

McAlear-Sawden Messenger

A Newsletter for Parents

December 2018

**Points of Interest
and
Upcoming Events**



12/12
Holiday Shop

12/13
Holiday Shop & 4th
grade Field Trip

12/14
Holiday Shop &
Popcorn Day

12/18
College Day

12/21
School Store

12/24-1/02
Winter Break

January Events

1/3
Classes Resume

1/04
School Store

1/09
Sports Day

1/11
Popcorn Day

1/15
Limo Lunch for
students that
qualified from the
fall fundraiser.

1/18
School Store &
Half Day of School.
School Releases
at 12:19 p.m.

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to thank all of those who took an ornament from our Holiday Giving Tree to help out the Bay Area Women's Center on Midland Road. Your generosity has helped put smiles on many families this Holiday Season. Also, a big thank you to Reagan O'Grady #57 and Damien Giroux #96, from the Saginaw Spirit who took time out of their day to read and speak to our students. They represented themselves and the Spirits well and made a positive impact. We wish them luck this year and in their future endeavors.

Speaking of the Saginaw Spirits, we will be having a fundraiser on Sunday, March 3, with the Spirits at the Dow Event Center. For every ticket sold for that Sunday game, McAlear-Sawden will receive \$5.00 back. There will be opportunities for students to hold flags on the ice, watch warm-ups from the bench, take locker room tours, go on Zamboni rides, and more. Look for flyers that came home a few week ago. To order tickets go to: saginawspirtit.com/groupsales. Username: sawden Password: spirit.

Next, parents, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. We have had several students wanting to come in the building at recess because they did not bring coats to school. Every child is expected to go outside for recess unless stated otherwise due to inclement weather.

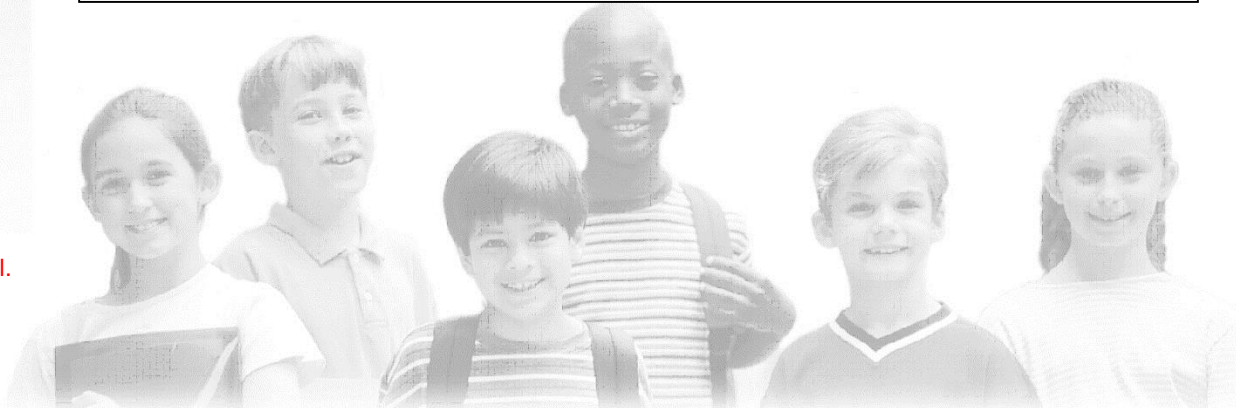
Lastly, please check out the write up our school received from Delta College. Many of you may already be aware that some of our 4th and 5th grade students were in the Wizard of Oz production with students from Delta College. We are mentioned in Volume 83 Issue #7 in the Delta Collegiate Newspaper:

<http://www.deltacollegiate.altervista.org/archives/volume-83/>.

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and fun Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Michael Connors





Second graders held a penny war to determine which student-created wreath would be donated to a local charity. Students unanimously selected (by penny votes) to donate "The Blue Butterfly and the Crystal Castle of Christmas" as the donated wreath along with \$75.61 penny war money, to Bay Area Women's Center.

Holiday Gift Shop Fundraiser

McAlear Sawden is excited to announce that we are using the Fun Services Holiday Gift Shop again this year. 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 Wednesday, December 12th, Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th.

Attached to the letter that will be sent home 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 Stephanie Valley at smricard@hotmail.com.

School Store

Our school store is opened to students opposite Fridays from popcorn. Students may purchase items from the school store, the prices range from .25-\$2.00. Some items that we have are: pencils, erasers, note pads, highlighters, pens, and locker buddies.

Movie Night at State Theatre

Save the date! January 24th at 6:00 p.m. will be our Movie Night watching Incredibles 2. Look for papers to come home after Christmas break.

Gifted and Talented Program Student Referral Timeline

The Gifted & Talented Office will open the referral window for its program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for unique educational experiences beyond the regular classroom curriculum. Teachers will be asked to submit their student referral(s) during this time, but parents may also refer their student for consideration for the Gifted and Talented program.

Teachers and parents may refer students by going to the Gifted and Talented website at: www.bcpsgifted.com

The online referral window will be open and accepting responses for students currently in:

**Grades: 5, 6, 7
Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, & 4**

**January 3rd – January 14th
February 4th – February 14th**

Middle School Program

Placement consideration for the middle school program consists of reviewing the students' standardized test scores for the past several years, and teacher recommendations. In addition, students applying for this program will take the Reasoning subtest and depending on the course they are applying for Math/Science or English Language Arts/Social Studies.

Elementary Program

Students who are being evaluated must take Elementary student will participate in an IQ evaluation that will be considered with their academic accomplishments along with standardized test scores and teacher/parent recommendation.