



December #2
2008

SUMMIT -
Where the Stars
Always Shine!

WINTER VACATION

Dec. 22 -- Jan. 5.

School starts
Tuesday, January 6!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

A GENTLE REMINDER: Please have your children 'ready to be dropped off' before you enter the circle drive in the mornings. Make sure they have their coats on and backpacks ready. Delays exiting cars are causing traffic backups. Please leave the circle as soon as your child is safely on the sidewalk. Our adults on duty will make sure they enter the building safely. Thank you for your help with this!

ISTEP+ Reports for Summit students in grades 3 - 6 have been sent home. For information on understanding your child's school sheet ask your child's teacher. There is something new for parents this year - ISTEP+ Parent Network. With the parent network, you will be able to review your child's assessment results and refer to useful educational resources. Summit has sent a letter home with ISTEP+ scores that will provide parents with login information. Find out more by going to www.doe.in.gov/istep or contact: Theresa Malone, Title 1 Parent Involvement Coordinator, 330-7700 or tmalone@mccsc.edu

SUMMIT STAR GAZER

We hope all of our families have a
peaceful Winter Break.
Remember to play with your children
and have FUN!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hanukkah at Summit

As we approach this major holiday season for all America, the Summit Library focused on stories about Hanukkah last week. Stories read included, Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah and Chanukah Lights Everywhere and One Candle. With each class, Mrs. DeLuce gave a brief oral history of the holiday and explained the significance of the menorah. She allowed students to see a menorah, a dreidel, a spinning top played with by children during Hanukkah, and some gelt (pretend gold coins filled with chocolate) that are currently on display in the library. With the oldest students, Mrs. DeLuce did a book talk on The Devil's Arithmetic, a wonderful young adult novel by Jane Yolen. In this story, a young Jewish girl named Hannah is tired of the ritual and the constant "remembering" of her Jewish relatives. The story begins as she is on her way to a Passover Seder at her grandparents' house. During the Seder dinner, she is asked to go to the door and invite the prophet Elijah in. She thinks this is "baby stuff" but goes along with the tradition. Upon opening the door, she is magically transported back to the Holocaust. She does not understand at first but the remainder of the book relates her experiences from this time. Of course, at the end when she returns home, she very well understands why it is so incredibly important to remember." This is an amazing story and a highly recommended read.

WANTED: Missing Gingerbread Man!

Run, Run as fast as you can! Our kindergarteners had a fun mystery to solve last week. Each class made their own Gingerbread Man and took him to the kitchen to bake. When they went to retrieve him from the oven, he was gone and left a note that sent them on a HUGE search. The Gingerbread Man left notes from them in the library, the office, and Mr. Waltz's office! They finally found him in their classrooms on Friday! The kindergarteners use the life skills of patience, problem solving, and effort while looking for the Gingerbread Man.

The kindergarten class also had a **special visitor** on Friday. We met a 17 inch miniature pony named Miley. She lives on a local farm and was born a dwarf. We learned what Miley eats, where she lives, and what she does for exercise. The kids were able to pet Miley as well.

PTO would like to thank everyone who helped make the Santa Shop a success, especially Mr. Houshour, our custodian who worked on Saturday to make sure that the shop ran smoothly.

THANK YOU, MR HOUSHOUR & VOLUNTEERS!

COME LEARN WITH US! Summit Teachers will be studying the books, 7 Keys to Comprehension and Strategies that Work during Spring semester. Parents are invited to join the study group! You are also welcome to borrow copies of these books to read on your own. Details will be sent home in January.

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 22 - Jan. 5: Winter Vacation
Monday, Jan. 5: NO SCHOOL. It is Teacher Professional Development and Records Day.
Tuesday, Jan. 6: School starts.
Friday, Jan. 9: Report cards are sent home.
Monday, Jan. 12: Classroom spelling bees begin.
Wednesday, Jan. 14: Wild Animal Convocation for grades K - 3.
Thursday, Jan. 15: Skate Night at Western Skateland, 6:30-8:30pm. Parents must attend with students.
Monday, Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL. It is Martin Luther King Day.
January 20 - 30: NWEA testing
Friday, Jan. 23: Summit Spelling Bee
Wednesday, Jan. 28: 5th grade goes to the I.U. MAC for an orchestra concert.
Tuesday, Feb. 3: Ronald McDonald Convocation for grades K - 2.
Wednesday, Feb. 4: 4th grade goes to the I.U. MAC for a band concert.
Tuesday, Feb. 10: Mozart Convocation for grades 2 - 5 at 1:00pm.
Wednesday, Feb. 11: 2nd grade goes to the I.U. MAC for a band concert.
Monday, Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, Feb. 17: Talent Show Try-Outs. Details will be sent home in January.
Thursday, Feb. 26, 6:30pm: Summit Talent Show.

MCCSC PARENT ACADEMY Series 'Transition into Middle School' Wednesday, January 7, 6:30pm Tri-North Middle School

This program is for all MCCSC parents and guardians of 6th grade students who will enter 7th grade in the Fall 2009. Students bring home 7th grade schedule materials the first week in January. The workshop is for parents only. **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.**

SUMMIT FAMILY SHARE

Family Share begins in January! Family Share is a time for parents and other important visitors (grandma/grandpa, little brothers/sisters, friends) to visit classrooms each month. Visitors have the opportunity to observe teachers and students in action. Details and personal invitations will be sent home in early January. Put these dates on your 2009 calendar!

Family Share is from 8:45—9:40am. The dates are:

Grades K - 3: Jan. 14	Grades 4 - 6: Jan. 15
Feb. 11	Feb. 12
March 25	March 26
April 15	April 16

BOX TOPS, SOUP LABELS

Please continue to save Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels, ink cartridges and old cell phones. Our special area teachers & PTO redeem these and purchase materials for our students. Return these items to school with your child.

The January 2009 lunch menu was not available at press time. Check the MCCSC website in early January for this menu.

www.mccsc.edu/~foodserve/menu.htm

A copy will be included in the first January 2009 Star Gazer.