



# McLouth Elementary Bull Pup Bulletin

January 30, 2012

Together, we learn in a community that promotes academic excellence, respect, life-long learning and responsible citizenship.



## Dates to Remember

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| 2/13 | BOE Meeting |
| 2/20 | No School   |

### From Mr. Dodge's Desk:

In the past, we've talked about the importance of setting up good routines to start the school day. Eating a good breakfast after a restful night's sleep is a great way to start the school day. In addition, I would like to **extend** our thanks, as our tardies have gone down this semester. Setting after school routines are also helpful for student success. When your child comes home, have him/her eat a quick snack and start their homework. This will help your child make the grade in the classroom.

While on the topic of homework, here are a few suggestions to help make this practice more effective. Start by establishing a clean and designated work space. Nobody can concentrate when working on piles. Review the homework with your child. Don't just take their word for it that the work has been completed. By reviewing their work, your son/daughter will see the importance, based on your interest. Finally, don't stress over concepts or skills that are overly difficult for your child. Make a note for the teacher so the content can be reviewed at school. The homework experience should be a time for positive practice and application, not the setting for nightmares.

Choices: Who doesn't like to have choices? By having the opportunity to choose, we take ownership of, and display some control over life situations. When your child starts to challenge adults regarding the following of directions, meeting expectations, or even following through with responsibilities, consider giving them choices. This does come with a caveat – make sure the choices are ones you can live with. For example, if the choice is regarding a consequence for a behavior, make sure your child is the one doing the time, not you. While this approach may not work for everyone, for those who desire the opportunity to have a choice, it works very well.

Have a great week!

## Bull pups

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|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1/31 | Elijah Green & William Moore        |
| 2/1  | Jillian Holwick & Gus Rieke         |
| 2/2  | Katlynn Null & Hayden Sanders       |
| 2/3  | Jessica Osburn & Valarie Stubbs     |
| 2/6  | Clarissa Stean & Carter Sullivan    |
| 2/7  | Dylan Stemmons & Camden Weissenbach |

### Check it Out

Make sure you check out the schools website at: [www.mclouth.org](http://www.mclouth.org)

You will find such items on there as:

- Lunch menu
- Pictures of school events.
- Forms to fill out for the office (medication administration, plan absences etc.)

### Just as a reminder.....

If your child is absent, please call the office at 913-796-6152 before 10:00 am.

### SCHOOL PARKING

Please observe and follow all parking signs on school grounds when dropping off and picking up your students or just running in for a minute to drop something off. There are two handicap parking spaces in the back parking lot and a no parking zone in the front where the buses load and unload. Thank you for your cooperation in the matter.



### Recycle

Our School earns money for PAPER recycling! Please deposit newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper supplies, and mail in the *Paper Retriever Recycling* container (yellow & green bins in the back parking lot). Paper placed in the bin is sent directly to paper mills and is remanufactured into newsprint within a few weeks of collection!

### **February menu on the back**

