Bullpup Blast

McLouth Elementary Newsletter October 2022



Grandparent's Day !! Fun Had By All!

On Friday, September 23rd we hosted our first grandparent's day since the pandemic. It was wonderful having so many attend. Every child was able to spend time with their grandparents or an "adopted" adult figure who filled for the day. All groups rotated through stations that included pe, music, the book fair, recess, pictures and they decorated frames for a keepsake. Families were very receptive of the split times for grade levels which helped us with crowding and helping classes maneuver through the building more easily. Once again PTO did a fabulous job with the event.

Congratulations To Our New Student Ambassadors!!

In 3rd grade our ambassadors are: Sam Coit, Tennyson Dale, Justin Lawson, and Harper Mance In 4th grade our ambassadors are: Amelia Eakin, Sophia Hale, Jacob Gibson, and Aaliyah Cote In 5th grade our ambassadors are: Caleb Bandel, Archer Evans, Brantley Ness, and Braelyn Jones Every semester two students from each class, 3rd-5th, are chosen to represent McLouth Elementary and their class as our student ambassadors. This program provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable experience working alongside their peers in a leadership role within the school. Over the next couple of months, these students will learn what it means to be a good leader and how to work as a team through regular meetings and group activities with Ms. Parks, our school counselor. In order to become an ambassador, these students first had to fill out an application, get a reference from an adult in the school, and then participate in an interview. For a lot of these students, this was a whole new experience, and we are so proud of each and every one of them for trying something new!"

Homecoming

The week of October 3rd we will be celebrating homecoming! Here are the different events for the elementary.

Spirit Dress Days:

Monday: My Team (wear your favorite teams apparel) Tuesday: Tropical Tuesday (Dress in tropical clothes, NO SWIMSUITS) Wednesday: Wacky Hair Day (wear your hair wacky or a hat) Thursday: Throwback Thursday (dress from another decade) Friday: Bulldog Fan Day (wear Bulldog apparel)

Home Football King and Queen ceremony will be held at halftime.

** Friday the elementary will be walking down to watch the homecoming parade. All students will not cross the main street. We will have adults gather candy and divide equally among the students. Parade will start at 2:00 pm downtown.



Bullpup Award Winner Gunnar



Bullpup Award Winner Jewels



Bullpup Award Winner John

Winter Coat Drive

Trent Dale, a junior in the high school, is sponsoring a winter coat drive and coin war as part of his independent FFA learning project. He will collecting gently used coats for distribution to students who need a coat. The coin wars will provide funding for additional items like hats and gloves for those in need. We will have a box in the elementary office and the students will start the coin drive Monday, October 3rd through the 28th. The class with the highest amount donated will receive a pizza party courtesy of Trent.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on October 20, 2022. More information will be coming home shortly with a link to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher.



Bullpup Award Winner Jesslyn



Bullpup Award Winner ^{Audrey}



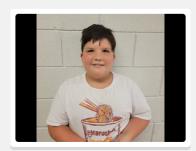
Bullpup Award Winner Alyssa

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31, 2022. The students are welcome to wear a costume that day. Costumes need to be school appropriate, no blood, no gore, no weapons of any kind. Masks can be worn during the parade, but will need to be off during class time. The parade will begin at 2:15 and classroom parties will follow about 2:30.



Bullpup Award Winner ^{Braelyn}



Bullpup Award Winner ^{Cooper}



Bullpup Award Winner ^{Charley}

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Bullpup Award Winner Desmond



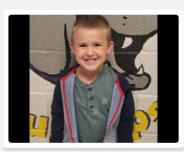
Bullpup Award Winner ^{Easton}

Red Ribbon Week

The last week of October we will be celebrating being drug free. Ms. Parks will be sending out information on how we encourage students to make positive choices, helping students to understand the difference between illegal substances, and medications approved by parents or doctors. We will have a spirit week. We will send out more information closer to the date.



Bullpup Award Winner Landon



Bullpup Award Winner Rafe



Bullpup Award Winner Riley

Thank you!!! The Book Fair was a huge success!

We would love to give a huge shout out to everyone who purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair. The library will have over \$4000 to use for new books, stem activities and other needs that are designated to reach all our students.

Counselor's Corner

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Here are some tips for what you can do as a parent: Parents of kids being bullied

Observe your child for signs they might be being bullied

Children may not always be vocal about being bullied. Signs include: ripped clothing, hesitation about going to school, decreased appetite, nightmares, crying, or general depression and anxiety. If you discover your child is being bullied, don't tell them to "let it go" or "suck it up." Instead, have open-ended conversations where you can learn what is really going on at school so that you can take the appropriate steps to rectify the situation. Let them know they are not alone and you will help them. Teach your child how to handle being bullied

Until something can be done on an administrative level, work with your child to handle bullying without being crushed or defeated. Practice scenarios at home where your child learns how to ignore a bully and/or develop assertive strategies for coping with bullying. Help your child identify teachers and friends that can help them if they're worried about being bullied.

Set boundaries with technology

Educate your children and yourself about cyberbullying and teach your children not to respond or forward threatening emails. "Friend" your child on Facebook and other social media platforms and set up proper filters on your child's computer. As a parent, you can insist that phones are stored in a public area, such as the kitchen, by a certain time at night to eliminate nighttime bullying and inappropriate messaging.

Parents of kids engaged in bullying

Stop bullying before it starts

Educate your children about bullying. It is possible that your child is having trouble reading social signs and does not know what they are doing is hurtful. Remind your child that bullying others can have legal consequences.

Make your home "bully free"

Parents/caregivers should model positive examples for your child in your relationships with other people and with them.

Look for self esteem issues

Children with low self-esteem often bully to feel better about themselves. Even children who seem popular and well-liked can have mean tendencies. Mean behavior should be addressed by parents and disciplined.

Let's work together to prevent bullying!

Of course you aren't alone in dealing with bullying. Parents should report bullying to the school, and follow up with a letter that is copied to the school superintendent if their initial inquiry receives no response. Parents should report all threatening messages to the police and should document any text messages, emails, or posts on websites.



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Home of the Bulldogs!

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