

McAlear-Sawden Messenger

A Newsletter for Parents

December 2016

Points of Interest and Upcoming Events



12/2

Popcorn

12/6

2nd Grade Wreath
Sale 6-7 pm

12/7

Green/Red Out

12/8

Holiday Shop

12/9

Holiday Shop

12/9

Popcorn

12/16

Popcorn

12/22-1/02

NO SCHOOL

1/3/15

**SCHOOL
RESUMES!**

January Events

1/4

White Out

1/18

Half Day release
time is 12:23 pm

1/26

Movie Night
State Theater 6 pm

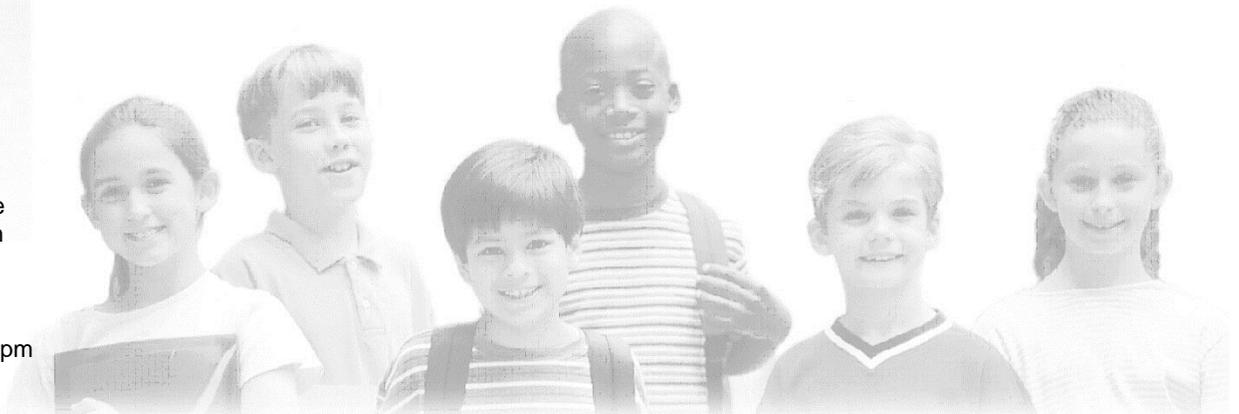
Dear parents,

Our 6th annual Veterans Day Program was another successful event. There are many people I'd like to thank for all of their efforts to make this day a success. I would like to start by thanking Mrs. Wilcox, Ms. Hunt, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Nagel for organizing our celebration. Thank you to Savannah Heygi for singing our National Anthem as well as to Brendan Mortensen-Seguín and Cole Melick for performing Taps. Other thanks go to our students for their singing, decorations, and presentations. To our staff for helping our students with their art work, music performances and their presentations. To our volunteers who spent a late night the night before decorating the gym. I would also like to thank True Tone Photography for taking our Veterans pictures, and Cupcake Divas for their tasty treats. And lastly, thank you to all the family members of the veterans, and to our veterans and current members of our Armed Forces for all of the sacrifices they have given.

A reminder that **Tuesday November 22 is a half day of school**. Students will be released to their regular bus route at **12:22**. If you are picking your student up at 12:22 please remember to send a note in the morning.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

Michael Connors



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New Drinking Fountains

We will be raising money with our Box Tops for Education to purchase new drinking fountains that have the option to refill water bottles. Our hope is that we can raise enough money to purchase 2 of the drinking fountains this year. Once that goal is met, we would like to continue raising money with box tops to purchase 2 more drinking fountains next year. As an incentive, we will be having a Box Tops contest. The classroom who collects the most box tops will get to have CAM Photobooth come to their classroom for a photo booth session. The students will even get to take pictures with our school mascot. Students from the winning classroom will bring their photo strips home with that same day. The contest will begin Monday, November 28th and go through Friday, February 17, 2017.

We will also be selling Beef Sticks for \$1.00 each to help raise money for the drinking fountains. There are a variety of flavors to choose from. We will have a volunteer selling them in the morning by the Media Center on Mondays starting November 28th - December 19th.





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

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 8th and Friday, December 9th. Each classroom will have time to come down and preview the sale on Wednesday, December 7th.

On December 8th, 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 this letter 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.

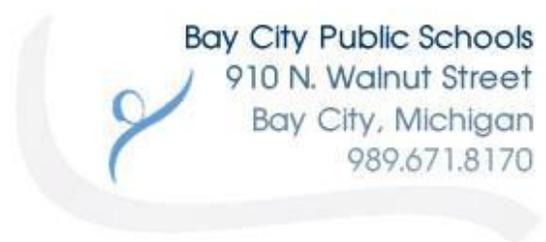
If you have any questions regarding the holiday shop please contact Laura at McAlear@bcschools.net or by telephone at 989-400-1065 (texting typically gets a better response than leaving a voicemail).

McAlear Sawden & Future Warrior Online Shirt Sale

We have had many parents request another McAlear Spirit Wear sale...so here it is! Just in time for Christmas presents! **All orders must be submitted via the online store no later than Wednesday, November 30th.** 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://msspirit2016.itemorder.com/sale>

Gifted & Talented Program



The Gifted and Talented Office will open a window to take nominations for its program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for a unique educational experience beyond the regular classroom curriculum.

Middle School	Grade 5, 6, and 7	January 3rd through January 13th
Elementary	Grades Kdg, 1, 2, 3, and 4	Jan 30th through Feb 10 th

To make a nomination, please visit the Gifted and Talented Website @ www.bcsgifted.com to submit an application form. If you have any questions please call 989-671-8170.

We are increasing our social presence. We are including these two venues to notify parents of events, referral dates, field trip pics, events in the classroom etc.

www.facebook.com/bcpsgifted

@gtprogram_bcps (twitter handle)