



McALPINE MINUTE

Do you have 20 minutes a week that you could spare to help a child learn to read?

McAlpine's Book Buddy program is in full swing but we need more parents to help. Here's how the program works. Each week, 4th and 5th grade students select books to read with their 1st and 2nd grade buddy. The 4th and 5th graders develop and ask their buddies questions about what they have read. We need parent volunteers to help the 4th and 5th graders select the books and develop the questions. Parent volunteers meet with students before school any day of the week for about 20 minutes. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Amy Matthews at amymatthews@carolina.rr.com.

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New School Hours:
7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Doors Open at 7:15 a.m.

Get Out Your Boogie Shoes!

Friday, February 3rd from 7:00 - 9:00 pm will be our annual Someone Special Dance. Tickets will be \$9 (checks only, no cash) or \$12 at the door. Something new this year: The class with the highest participation will receive a special treat that night! We will also have a free raffle giveaway. Entire families are welcome to attend our Someone Special Dance, or a student can elect to just bring one particularly special family member. Wear your finest, or come dressed casually to dance the night away.

Please note this is not a drop-off event. A parent or guardian must attend with their child.



Boxtops for Education

Please continue to turn in your General Mills Boxtops. Box Tops are submitted two times per year and our next big due date is the end of February. Please send in any box tops that you have so we may count and send them in by the February 29th deadline! Last year your Box Tops raised \$670! What a great way to save money for our school and thank you for all your help!

School Directories

School directories were sent home last week. If you didn't order one, we do have extras. Send in your order form and \$2 to order a directory. Click on the link for an order form. <http://mcalpinepta.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/file/view/Directory+Letter+%28final%29+2011.docx>



Coffee Time!

Plan on joining Principal Saxton for Starbucks coffee and conversation on happenings at McAlpine on Thursday, January 19th at 8 a.m. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear everything that is going on at our school. All parents are invited to attend.

Time to Celebrate!

Don't miss the Second Quarter Recognition Assemblies on Friday, January 27th. K- 2 is from 8:15 - 9 am and 3 - 5 is from 9 - 10am. This is a great opportunity to congratulate your children on all their hard work this quarter. See you there!

- Thank you to everyone that supported the Scott Clark Toyota 3D Ghost Walk in October.
- The total that was raised and donated by Scott Clark to McAlpine was \$800!





:30 Seconds with Principal Saxton

While we always welcome parent feedback throughout the year on how we're doing as a school, we also like to take time each year to specifically encourage this feedback. That time is now. In the coming weeks, you'll receive a link via email asking you to complete a brief online survey. (You will also be able to access the survey on our homepage.) Survey questions will explore what you think about how we're meeting your child's academic needs, the learning environment we provide, and what areas you think need improvement.

I hope you'll take the time to share your thoughts with us. While we get constant classroom feedback via assessments on how we're meeting your child's academic needs, we don't always get a chance to hear what you - as parents and stakeholders in our school - think about how well those needs are being met.

We're also giving you a face-to-face chance to share your feedback, during this month's Principal's Coffee on January 19 at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria. Come enjoy some Starbucks coffee and frank conversation about the challenges facing our school and how we can tackle those challenges together. I look forward to hearing your feedback as we work together to make McAlpine even more successful!

Mid-Year Curriculum Night

Our Mid-Year Curriculum Nights will be held on Tuesday, January 31st for K - 2 and Thursday, February 2nd for 3 -5. Both nights will be from 6 - 7:30pm. Please plan on attending to hear about the progress of the school year and what is ahead for the rest of the year. This is a great time to ask questions and talk with teachers and other parents about what is going on in your child's classroom.

January 10 Eagle Night Out Cancelled

Due to the kitchen renovation at Chick-Fila at Stonecrest, there will be no Eagle Night out this month. Chik-Fila will re-open early February.

Wednesday, Feb 8 will be the next Eagle Night Out at Nothing but Noodles in Stonecrest. Help support McAlpine by dining out from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. that evening.

Save the Date!

- January 13 - Principal's 100 Club Party, K- 2 1:30 - 2pm, grades 3-5, 2-2:30 p.m.
- January 16 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 19 - Principal's Coffee - 8 a.m.
- January 23 - No School, Teacher Workday
- January 27 - Second Quarter Recognition Assembly - K - 2 8:15 - 9am, grades 3-5, 9 - 10am

Parent Handbook

Have a question about a McAlpine procedure or policy? Check our Parent Handbook on the McAlpine Website. Below is the direct link:

<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/mcalpineES/Documents/Parent%20Resources/FamilyHandbook%202011-12.pdf>