser with Susie Parsons) was appointed Vice President of Fundraising to aid in planning, and we're confident that this year's event will be a rousing success.

UPDATED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have updated the event and program information on the Volunteer page of the McNear website. Please visit it here: mcnearelementary.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities

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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