



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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AMAZING SKILLS

Rob & I are constantly amazed by the skills that our McLane families have to offer.

Two years ago, when I volunteered to lead our PTSO, I had no idea that not only would I have a chance to support learning & entertaining activities for my own kids, but I'd also meet an amazing group of parents who wanted to do the same thing. Yes - there are other parents out there who want to see MY kids be successful. They also want to see their own kids have a great school experience and they want to see YOUR kids have the best elementary school experience possible.

These parents bring an amazing set of skills to play in making all this happen. Leslie Smith can organize

the heck out of an event. Prairie Matthews really knows his way around a building or garden project, Amy Long (and her mother!), can make *anything* look beautiful. And that is just the start of a very long list.

As we draw near to yet another school year...yes...May means only 1 month away from the end... we, YOUR PTSO is searching for other parents to share their talents, inspire our families, and have a heck of good time, enriching the lives of our kiddos. YOU could be one of those talented people who make all the fun happen.

Each year, in May, we reflect on what has been successful and what we can improve upon. We invite

YOU to join us at our May 6th meeting (5:30pm) to begin planning events, activities and FUN for the 2013/14 school year.

It may seem like a long way away, and I guess it is, but the activities we plan now will be the ones that will make a difference in the 'enjoyment factor' for all our kiddos.

Please consider sharing your time, talents, and treasures with McLane Elementary. You may not be ready to become a member of the PTSO but even if you only have ONE hour next year - we can put it to good use - making our school a great place to learn.

Denise Sawatsky
president@mcclaneptso.org

SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✍ FRI. Apr. 26 , 8am - McLane Volunteer Appreciation in Library
- ✍ MON. May 6, 5:30pm - YOUR PTSO (budget 2013/14 meeting!)
- ✍ MON.-FRI. May 6-10 - Staff Appreciation Week!!
- ✍ SAT. May 11, 4-7pm - Carnival & Auction
- ✍ FRI. May 31 - Fund Run
- ✍ SUN. Jun. 9, 1:30pm - Tacoma Rainiers
- ✍ MON. Jun. 10 , 6pm - Final PTSO meeting of year and Volunteer Party!
- ✍ WED. Jun. 12 - 11:30am-12:45pm - Family BBQ
- ✍ 1pm - Field Day
- ✍ THU. Jun. 13 - Last (Half) Day of School until Sep. 4!! Have a GREAT summer

YEARBOOK

Many thanks to our own Carina Engholm for taking on the humungous task of making an official school Yearbook for McLane Elementary!

Yes, its true! Each student, pre-school through 5th Grade, will be receiving their very own yearbook to treasure. The books will be arriving

soon and are brought to you by Your PTSO.

We are giving these to students so they may look back and remember what a wonderful experience they had at McLane Elementary and the amazing classmates and staff who made their time here special.

We are not charging for this book, we would truly appreciate a \$15 donation from anyone who is able, to help defray the costs.

When you donate, it helps us put a little extra aside for the great events and activities we are planning for NEXT year!

You will soon be seeing a form come through the take-home system. **Please consider making a contribution.**

We hope you have fun getting your friends to sign them!



BATTER UP!

On **SUN - Jun 09@ 1:30pm** join the other families of McLane Elementary for baseball. Tacoma Rainiers vs. Las Vegas 51s at Cheney Stadium.

Special Rates: \$16.50/person includes Game Ticket-Reserved Seats, Dinner (Hot Dog, Chips, Soda) & Limited Edition Tacoma Rainiers Hat \$10.50/person includes: Game Ticket-Reserved Seats, Dinner (Hot Dog, Chips, Soda)

Reservation Forms at McLaneptso.org



BBQ!

Your McLane PTSO would like to finish a great year with a BANG! So we are hosting a family BBQ for all our families on the last full day of school.

Join us for an outdoor BBQ—veggie & beef burgers, hot-dogs, fruit & ice cream! Lunch is served from 11:30am (come when your kiddo has their lunch break) and will be promptly followed at 1:00pm with Field Day - stick around if you can and have fun running the events.

FIELD DAY!

McLane Field Day is a great afternoon of fun for everyone.



We have a selection of events in which each student may participate.

Remember to send your kiddos to school dressed appropriately for the weather - wet, hot & sunny or a mixture of both!

This will be their last full day of school until September and it will be one to remember!

STAFF APPRECIATION, CARNIVAL, & AUCTION

Mark your calendars now! **May 6-10** Students and families will have the opportunity to show their appreciation for our awesome McLane staff during the upcoming McLane Staff Appreciation Week festivities.

Please look in your child's backpack this week for the packet which includes the

schedule, printed thank you notes, and details how to get involved to show the staff your thanks for caring for your kiddos.

Finishing off Staff Appreciation week (**May 11, 4-7pm**) is our Annual Carnival and Auction. This event is not only HEAPS of fun for the whole family but also our biggest fund raiser of the year. It is not too late for you to get

involved either in the carnival (yes, we need LOTS of volunteers) or in the Auction - we still need more tantalizing items to share. Contact Debra, Lara, or Lesley at lara@rdshady.com or my email at lesliesmith@gmail.com. for opportunities. **We especially need help with the GAMES!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



WHO'S HOO?

For 34 years, Mr. McCartan has traveled far and wide and taught in many interesting places. Some of his favorites include Seattle, the San Francisco Bay Area, Madison Wisconsin, and most of the schools in the Olympia School District.

Mr. McCartan has a hard time picking one favorite thing about McLane Elementary. He thinks the children, their families, and the staff all earn high grades from him.

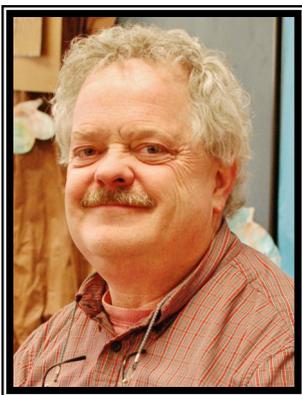
Mr. McCartan's wife's name is

Cissy McCormick and together they have two children. Currently, they don't have any pets but you should ask him about what pets he used to have in his family.

We are sure you have heard that he is a huge fan of astronomy — he & Mr.E started the Cosmos Club together, but did you also know that he also likes to work with wood? He says he also loves to play with cars — we think he means the big ones, not the 'matchbox' kind!

Mr. McCartan would like to thank the kitchen staff for always preparing so many delectable choices for school lunch. He likes them all so much he couldn't think of just one as a favorite!

Like most of our staff, Mr. McCartan's vision for the future of McLane is that we continue to provide the best educational experience for each student — aren't we lucky that we have so many supportive people working with our kiddos?



Dan McCartan
Speech & Language
Therapist