



T.E.A.M. Roosevelt McGrath

Together Everyone Achieves More

Mrs. Linda Hammond—Principal Mrs. Jan Jungquist—Secretary Sept.2009

Up-Coming Events

School-Wide Fund Raiser
Kick-Off on Friday,
9/11/09 at 2:15 PM

"Assessment Success"
program from 9/14 to 9/24

Fund Raiser Monies Due on
Thursday, 9/24

Help us celebrate
"Constitution" Day on
9/17/09

PTO Meeting

6:30pm

September 17th

Media Center

Dear Roosevelt McGrath's Families,

Welcome Back! There have been many changes over the last couple of years in our community and Michigan, in general. Many families have lost healthcare benefits, jobs, and even their homes. For many families today is a "time of uncertainty". In the education system, we have seen how these problems have affected our youngsters. No matter what, the Roosevelt McGrath staff understands how important your children are to you. We are happy they are here and are fully committed to providing them with the "best learning environment" possible.

Home-school communication is a important building block in providing that good environment. Coming home, during the first week of school, is a flyer with Roosevelt and McGrath teaching staff's email and voicemail numbers. Please feel free to contact any of the staff here. It is very helpful if we know when there are major changes in our student's home situation—good or bad. We often have suggestions or resources to share. We believe that

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School Improvement Plan, (SIP)

Our School Improvement Planning team meets throughout the year to look at data and adjust our goals, focus and strategies. Listed below are Roosevelt McGrath's academic goals:

All students will show growth in their math skills across the curriculum. Students will improve their skills for reading and interpreting graphs. Students will improve their skills on measurement, time, and money.

All students will increase their reading comprehension skills across the curriculum. Students will improve their skills for predictions, summarizing, questioning and monitoring while reading. Students will regularly employ thinking maps.

All students will become proficient writers across the curriculum. All students will improve their writing skills while using the Lucy Calkin's Writing program. Students will recognize the main idea and details within different genres.

We here at Roosevelt McGrath strongly feel that a good school environment is created by family support and involvement, a committed staff, and responsible students. Our motto says it all, "Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM). We appreciate your support in helping Roosevelt McGrath being a wonderful learning environment. Before the October Parent Teacher Meeting (PTO) several of our School Improvement Team members will do a short presentation about our school plan, data, goals and action strategies. Please become an informed, active parent and join us!

2009-2010 Roosevelt Staffing

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daly, & Mrs. Fick

1st Grade: Mrs. Colaianne, Mrs. Wright,
Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Chittaro

2nd Grade: Mrs. Steiner, Mrs. Hoover,
and Ms. Allen

3rd Grade: Ms. Briese, Mr. Cornejo & Mrs. Fry

4th Grade: Mrs. Domagalski & Ms. Wagner

5th Grade: Mrs. Boogren & Mrs. Bostwick

2008-2009 McGrath Staffing

POHI: Mrs. Mate, Mrs. Arndt, & Ms. Eiwien

SXI: Mrs. Novak & Mrs. Heldmeyer

SCI: Dr. Paladino

News You Can Use!

Hello students and families. It is my pleasure, as always, to welcome everyone back to the start of another great Roosevelt McGrath school year! As the school year begins, I will be focused on teaching/reviewing GOOD CHARACTER SKILLS and appropriate BEHAVIORS. For the younger students, I will teach what each of the "6 Pillars of Good Character" look and sound like through discussion and activities.

For the older students, I will review the "6 Pillars of Good Character" and build upon each one with role playing by students and other oral and written lessons looking for comprehension. It is a fun time of year when we are making new friends and reuniting with former classmates. Through the Character Education lessons, students will be able to make the new year transitions easier. For your information, the "6 Pillars of Good Character" are:

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

CARING

FAIRNESS

CITIZENSHIP

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Let's work together for the children! You may contact me anytime by calling the school office. I am at Roosevelt McGrath on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

Mrs. Saad, Life Skills Teacher

Respect

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We can Make a Difference!

Over the last couple of years, under the guidance of Mrs. Steiner, the Roosevelt McGrath staff and students have continued their efforts in recycling our paper products. Our Roosevelt McGrath Community recycled more than 15,000 pounds of paper and we earned \$40. We have saved more than 47 cubic years of landfill and, most impressive, we have saved 29,134 KWH of energy. I know we will do even better this school year. Our goal is to double last year's numbers.

Last year our district developed an internal energy conservation program called "I Save". The goal of the program is to change the habits of ALL building occupants to reduce utility consumption in an effort to conserve our natural resources, lessen our impact on the planet, and save money. We purchased 4 digital cameras for school use with the incentive money we earned last year from changing our wasteful ways. This year we can earn up to \$3000 to spend on anything that will enrich our students' learning environment. We all need to make a firm commitment to saving energy!



Start the School Year with a Focus on Reading!

Experts say that children are more likely to do well in school when they have support and involvement at home. The single most important thing parents can do is help their child build strong reading skills.

A new school year is a great time to focus on reading in your home. Make sure you have plenty of material for everyone in your family — especially your child to read. You don't even need to spend a lot of money, if any at all. You can often find good books and magazines at yard sales and library sales. Not to mention, the library is full of free exciting reading material for the whole family to explore. Set aside regular quiet time for family reading. Make it a priority!

One of the most important ways to encourage your child to read is to talk with them about what they are reading. Ask: What do you like about the book? Did it remind you of anything else you've read? What were your favorite parts? Talk, but don't ask so many questions that it feels like a test!

**Remember to read
to your children no
matter their ages!**



**Reading with your
younger children helps
them build reading skills!**