



From the Principal's Desk...

McConnellsburg Elementary School Mrs. Alicia Mellott

New Faces and Changes at MES

This year we welcome Mrs. Amy Elvey to our Nurse's Office. Mrs. Elvey joins us with a background in pediatric nursing and obstetrics nursing and supervision. Mrs. Elvey lives in the Central Fulton School District with her husband and two children. We are excited to have her in both our Elementary and High School/Middle School Health Rooms.

This year our fourth grade teaching faculty and our first grade teaching faculty have seen a change. Mrs. Leslie Nesbitt, who joined our staff in January of 2008, has moved to first grade from fourth grade. Mr. Brent Pistner has transitioned to our fourth grade staff from his two years of experience in our district in first grade.

In our cafeteria this year, we welcome Mrs. Beth Crowder. Mrs. Crowder is another smiling face that greets our children each day during breakfast and lunch.

Finally, we begin our school year without Mrs. Valerie Alexander and Mrs. Lori Mellott. Both ladies have recently welcomed new babies into their families and will return with us in the classroom during the month of November. The temporary substitute for Mrs. Alexander in 4K is Miss Maggie Swope. Mrs. Jean Chilcote is the temporary substitute for Mrs. Mellott in third grade.

McConnellsburg Elementary Attains Adequate Yearly Progress.

Congratulations to the students and staff of McConnellsburg Elementary for attaining recognition from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for meeting the overall mathematics and reading benchmarks on the PSSA. The MES grade level data scores that we proudly achieved are as follows:

3rd Grade Math Proficiency Percentage 89%

(Required percentage—45%)

3rd Grade—Reading Proficiency Percentage— 66%

(Required percentage—54%)

4th Grade Math Proficiency Percentage 69%

(Required percentage—45%)

4th Grade—Reading Proficiency Percentage— 60%

(Required percentage—54%)

5th Grade Math Proficiency Percentage 63%

(Required percentage—45%)

5th Grade—Reading Proficiency Percentage— 54%

(Required percentage—54%)

Next year the required benchmarks for both mathematics and reading increase to 56% and 63%, respectively.

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Reminders for Parents

- Ⓢ Please DO NOT drop children off in the morning before 7:30 am. No school personnel are available to supervise children.
- Ⓢ Any calls to change busing or dismissal arrangements MUST be made prior to 2:00 that day.
- Ⓢ Any parent requesting permission for an educational trip must do so PRIOR TO the absence for the trip.
- Ⓢ Parents picking up elementary aged students, including kindergarten, are reminded that students MUST BE picked up at the end of the day at the lower cafeteria entrance. Please DO NOT go to the classroom.
- Ⓢ Also, as a waiting parent of walking children, please NEVER abandon your car. It causes great congestion at our pick up area.

School Wide Behavior Rewards

Thanks to the **Giant Rewards** Program we can continue to offer our students enticing good behavior rewards this school year. A reward will continue to be offered at the end of each marking period and a year end reward at the conclusion of the school year.

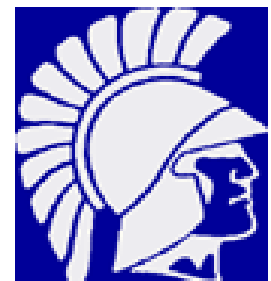
In order to earn the end of

marking period rewards, students are permitted **no** bus referrals **nor** pink slips during the marking period. Those rewards will include a big screen movie, snow tubing, board games, an afternoon in the park, and grade level BINGO.

A year end reward trip to Lakemont Park will again be offered

to students with no disciplinary records (bus referrals or pink slips) for the entire school year. Please refer to the student handbook for further dates and information.

Again, we are so thankful for GIANT REWARDS DOLLARS that financially support this program.



2007-2008 Students Chosen to Present Morning Announcements

For several years now, we have been fortunate at McConnellsburg Elementary School to offer our students and staff the morning announcements via closed circuit TV. Each morning, five very dedicated and responsible students prepare to communicate and televise the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, news, events, weather and birthdays school wide via video camera and closed circuit wiring. The students prepare the items for announcement, operate the video equipment and televise live with the assistance of staff members Miss Lori Miller and Ms. Cathy Richards.

Our resident television stars for the 2007-2008 school year

Colton Strait, son of Greg and Lynda Strait.

Marah Huston, daughter of Jeff and Mary Huston,

Hannah Ott, daughter of Aaron and Lisa Ott.

Abby Peck, daughter of Terry and Denise Peck.

Jordin Smith, daughter of Troy and Nichole Smith.

Drop in some morning to see our local stars!!

*Mrs. Mosemann would like for everyone to know that student art is being collected again throughout the school year in order to prepare for a Schoolwide Art Show in March. The Art Show will be in conjunction with a Science and Literacy Fair.

November 21 Early Dismissal

November 22-27 Thanksgiving/Deer Season Break



Don't forget to join the Central Fulton PTSO. Your input and presence at meetings and events is appreciated and benefits our children.

NEW Federal Food and Nutrition Guidelines for Schools

Every public school district is now required to control and limit the exposure of our children to food that is not nutritionally sound and healthy. The primary effect in our schools will be in our cafeterias with the foods offered to our students as part of a school lunch.

Other areas affected include the following: School staff are no longer permitted to offer food type rewards to children for behavior or academics.

Sodas and non nutritionally sound beverages and snacks may not be offered in vending machines during the school day.

The types of snacks and foods offered during classroom celebrations must be controlled. This includes birthday celebrations and holiday parties.

Upcoming Events

October 4—Last day PTSO Fundraiser

Oct 2 Last day Library Bookfair

October 9 School Board Meeting

Oct 10-12 Vision Screening

October 15—PTSO Meeting

October 19—No School (Fall Break) Fall Folk Festival

November 4—Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 1—End of Marking Period

November 2 First Marking Period Reward Day

November 12—Schoolwide Parent Conferences

November 19—PTSO Meeting

<<Student Grades Available Online>>

As parents of a MES third, fourth or fifth grade student, you now have the ability to access your child's attendance and grades at your convenience online. All you simply need to do is to visit the district website at www.cfsd.info, click on the link for parents, and submit your request to the Technology Director for a user name and password. You will then be sent communication with necessary information for accessing your child's records.