



McCaffrey Middle School News

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Message from Administration

We are very excited to begin a new school year and look forward to providing our students an outstanding educational experience here at McCaffrey Middle School.

We would like to welcome three new teachers to our staff. Mrs. Waters has joined the 7th grade language arts team, Ms. Ceccarelli now forms part of the 7th grade social studies team and Ms. Dedriksen completes the 8th grade language arts team. As of last week our student enrollment was 905. We continue to have students enrolling on a daily basis.

We are excited to share that McCaffrey Middle School now has an API of 821, this reflects a growth of 7 points over last year. We continue to strive to meet all state and federal accountability goals.

In the area of mathematics, our schedule now reflects four different levels of math for 7th and 8th grade students. We have geometry, algebra, pre algebra and algebra readiness. Each level is designed to prepare students for the next class. We are very fortunate to have funding for math instructional assistants who support most of our math classes. In the area of language arts, we have support classes for students who are not yet proficient and who may need an extra boost in reading comprehension.

Due to our large enrollment and limited exploratory sections offered, schedule changes are extremely difficult to make. If an issue arises, please try to resolve it with the teachers first. If further assistance is needed, please contact Eileen Samford, school counselor.

One issue that we continue to deal with is cyberbullying. Socializing online can help kids connect with friends and family, but it is important to help your child learn how to navigate these spaces safely. Numerous pitfalls are associated with online socializing we urge students to be cautious when sharing too much information, posting pictures, video or words that can damage a reputation or hurt someone's feelings. The best advice we can give you is to remind your child that the words they write and the images they post can have consequences offline.

Academic Progress

*You will be notified of your child's progress six times during the year. Three will be "progress reports" allowing you and your child the opportunity to see academic performance before the **formal report cards** are issued.*

*A progress report will be sent home with your child approximately six weeks before the report card is issued. The first progress report will be sent home on **Friday, October 7th**. All report cards will be mailed home.*

Please e-mail your child's teacher if you need additional information.

September/October 2011

Important Dates:

September

- 9/7 - PTA meeting 7 pm

October

- 10/5 - PTA meeting 7 pm
- 10/6 - School Site Council meeting 4 pm
- 10/7 - Picture retakes
- 10/7 - Progress reports go home
- 10/10 Staff Development—no school
- 10/11 Staff Development—no school
- 10/13 Band & Choir Concert 6:00 pm/7:30 pm
- 10/16-21 - 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

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

Renaissance Levels

Our staff is very excited to begin a new school year. Students continue to learn about our academic and behavior expectations. It is our goal to recognize students for their academic achievement and effort.

The Renaissance Program celebrates the academic success of our students. **EVERY** child is capable of achieving one of the three levels of the program. Each trimester we recognize and celebrate those students who meet the criteria. Please review the qualifications for Renaissance with your child and remember to establish a goal.

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

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

ASES After School Program

The ASES after school program is accepting students. Join today! The program's FREE benefits: free snack daily, one hour of homework tutorial, fun enrichment activities, dances and free field trips. Any questions contact Julie Grandinetti 209-745-5462 Ext. 1901 or Room P1.



MCCAFFREY CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE 2011

9/10	WOLVERINE INVITATIONAL	SACRAMENTO (ROSEMONT HS) 8 AM
10/1	YOLO COUNTY INVITE	WOODLAND (MULLER VINEYARDS) 8 AM
10/15	BELLA VISTA BRONCO INVITE	WILLOW HILLS (FOLSOM HS) 8:30 AM
10/22	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS INVITE	SACRAMENTO (GRANITE REGIONAL PARK) 10 AM

FOR INFORMATION ON HEALTHY FAMILIES/MEDI-CAL INSURANCE
COVERAGE CALL 1-888-747-1222 OR OUR HEALTHLY OFFICE at 209-744-4521

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.

School Site Council Nominations for 2011-2012 School Year

It is that time of year again when we are in the process of identifying parents or community members interested in serving on our School Site Council. This advisory group will include parents, teachers, other school personnel and the principals. The purpose of this group is to oversee the direction of the school in regard to spending money from the categorical program of school improvement.

If you are interested in participating, please return the bottom portion of this newsletter by September 21, 2011. We will then send out a ballot to determine who will be on the School Site Council.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st.

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Name: _____ Phone # _____

Student's Name: _____

Tell us why you are interested in being on the School Site Council. (This will be published on the ballot.)
