

McAlear-Sawden Messenger

A Newsletter for Parents

November 2017

Points of Interest and Upcoming Events

11/1
No School

11/3
Popcorn

11/8
Wacky Wednesday
Twin Day

11/10
Veteran's Assembly
9:30 am

11/15
2nd Grade Wreath
Auction 6-7 pm

11/17
Popcorn

11/21
Half Day of School
Release at 12:22

11/22-24
NO SCHOOL

11/28
College Day

12/1
Popcorn Day

12/6
Wacky Wednesday
Decade's Day

12/8
Popcorn Day

12/14 & 15
Holiday Shop

12/15
Popcorn Day

12/19
College Day

12/19
4th & 5th Holiday
Music Concert at
6:30 pm

12/22-1/2/18
Winter Break

1/3/18
Classes Resume

Dear parents,

November is just around the corner, so that means the snow will be flying any day now. With the colder temperatures, please make sure that your children are dressed according to the weather. There have been a few students who have come to school without a coat, which made for a really cold outdoor recess.

We had another successful Truck or Treat again this year. I would like to thank all of the parents who came out and decorated their cars and passed out candy. I would also like to thank the volunteer coordinators of this event, Jessica Klein, Ina Yuchasz, and Cecelia Borema. And last but not least, all of the volunteers who helped out behind the scene. Our winners for the trunk decorations this year are as follows:

3rd Place – The Garvie Family

2nd Place – The Horner Family

1st Place – The Hart & Trombley Families

Congratulations to this year's winners and again, a big thank you for all of those that participated and volunteered!

Lastly, I would also like to thank the sponsors for this year's Bobcat T-Shirts:

Nathan Smith Builders

Labadie Auto

Wieland Contracting

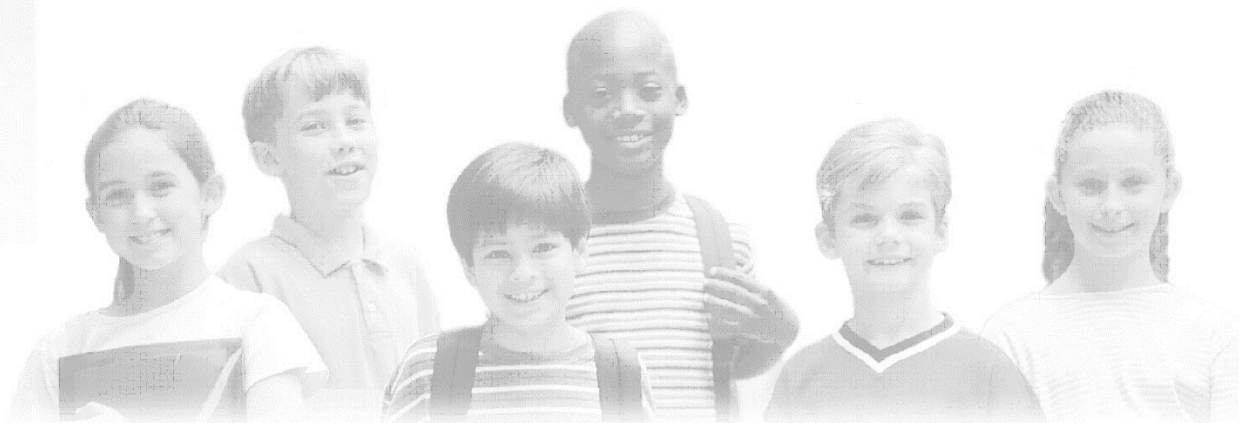
Above the Wake

K&B Truck & Trailer

RW Transmission

Because of your generous donations, each of our students are able to get a Bobcat T-shirt and wear it with PRIDE!

Michael Connors



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McAlear Sawden Online Shirt Sale

We have had many parents request another McAlear Spirit Wear sale...so here it is! Just in time for Christmas presents! The store will open on November 4th and all orders must be submitted via the online store no later than Saturday, November 25th at midnight. The shopping window is a little short - but that is so we can get the items delivered to you before Christmas break. The store features McAlear Spirit Wear, Future Warrior and Western Warrior wear. Please check out our online store at:

<https://mcalearsawdenspirit2017.itemorder.com/>

Holiday Gift Shop Fundraiser

McAlear Sawden is excited to announce that we are using the Fun Services Holiday Gift Shop this year. This is a different company from last year's shop and it has a wide variety items for your child to choose from. This year's shop features items from a lot of Michigan-based sports teams: Tigers, Lions, Pistons, Red Wings, Michigan and Michigan State!! It will also include items that are geared toward Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, Brother and Sister; there are pet toys and baby toys as well.

The Volunteer Coordinators had the opportunity to preview the items that will be offered this year. This allowed us to ensure that we will have items that we think will appeal to the students and parents of McAlear.

Our holiday shop will take place Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th. Each classroom will have time to come down and preview the sale on Wednesday, December 7th.

On December 14th, Parents may come in to the Holiday Shop after school from 3:30-4:15 pm to purchase items or take a look at the items we have.

Attached to the letter that you will receive in December is a "money control" envelope. The purpose of this envelope is so you can help your child decide how much they should spend on each person. The envelope is clearly marked to help identify whom they should purchase items for. Please understand that the parent volunteers helping with the sale will do their best to help your child stick to the amounts indicated on the envelope; however, ultimately it is your child's money and the volunteers have to let them spend it as they wish.

If you have any questions regarding the holiday shop please contact Jessica at McAlear@bcschools.net or by telephone at 989-225-2705 (texting typically gets a better response than leaving a voicemail).



Second Grade Annual Wreath Sale!!

All McAlear-Sawden families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Second Grade Wreath Auction on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. The silent and live auction will be held in McAlear-Sawden's gymnasium from 6:00-7:00pm. The festive wreaths, created by second grade cooperative groups, will be on display in the second grade hallway near the media center. If you are unable to attend please e-mail a second grade teacher to bid by proxy if there is a wreath you would like to adorn your walls! Your holiday will be brighter with a handcrafted wreath created by our second graders with love just for you!

6:00-6:45 Browsing, Silent Auction, Light Refreshments

6:45-7:00 *Bid Auction

7:00 Wreath payments/pick up

Parent Advisory Committee

P.A.C. will be meeting on January 15th at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room located in the office. We will be discussing Special Guy Dance, Fun Fair, and other events that will be going on here at McAlear. We engage parents who would like to help plan, and help during those events to attend.

Box Tops

The technology committee is having a box top contest for McAlear starting in November and ending in March. We are looking to raise funds to purchase more chrome books for the classrooms. The winning grade level will receive an ice cream social in April. When tuning in box tops for your student please remember to put the teachers name on the Ziploc bag or the box top sheet. Thank you for your support.

Reading Tip for November:

Vocabulary - Knowledge of and memory for word meanings.

Play hot potato with synonyms - select a word and have your child share another word that means the same. See how many you can do.

Hot potato with categories. Examples: things that are red, breakfast foods, sports

Use position words when talking, reading or writing with your child- next to, above, behind, over, under, beside.

Daylight Savings Time

Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 4th when you go to bed. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



McAlear 5th grade School Store

5th grade store will be opening next Wednesday, November 8th. This will be ran every Wednesday by a parent and 2-3 5th grade students. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the “What’s New Bulletin Board” by the office on Thursday. Parents will need to be at the school from 8:00-8:45 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kelli Kukla-Schmidt. The students will NOT be late for class. All money earned will go toward 5th grade activities and field trips. Items will range from 25 cents to \$2.75.