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MANATEE MESSAGE

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Presidential Matters

A Message from Your MBES PTA President

Your PTA has been very busy these last few weeks. Your generous support throughout this school year gave the board the ability to execute our mini-grant program. By reaching our fundraising goal, we were able to grant approximately \$3,000, which allowed us to support projects ranging from additional playground equipment to the classroom libraries. Thank you for making this possible.

There will be lots of PTA activity this Spring, so be on the lookout for more information regarding these events:

- ◆ **Clearwater Threshers Game**
- ◆ **Dynamic Dads' Healthy Breakfast**
- ◆ **C2C Assembly**
- ◆ **Dynamic Dads' Springtime Family Fun Day**
- ◆ **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

The next General PTA Meeting will be held on May 7, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

~ **Tammy Mitchiner**
MBES PTA President



Mark Your Calendar...

- Mar. 24 Field Day, Kdg & 1st
- Mar. 25 Field Day, 4th & 5th
- Mar. 26 Field Day, 2nd & 3rd
- Mar. 30-Apr. 3 Spring Break, No School
- Apr. 16 Dynamic Dads' Game Night
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Media Center
- Apr. 17 Earth Day Celebration
(during PE class)
- Apr. 20 Breakfast with Dad
7:00-8:00 a.m.—Cafeteria
- May 9 Springtime Family Fun Day
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
(details to follow)
- May 20 Dynamic Dads' Social Night
(details to follow)



Commitment to Character

As you are aware, students who demonstrate exceptional character traits and outstanding character qualities have the opportunity to be recognized throughout the year. Our last C2C Assembly for the year is scheduled for Friday, May 8.

McMullen Booth Elementary's Commitment to Character (C2C) program promotes the character traits of Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Self-Motivation with a focus on social and academic goals. C2C focuses the efforts of the entire school community on the task of building character: from the Principal, to the teachers, to the bus drivers, to the parents, to the students themselves.

Thank you all for your continued support.



Principal's Corner

Our year has been moving right along. It is hard to believe that we are almost to Spring Break! Each classroom has received two more titles to add to their Book of the Month collection. "Those Shoes" by Maribeth Boelts was added in February. This book stresses character traits of determination and friendship. For March, we added Robert Baldwin's book, "This is the Sea that Feeds Us." The story is told in a cumulative rhyme about the food chain in the ocean. Be sure to ask your child about these books and what they thought about them.

One of our school board members, Robin Wikle, will be on campus on March 26. We are looking forward to showing her the outstanding work that our students are doing and letting her know about the opportunities that the PTA provides for our school.

Student assignment information for the 09/10 school year is in the MBES newsletter, The Manatee Messenger. Be sure to read that information carefully so that you can make informed decisions about your child's school assignment for next school year.

~ **Kathy Wickett, Principal**
McMullen Booth Elementary School

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PTA Family Expo

PTA Family Expo! is a one-day extravaganza providing moms, dads, caregivers, and kids amazing opportunities for fun, education, and tools to help families in today's modern world. Held at Lockhart Stadium in **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**, the PTA Family Expo! will include music from local entertainers and national celebrities, hands-on activities, health screenings, multicultural learning, and much more. Save the date, **Saturday, June 27, 2009**, to attend the PTA Family Expo! and join us for a day of enjoyment, education, and sunshine! Attendees will receive:

- Health Screenings
- Student Success Tools
- Family Safety Resources
- Arts Projects
- Fun activities for all ages
- Hundreds of vendors
- Free Admission
- Free Parking

Held outdoors in Fort Lauderdale, PTA Family Expo! will attract 10,000 local family members, and give your company strong recognition opportunities to present and display your services to help attendees gain a positive experience with PTA. To sponsor or exhibit this event, download the brochure under "Get Involved with Family Expo!" below, or call Annie Krysl or David Erickson at **312-670-6782**.

<http://www.pta.org/2534.asp>

Room Representative (Room Mom/Dad) Committee

As we look forward to the Spring Break vacation and spending some enjoyable, relaxing time with our families, let's also take this opportunity to start thinking about how we will be finishing out the school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th – May 8th: Remember, it doesn't have to be "big & expensive" to show our wonderful teachers how much we truly appreciate them (i.e. Send in a note from the children or the parents, bring in coffee, etc.).

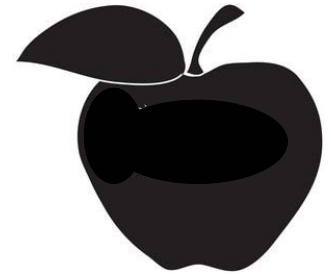
End of the Year Parties/ Teacher gifts: If you are asking for a class donation, remember it's totally voluntary, and you can't ask for a specific amount. Start thinking about this now, as time flies by and will soon be upon us.

Remember, if you have questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Kim Dickman & Anece Hughes
Room Representative Committee Co-Chair

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FROM
Pinellas County Council

**STEP UP! - Leap into Healthy Living! - Take the 2009 Step Up Challenge!**

The Step Up Challenge in Pinellas County is part of the statewide campaign that promotes physical activity and healthy lifestyles for all Floridians. Community members, partners, and worksites are encouraged to join the Step Up Challenge during the month of March.

The primary goals of the Step Up Challenge are:

- to promote awareness of the importance of daily physical activity
- highlight local opportunities to engage in physical activity
- to encourage workplaces to promote workplace wellness

After signing up on www.pinellaswellness.com participants keep a record of their steps and enter them on www.pinellaswellness.com under your cities name. All cities in Pinellas County will be listed on the website, you will be able to click on the Step Up, FL logo (look for the frog!) and then use the drop down box to find your city! You can track your steps by using a basic pedometer or by using our steps conversion tool that will be on our website. Your goal is to increase the amount of steps you take daily. If you don't like to walk and prefer swimming or running or lifting weights, you can use the conversion chart that will be located on www.pinellaswellness.com under the Step Up, FL logo. This chart will help you convert other activities to steps!

Step Up Challenge began March 1, 2009, but won't end until March 31, 2009. You can sign up anytime during the month of March, but the sooner you sign up and get moving the more chance your city will have at winning! For more information or for any questions please call us at: 727-824-6900 ext 11033 OR email us at chd_52chronicdiseaseprevent@doh.state.fl.us. Step Up and challenge your friends and family to join!

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WE WANT YOU

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few great members to serve on next year's PTA Board.

If you are interested in serving our children and keeping our school strong, please consider becoming a PTA officer or a committee chairperson for our next school year.

You can contact me via email at Laurie.dobler@baycare.org or by phone at 727-799-8287 to learn more about the positions we have available and how your talents would be greatly utilized.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

~ Laurie Dobler, Nominating Committee Chair ~

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For more information regarding the
City of Safety Harbor Commission's
T-Mobile Cell Tower placement,
please contact Safety Harbor's City Hall
at 727-724-1555.



Dynamic Dads Have Great Plans—Want To Join in on the Fun?

The Dynamic Dads have lots of great events coming up—and everyone can be involved!!!

Check out the list of upcoming events:

- ☺ **Game Night—April 16**
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Media Center
Lots of fun and interesting games to play with Dad!
- ☺ **Breakfast with Dad—April 20**
7:00-8:00 a.m.—Cafeteria
We will offer a healthy start breakfast with Dad!
- ☺ **Springtime Family Fun Day—May 9**
We are looking forward to this inexpensive way to spend some quality time with our families and participate in some games and activities while enjoying the Spring air and family picnics. More details will follow soon—but mark your calendar TODAY!
- ☺ **Dynamic Dads' Social Night—May 20**
A great chance for Dads to get out and enjoy some end-of-year celebratory fun out of school!

Need to Reach Us?

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of the officers below:

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Everyone and anyone is invited to participate in any of the Dynamic Dads' events. Feel free to contact Rob Meli with any questions or to volunteer. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the breakfast (setting up at 6:45 a.m. and cleaning up at 8:00 a.m. or donating food items such as: yogurt, bagels, eggs/quiche, muffins, fruit, cereal, OJ, milk). We are also looking for volunteers for the Springtime Family Fun Day. You can reach Rob at rmeli@tampabay.rr.com or call at 727-726-0064.