

# The Messenger



November 2011

## Staff Gifts Policy 3214

Staff may accept gifts of nominal value (<\$20) from students.

It is strongly encouraged that gifts over \$20 are donated to the Germantown School District or PTA or other outside organizations.

The PTA is organizing a class wish list that parents may use when considering a gift for their child's teacher. This may be in the form of classroom books, playground materials, or inside recess games.

### MacArthur Elementary

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Mrs. Schneider's e-mail:  
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### 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.*

## Compulsory Attendance Law

Wisconsin Statute 118.15 and 118.15 and board policy 431 states that a parent may excuse a student for up to 10 days in a school year for any reason. We ask that parents use discretion when deciding how to use these 10 school days. The statute and board policy also identifies a student as being a "habitual truant" if he/she is a sent without an acceptable excuse for all or part of five days in a school semester.

## PBIS Update

We reinforce Line Basics and Volume Level by giving children an Eagle Slip when we see them demonstrate the positive behaviors. Those slips are recorded on their classroom 100s chart, which goes toward earning a classroom incentive and a larger school incentive. On Friday, October 21, our school enjoyed the movie "Rio" at lunch as the reward for 12 classrooms reaching 100 points! Our next school reward is hidden under 18 puzzle pieces, which means we need 18/18 classrooms to reach 100 before we fully reveal the next prize! We hope that your child is excited to receive Eagle slips! Our students were recognized on Friday, Oct 21 for great Line Basics when the Superintendent stopped at school and was amazed by the behaviors she saw in the hallway! Way to go Eagles!!

Mission Statement

### MACARTHUR

- E**xercise mind and body
- A**cept others
- G**ive back to the community
- L**earn for life together
- E**ducate for success
- S**how respect

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## Destination Imagination

Congratulations to the following students that were placed on a team for Destination Imagination! They will now begin a rigorous practice schedule to prepare for the March Regional Tournament. Join us on December 9th for Movie Night at MacArthur as we try to raise funds for our district (and hopefully school) teams that make it to the Global Finals! Thank you to the parents that stepped up to be coaches so that we could have the full five teams at MacArthur!

### News To Me!

Ariana Nichols  
Jenny Degenhardt  
Erin Lawson  
Sarah Jensen  
Ben Chitwood  
Nolen Foster  
Kaleb Schroeder  
Team Manager: Collette Nichols

### The Solar Stager!

Isabella Brown  
Jacob Carlson  
Isaac Buss  
Delany Marwood  
Megan Stewart  
Katie Stell  
Campbell Feltz  
Team Manager: Shannon Colton

### Coming Attractions!

Noel Barger  
Max Doss  
Christian Jensen  
Madelyn Laszewski  
Molly Pederson  
McKenna Rasmussen  
Michaela Topp  
Team Manager: Courtney Pederson

### Coming Attractions! (2)

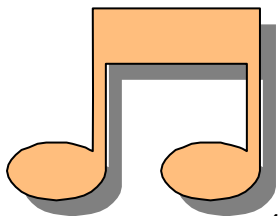
Michael Wahl  
Joshua Wu  
Jordann Pharris  
Bryce Nickerson  
Haley Hammond  
Elle Fisher  
Mary Kate Collins  
Team Manager: Joy Hammond

### Hold it!

Ryan Haas  
Lauren Sitter  
Alisha Kulkarni  
Abby Liker  
Tressa Peissig  
Noah Basting  
Zachary Nehlsen  
Team Manager: Jeff and Dawn Liker

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## Music Concerts 2011-12



4th Grade Recorder Concert    Tuesday 1/24 7:00 pm at MacArthur

1st/2nd Grade Concert    Thursday 2/23 6:30 pm at MacArthur

3rd Grade Concert    Thursday 2/23 7:30 pm at MacArthur

5th Grade Concert    Date to Be Announced

Kindergarten    No Concert



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## ENROLLMENT AT MACARTHUR

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>CLASS SIZE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
Kindergarten	23	Mrs. Books
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Schwarten
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Hauck
1	22	Mrs. King
1	21	Mrs. Pecunia
1	20	Mrs. Unruh
2	20	Mrs. Collins
2	19	Mrs. Doedens
2	20	Mr. Jacobson
3	24	Mrs. Brewer
3	23	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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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Oct 31—Nov 4	4th Grade WKCE Testing
Oct 31—Nov 4	Scholastic Book Fair
3rd	Parent Teacher Conferences
	2:30—6:30 Fundraiser Pick-up in Art Room
	3:00—4:30 Market Day Pick Up
4th	5th Grade to First Stage (Thank you PTA!!)
8th—11th	3rd and 5th Grade WKCE Testing
10th	7:00 PTA Meeting
23rd	12:20 Dismissal
24th/25th	No School—Thanksgiving Break
28th	2 Hour Late Start (Teacher Inservice)
30th	End of 1st Trimester

## Clothing Collection for Our Kids' Closet



Second Grade students at MacArthur are organizing a clothing drive for Our Kids' Closet, located at Columbia St. Mary's Clinic in Germantown. This drive will run November 3—11. Parents are welcome to drop off clothing on the 3rd during conferences in the drop-off bins located throughout the school. Items should be gently used or new, children's sizes up to size 16. Items that must be new include socks, underwear, and pajamas. Any items are welcome and appreciated, with Fall and Winter clothing being especially needed at this time of year. Our Kids' Closet serves low-income families in our community and is open the 1st Thursday and Saturday of the month.

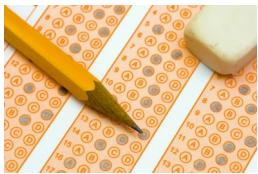


## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is already full and we haven't even started the season with snowpants, boots, hats, and mittens!

Please make sure your children's belongings (jackets, lunch bags, gloves, hats, sweatshirts, etc) are labeled with their name and last initial. This helps us get them back to the rightful owner. This is extremely important as we head into the winter season!

We encourage parents to check the lost and found table whenever you stop in at school!



## Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam

The testing window for the 3rd—5th grade WKCE testing is October 31 – November 23 2011. 4th graders at MacArthur are testing the week of October 31. 3rd and 5th graders are testing the week of November 7. MacArthur and Germantown School District have very impressive test scores; this could not be achieved without the help and support of our parents! The Department of Public Instruction has a very nice website for parents that gives you some examples of test items along with activities you can do to prepare your child for this test. You may access this information at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/oea/parents.html>. Thank you to the MacArthur PTA for providing snacks to our students during testing to provide that extra brain boost!

## Eagles Of the Week

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

### October Eagles

Kindergarten— Connor Lalk, Isabelle Barger

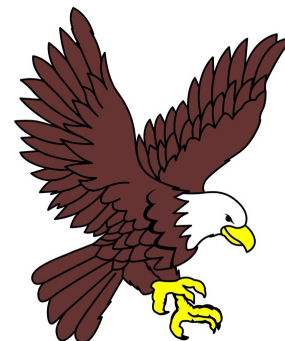
1st— Helen Hudson, Arnav Mahajan

2nd— Tyler Buszkiewicz, Megean Jobe

3rd— Michaela Haengsen, Cole Batchelor

4th— Logan Zarling, Bethany Geiter

5th— MacKenzie Staroselec, Trenton Wilfert



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## BLT Update—October 19, 2011

Agenda items discussed at this meeting included:

- 1) Learning Topics for November Staff Meetings
- 2) Technology Committee Update
- 3) Professional Development Dollars—how will they be spent this year?

2011-12 Members: Melissa Pecunia, Dawn Books Kosanke, Mary Van Slett, Karla Biermann, Julie Mandella, Tracy Lukas, Susan Wolff, Brenda Downey, Maureen Warnimont, Adrienne Schneider, Dawn Liker (Parent), Shannon Colton (Parent)

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## Parent Teacher Conferences

The year is moving quickly along and we now find ourselves approaching parent conference time. This time will provide you with an excellent opportunity to talk with your child's teacher and discuss the progress that has been made. Working together you and the teacher can help your child reach his/her fullest potential. A parent/teacher conference is just one way to monitor your child's progress. It is one that we encourage you to actively participate in. The teacher will share important information with you and we ask that you share important information with the teacher also. This should be a time of formulating goals to bring success for your child for the remainder of the year.

Some suggestions to help facilitate an effective parent/teacher conference are:

- Talk with your child before the conference. Write down a few questions for the teacher.
- Ask questions about your child's work, relationships with students, and other teachers.
- Talk with your child afterward on what was decided and the role he/she needs to take to make it a successful year.
- Stay calm. Don't get angry or defensive, argue, or try to assess blame. Concentrate instead on developing a good working relationship.
- Decide with the teacher what needs to be done and agree on a plan, with a time line or any special assistance that may be necessary,
- Keep in touch with the teacher. If the plan does not seem to be working, call the teacher, and if needed, set up another conference.
- Please be respectful of everyone's time. Remember that other parents are waiting for their own child's conference. If time is running short, agree on another conference time.

# Fundraisers

The fall fundraiser pickup is November 3, 3:30-5:30. For more information regarding the fundraiser please contact Julie Oswald at [jsoswald@wi.rr.com](mailto:jsoswald@wi.rr.com).

**Just a reminder of other ways to help MacArthur with fundraising:**

- \* Designate MacArthur Elementary as your school of choice on your Target REDcard® and 1% of your **Target** purchases will come back to our school.
- \* **Market Day** order forms are sent home monthly. It is an easy way to order delicious tasting food with a portion of sales coming back to MacArthur school.
- \* Do you collect **Coke** points online and not know what Coke rewards to spend them on? You can now donate them to MacArthur, enabling the school to obtain things from the Coke school catalog.

**Please clip and save the following labels to earn free stuff for the school:**

- **Box Tops for Education** – Mrs. Biermann's class won the cupcake contest!! Mrs. VanSlett's class took second place and Mrs. King's took third. KEEP COLLECTING...a new contest will be announced for January! Also, register at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and learn about other ways to earn Box Tops besides clipping! Once we earn our first SmartBoard with Box Tops, we're aiming for a second (the school is still in need of eight).
- **Receipts from McDonalds** – Hand in to your teacher (ongoing)
- **Campbell's Labels for Education** – Hand in to your teacher (ongoing)
- **Kemps & Dean's milk caps** – Hand in to your teacher (ongoing)



## Reflections

Your child still has time to enter the PTA Reflections art contest...submit your entries by November 11! For entry requirements go to [PTAreflections.org](http://PTAreflections.org) and feel free to contact Kris Sapinski, [ksapinski1@wi.rr.com](mailto:ksapinski1@wi.rr.com) with questions.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running from October 31st - November 4th in the library. Students will have an opportunity to shop with their class and at recess during the school day. The book fair will be open on Thursday evening, November 3, during parent-teacher conferences. The PTA recently purchased \$3700 worth of guided reading books for grades 3-5 with the money made from fairs.



## Mactoberfest & Basket Raffle

Thank you for another wonderful event. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to make this a great success. The basket raffle profit was \$2158.01 and the Mactoberfest food and games brought in \$649.42.

## PTA Meeting

Please join us at the next PTA meeting Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Dr. Borden, Superintendent, will be speaking about the district mission and system policies. Free child care is available.