

MacArthur Elementary

The Messenger

December 2011



In the Spirit of Giving

A long-standing tradition at MacArthur is to collect food items to assist families in our community that may be facing financial difficulties. Our food drive this year will run through **December 9th**. Below you will find a listing of the items that each grade level will be collecting. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your donation. In addition to the list, we are also accepting paper goods such as toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towel. **Any and all non-perishable food donations are appreciated!** You make a difference!

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Kindergarten—Boxed Goods (Hamburger Helper, pudding, jello, fruit snacks, mac and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, granola bars...)

1st grade—Crackers (saltines, graham, Goldfish, Triscuits, Ritz...)

2nd grade—Canned Goods (vegetables, soups, fruit, tuna...)

3rd grade—Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, Syrup

4th grade—Breakfast Items—Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix

5th grade—Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce



School Hours:

Kdg-5th 8:50—3:44

Please remember that students cannot be dropped off at school any earlier than 8:35 a.m.



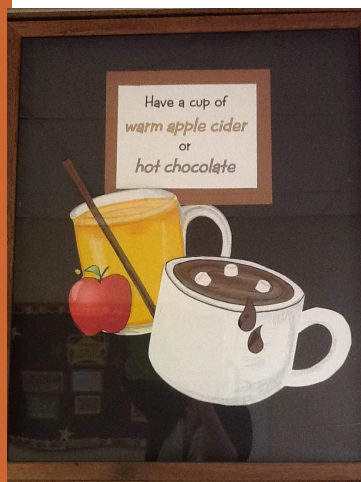
****Don't forget about our hat and mitten tree, where we are accepting new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. These will be donated to MacArthur families as well as to the Washington County Friends of Abused Families Shelter.**

PBIS Acknowledgement

Mission Statement

MACARTHUR

- Exercise mind and body
- Accept others
- Give back to the community
- Learn for life together
- Educate for success
- Show respect



On November 23rd, MacArthur students were treated to their 2nd PBIS acknowledgement, which was Hot Chocolate or Apple Cider. In order to receive this, each classroom was able to reach 100 Eagle Slips. This means that classes were displaying excellent Line Basics and Volume Level and were recognized by individually and as whole classes. Way to go Eagles! Our next puzzle is up, and we are already 1/3 of the way to our next acknowledgement—what will it be?



Report Cards

Report cards will be coming home on December 9th for the first trimester reporting period. The report card is based on the Wisconsin State Standards and is designed to give a very clear picture of the skills your child has attained. Along with academic standards, each of the six levels of report cards contain the same listing of **Life Long Learning Behaviors**. This continuous listing will give you a wonderful picture of how your child is developing in character and habits throughout his/her elementary years.

You will notice a change in the report card, as we are now using Skyward as our reporting system. A letter will be attached to your child's report card explaining some of the differences.

As you receive your report card and take a look at attendance, please keep in mind that Tardy does not necessarily mean that your child was late to school in the morning. It may mean that you picked them up early during the day to attend an appointment, leave early for vacation, etc. Arriving up to an hour late or leaving up to an hour early will mark your child tardy. Attendance on report cards is reported in full-day increments (ex: one AM absence on Monday and one PM absence on Tuesday counts as **2 absences** (1+1=2), where it was previously reported as one full day's absence (.5+.5=1)). If your records do not match up with the report card attendance, please first check on Skyward Family Access to view your child's attendance. If you have further questions, feel free to contact the school office.



School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

Severe weather bulletins regarding school closings and delays will be issued over the Germantown School District website at www.germantownschoools.org and the following television and radio stations:

Local Television Stations

WTMJ 4—NBC
WITI 6—FOX
WISN 12—ABC
WDJT 58—CBS

Local Radio Stations

94.5 FM LAKE FM	95.7 FM WRIT	96.5 FM WKLH
98.3 FM WFMR	99.1 FM WMYX	100.7 FM WKKV
103.7 FM WXSS	104.9 FM WTKM	106.1 FM WMIL
106.9 FM WZBK	620 AM WTMJ	920 AM WOKY
1130 AM WISN	1250 AM WEMP	
1470 AM WBKV		

If there is a school closing or delay, you will also be notified via AlertNow, a phone system that will dial your Primary Phone number.

Eagles Of the Week

The following students were selected as Eagles of the Week during the month of November. This is a random selection, and every child has equal opportunity to be Eagle of the Week.

November Eagles

Kindergarten—Shae Bunke, Elizabeth Stroebel, Carmen Kernan

1st Grade—Angelina Aliota, Logan Arnholt, Ellie Tonnessen

2nd Grade—Anish Kusukuntla, Haley Schwind, Caden Nickerson

3rd Grade—Ally Ballard, Braden Moore, Mya Bunke

4th Grade—John Sardo, Isabelle Weisflog, Owen Schneider

5th Grade—Ashley Kalmbach, Carson Huber, Lauren Arnholt



MacFest Awards - 1st Trimester

Our first MacFest for 2011-12 was held on December 5th. Teachers handed out awards for individual successes within the classroom. Students were also recognized by Mrs. Schneider for being Terrific Kids, which means they display positive characteristics of caring, respect, fairness, trustworthiness, citizenship and responsibility each and every day. The following students were recognized as Terrific Kids for 1st Trimester. Way to go!

Kindergarten—Jack T, Isabella W, Aiden S, Ava J, Elizabeth L, Fletcher F

1st Grade—Rudy S, Emily M, Ethan S, Jaime P, Connor P, Serena M

2nd Grade—Stephania CW, Nicholas K, Breona J, Troy P, Mackenzie B, Camden S

3rd Grade—Abigail L, Ryan H, Jacob C, Claire Z, Ryan P, Tressa P

4th Grade—Molly P, Owen S, Lauren Y, Michael K, William S, Sydney S

5th Grade—Lindsey P, Nicholas A, Austin H, Kayla S, Michael W, Madison V

BLT Update—November 16, 2011

At our last BLT meeting, members discussed the following items:

- 1) Budget (Expenses and Balances as of 11-15-11)
- 2) School Improvement Plan and the role of the BLT to support it
- 3) Possible changes to lunch schedule to provide time for 2nd/3rd/4th to change out of winter clothes before coming in to lunch

Members: Melissa Pecunia, Dawn Books, Karla Biermann, Mary Van Slett, Julie Mandella, Tracy Lukas, Susan Wolff, Maureen Warnimont, Dawn Liker (parent), Shannon Colton (parent), Adrienne Schneider

Support our DI Program and Protect the Environment Donate Used Cell Phones and Inkjet Cartridges

Germantown Destination Imagination is conducting a fundraiser to help fund Germantown teams that may go onto the Global Finals Tournament in May 2011. All you need to do to help is donate old cell phones and used inkjet cartridges. Label them for DI and have your child drop them off in the school office. Batteries must be included with the phones, but no other accessories are required to be turned in with the phone.

Thank you for doing your part to protect the environment and help out Germantown Destination Imagination.

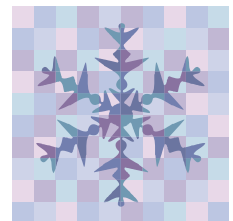


Eye Glasses Donation

Amy Belle Elementary School is collecting children's eye glasses, which will be brought to children in the Dominican Republic. A parent at Amy Belle, Dr. Amy Bell, is going on an eye medical mission trip to deliver more than 2,500 eye glasses to the children there. If your child has old eye glasses, please send them into MacArthur by January 11th for us to deliver to Amy Belle Elementary.



COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!!



Now that the weather is turning colder, it is important that students come to school prepared for cold weather. Appropriate boots, coats, gloves, and hats are a must! Labeling the items with your child's name is a good idea, especially when our lost and found is getting full.

All students will go out for recess during the winter months, unless the temperature and/or wind chill are zero or below, so please make sure your child is dressed properly. **No child is excused from outdoor activities unless a doctor's excuse is provided.** It is assumed that if your child is healthy enough to attend school, then he/she is also healthy enough to participate in all normal school activities (including recess). A child who doesn't have boots and snow pants will not be allowed in the snow and must remain on the asphalt area of the playground.

ENROLLMENT AT MACARTHUR

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>CLASS SIZE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Books
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Schwarten
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Hauck
1	22	Mrs. King
1	21	Mrs. Pecunia
1	20	Mr.s. Unruh
2	20	Mrs. Collins
2	20	Mrs. Doedens
2	20	Mr. Jacobson
3	24	Mrs. Brewer
3	22	Mrs. Dora
3	24	Mrs. Van Slett
4	22	Mrs. Berglund
4	22	Mr. Greifenkamp
4	22	Mrs. Niedfeldt
5	26	Mrs. Besonen
5	25	Mrs. Biermann
5	24	Mrs. Lehouillier
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- 1st Market Day Pick-up
- 2nd Destination Imagination Movie Night
- 5th 2:45 MacFest
- 8th Vision Screening for K, 3rd, 5th
- 13th 3rd Grade to Schauer Center (Thank you PTA!)
- 14th 3rd Grade Gingerbread Houses in PM
- 19th Crazy Holiday Dress-up Day
- 20th 1st grade to Shalom
- 21st Fancy Holiday Dress up Day
- 22nd 12:20 Early Release
- 23rd—Jan 2nd No School—Winter Break
- January 3rd—Classes Resume



Holiday Book Giveaway

We are fast approaching the holiday season. The MacArthur PTA will be celebrating the holidays by giving each MacArthur student a book December 12. Each classroom will have an opportunity to go pick out a book. We are looking for volunteers to help in each classroom. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Erin Warborg at ewarborg@gmail.com by December 7.



Fall Fundraiser

A huge thank you to Julie Oswald and Joanne Hohensee for chairing this successful event! The total profits were \$9117.20. We hope that everyone enjoyed the new products and would love to hear your feedback on this fundraiser.

Book Fair

Thank you to Shannon Coulter and Pam Paul for organizing the Book Fair. The school earned \$4,075 in scholastic dollars! The teaching staff will be filling out wish lists utilizing the online resource catalog and will use a portion of these scholastic dollars to buy books and reading tools for all of their classrooms.



Catalog Fundraisers

Be sure to keep saving and sending in McDonald's receipts and Labels for Education (from Campbell's Soup and participating products). Wonderful items can be selected from their product catalogs to benefit the school. We are now registered for Coke Rewards! Go to www.mycokerewards.com if you would like to donate some Coke points to MacArthur.

PTA Meeting

There is no PTA meeting in the month of December.

PTA Holiday Wish List:

8 SMART Boards

(that's how many we still need to have one in each of our MacArthur classrooms)

We're thinking this is a TALL order for Santa to fill...

SO WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Here are a few ideas to help us reach our goal!!

DO YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING THROUGH THE BOX TOPS SITE! Did you know you can earn eBoxTops for our school online? Simply register at www.btfe.com and do all of your shopping through the Box Top "marketplace." There are over 100 participating retailers! If you send photo holiday cards out this season, please consider going through the Box Top marketplace to get to Snapfish, Shutterfly, Walmart, etc. Box Tops may only be worth 10 cents each...but they add up FAST!

KEEP CLIPPING AND COLLECTING BOX TOPS! Our next Box Top contest (Who Rules the School?...Boys vs. Girls) will begin after holiday break. This time, for each collection sheet of 25 that a student turns in, he/she will have his/her name put into a weekly drawing for various prizes. The "Boys vs. Girls" theme is an attempt to get the kids pumped about winning bragging rights.



BUY GIFT CARDS THROUGH SCRIP! How does it work? You pay face value for popular vendor cards, as you would when purchasing them elsewhere, plus MacArthur Elementary benefits. For example, you purchase one \$25 Cabela's Gift Card by writing your check to MacArthur PTA for \$25. PTA will purchase your gift card at 11% less for a cost of \$22.25. You receive a \$25 Cabela's Gift Card. The 11% or \$2.75 "profit" is placed in PTA funds to support the PTA SMART Board Initiative and other programs benefiting MacArthur students. The more gift cards you buy, the more the school benefits! The SCRIP schedule is as follows:

Order Dates: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 9, April 13 and May 11

Pick-up Dates: Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 15, April 19 and May 17

DESIGNATE MACARTHUR ON YOUR TARGET CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD!

The Target "Take Charge of Education" program is also a cash program that's proceeds can go towards SMART boards. If you have a Target credit or debit card, be sure to designate MacArthur Elementary as your school. One percent of your purchases will then come back to us.

COLLECT KEMPS CAPS! The money all comes back to the school...just remember to turn in the WHOLE cap. They will not accept the stickers without the caps.

COLLECT TYSON PROJECT A+ LABELS! If you eat Tyson chicken, be sure to save the labels and send them into school. Project A+ is another cash program.