

# McCaffrey Middle School News

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## Message from Administration

McCaffrey Middle School students continue to learn about our academic and behavior expectations. One of our goals as a school is to recognize students for their academic achievement and effort.

The Renaissance Program celebrates the academic success and hard work of our students. **EVERY** child is capable of achieving one of the three levels of the program that are listed in the table below. Each trimester we recognize and celebrate those students who meet the criteria for green, gold or the top dog level. Please review the qualifications for Renaissance with your child and remember to establish a goal.

<p>Top Dog Renaissance Level</p> <p><i>Superintendent's Honor Roll</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced in all areas*; Proficient in all other areas</li> <li>Effort average of 3.8</li> <li>Citizenship average of 3.5</li> <li>No 1's or 2's in effort and citizenship</li> </ul>
<p>Gold Renaissance Level</p> <p><i>Principal's Honor Roll</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced in 2 core areas*; Proficient in all other areas</li> <li>Effort average of 3.5</li> <li>Citizenship average of 3.0</li> <li>No 1's or 2's in effort and citizenship</li> </ul>
<p>Green Renaissance Level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficient or credit in any 2 areas</li> <li>Effort average of 3.0</li> <li>Citizenship average of 2.5</li> <li>No more than one 1 in effort and no 1's in citizenship</li> </ul>

**\*Core areas include Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science**

November/December 2011

### Important Dates:

#### November

- 11/2 - PTA meeting 7 pm
- 11/4 - Minimum Day 1:15 dismissal
- 11/11 - Veterans' Day - No School
- 11/14 - Report cards go home
- 11/21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

#### December

- 12/7 - PTA meeting 7 pm
- 12/14 - Band & Choir Concert  
Band 6 pm/Choir 7 pm
- 12/19-1/2—Winter Break

#### January

- 1/4 - PTA meeting 7 pm
- 1/13 - Progress reports go home
- 1/16 - MLK Day - no school
- 1/22—Choir will sing at the Stockton Thunder game
- 1/26 - SSC meeting 4 pm

#### February

- 2/1 - PTA meeting 7 pm
- 2/13 - Lincoln's Birthday—no school
- 2/14 - Spring pictures
- 2/20 - Presidents' Birthday—no school
- 2/24 - Minimum Day

# YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

\$35 if purchased by December 16th

\$40 after December 16th

Please make checks payable to MMS

## 8TH GRADE PHOTOS NEEDED

8th graders, if you want to be included in the end of the year slideshow, please bring 1 baby picture and 1 current picture (this cannot be a school portrait) to Ms. Albert's room or to Tracy in the office. Make sure your name and homeroom are on the back.

**All pictures due by December 16th.**

## UPDATE FROM LEADERSHIP STUDENTS

### Hello Bulldogs!

So far in leadership we have had **Red Ribbon Week** and it turned out very well. Our **Canned Food Drive** collected over 1100 cans of food that will be donated to the Galt Sunshine Food Closet housed at Fairsite School. We have also had a **dance** which we have heard a lot of good feedback from students. Every Friday we do a fun **lunch time activity** which all the students love. For instance, we did a mummy wrap, doughnuts on a string, and Simon Says. We also have been doing fun **Wacky Wednesdays** that the students enjoy. Examples of this are crazy hat day, pink day and sports day.

In the future we are planning to have two more dances. We will also do more Friday activities and Wacky Wednesdays. We are busy planning a **Renaissance rally** for all Top Dog, Gold or Green level students that will take place before the winter break. We will soon begin a **Box Top fundraiser**. Leadership students are enjoying the challenge of the class and want to thank everybody for supporting the different events.

### Attendance Reminder

By law, only illness, bereavement, medical/dental appointment, quarantine and recognized religious holidays/observations are considered excused absences. Out-of-town trips, vacations during instructional days and personal necessity absences are unexcused. If your child will be absent for 5 days or more, please contact our office and ask for an Independent Study Contract. This will allow teachers to get class assignments ready for students to take.

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COVERAGE CALL 1-888-747-1222 OR OUR HEALTHY OFFICE at 209-744-4521



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**DATE TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> @7pm

PTA Meeting in the Library

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @7pm

PTA Meeting in the Library

Please come out and join us, these meetings are open for all to attend.

Feel free to share any ideas for upcoming events you may have at [mc-pta@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:mc-pta@galt.k12.ca.us)

We need your support to be successful!

# McCAFFREY PTA NEWSLETTER

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

*I would like to thank all of the parents who have joined the McCaffrey PTA this year. If you have not joined the PTA yet it is not too late. We can also still use help with fundraisers and family events like Bulldog Idol. We would like to welcome all parents to join us at a general meeting on November 2, 2011 in the School library at 7:00 p.m.*

*A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Fall Fundraiser, we hope it will be a huge success in raising money for our school. Special congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes.*

*I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the fundraisers and family events we have planned this year. Let's have fun and make it a great school year for our children! Remember if we pull together our children's education will be nothing but a positive one.*

*Sincerely,  
Karen Jacobson*

**JOIN PTA TODAY**

Becoming a member of the PTA will help support your children's school, tell the PTA how you will be able to help us at different events, earn your child a special treat and get you one free admission to LEGOLAND.

**Please Welcome your 2011/2012 MMS PTA Executive Board**

*President: Karen Jacobson*

*Secretary: Amy Farris*

*Treasurer: Andrea Ogren*

*VP Family Events: Joanne Testo*

*1<sup>st</sup> VP of Fundraising & Newsletter: Rachael Adams*

*2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Fundraising: Nicole McDonald*

*Parliamentarian/Staff Appreciation: Cynthia Mancebo*

*Membership/Volunteer & Email Coordinator: Dwight Lindsey*

*Historian: OPEN*