

NOVEMBER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# COLT COUNTRY

\* 5 12th St SW, Watertown, SD 57201 \* [www.watertown.k12.sd.us](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us) \* 605-882-6350 \* 605-882-6351 fax \*



Order forms are due to the office by November 21st. Please make checks payable to McKinley School.

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR - NOVEMBER 6TH!

## Monthly Events



NOVEMBER

- 1st & 3rd - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4-8 pm
- 3rd - Flu shots @ WMS - 4-7 pm
- 4th - NO KINDERGARTEN
- 7th - PTO Meeting - 12 pm
- 11th - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 14th - Turkey Bingo - 6-8 pm
- 23rd - Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Day - NO SCHOOL
- 24th - Happy Thanksgiving! - NO SCHOOL
- 25th - Thanksgiving Vacation - NO SCHOOL
- 30th - 12:20 Dismissal for Teacher Inservice - AM Preschool & AM Kindergarten (only) attend from 8:30-11:30 am
- December 2nd - 2nd Quarter Midterm cut-off

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

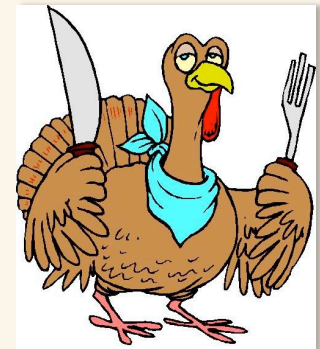
Winter weather is on it's way!! It is that time of year when students need to be dressed properly. The mornings are chilly and the afternoons get warmer so layers are in order. It is better to have your child overdressed and take off layers than underdressed and cold. Please make sure that hats, mittens, coats and sweatshirts are all labeled with your child's name. As the snow begins to fly, we ask that you send your child with snow boots and snow pants so they are comfortable to go outside for recess.

During the month of November, several of our students will be participating in activities to honor our Veterans. Students have graced our hallways with lovely art work honoring the men and women who

have served our country. Kindergarten students have received flags and fifth and sixth grade students get to participate in a presentation at the DD Miller. Please take some time on November 11th to talk to your child about the freedoms we enjoy.

Finally, thank you for attending conferences! Your attendance lets your children know that they and their education is important to you! The fall conference will be the only conferences held this year. If you have concerns regarding your child's performance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Jennifer Bollinger



# SOCIAL WORKER CORNER

**Y**our school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources.

Here are some resources:

## **PACH (People Against Child Hunger)**

On Friday students receive a bag of food that helps to provide snacks and meals for the weekend. Parents must complete an application to participate. The program does not have any income requirements. If you are interested, please contact Paula Davis.

## **Household Products**

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, there are household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and shampoo etc available for families who cannot

afford them. If you need these items to help you, please contact Paula Davis.

## **Winter Gear**

Service organizations in our community have offered to help with winter coats, snow pants and boots. If your child is in need of any of these items, please contact Paula Davis. We want children to have what they need for the cold weather.

## **Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Lab**

The Dakota Smiles program provides dental care to children ages 0-21 that do not have a regular dentist. They will be in Watertown between November 28th and December 2nd, 2011. For more information, please contact: Mendy Herke at 605-256-6518



## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 13-19

American Education  
Week is November  
13-19, 2011.

## 2ND GRADE ARTISTS

One of our Business Partners, Plains Commerce Bank, was recently decorated for Rooster Rush 2011 by our talented 2nd Graders, and their art teacher, Mrs. Sumner. The bank was chosen as Runner-Up for the "Best Use of Theme" by the Watertown Convention & Visitors Bureau.



# A TRIP IN THE FIRE TRUCK

Grace HighBear, a 4th Grade student in Miss Cox's class, won an essay contest sponsored by the local Fire Department, and got to ride in a fire truck from home to school! As you can see, the fire suit and helmet "almost" fit her perfectly!



HARVEST 2011 was a great success with the support from many underwriters, donors, attendees, and volunteers. The Watertown School District students will benefit from all that support in future grants. Thank you to those that continue to give to the Arrow Education Foundation and HARVEST.

The Arrow Education Foundation Office at Garfield School has many, many brand new yearbooks from the years of 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 that were paid for and never claimed. These will be given away by January 1<sup>st</sup> or thrown away after that date. We have hundreds of yearbooks from those dates!!

## Sign up for our Listserv

What is a listserv, and why would I want to use one?

A listserv is an email application in which a sender (McKinley School) can send one email to a whole group of people at one time. Parents or legal guardians that wish to receive the email need to subscribe to the list. The McKinley listserv has been created to increase communication through email, and have provided a means for students, staff and parents/legal guardians to receive information about the school. You can subscribe to receive information, and un-subscribe when you change addresses or do not wish to receive the emails anymore.

McKinley Elementary school has one listserv (at this time) and you can sign up for it to receive information about the school. For your convenience, a form has been provided to help you subscribe or unsubscribe. You are responsible for making sure your email is entered correctly.

To subscribe, go to the McKinley Elementary School website:  
<http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/mckinley/index.htm> Once there, in the colored

Welcome / Academics / Calendar / Information / Partners / Programs / Resources / Staff / Technology / Library / Newsletter-Fit For Life / GATE/ListServ

banner are a set of links.

Click on the listserv link  
Once you get to the Listserv page, choose the Watertown McKinley All School Link, and click on it.. That will take you to a forms page ( [http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/mckinley/mckinley\\_listservs.htm](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/mckinley/mckinley_listservs.htm) ) that will allow you to place your name, email address, and

**Note: If you don't get a "Welcome Subscription Message" in your e-mail soon after submitting, you entered an invalid e-mail address.**

Your Name:

E-mail Address:

Command:

subscribe. The same page will allow you to unsubscribe, should you choose to.

Once you subscribe, you will receive an email from the K12 Data Center telling you your application has been received. The McKinley School then must approve your application, then you will be able to receive emails with timely updates about the school at grade level, or at the all student level throughout the year. You can only receive emails from this list, not send. Please enjoy our communications!

**MCKINLEY WEAR**



(The shirts are gray with RED and BLUE letters placed in the center.  
 If you would like a name on the back of the shirt, you may take it to J & B Screenprinting, 127 E Kemp, and they will do it for you for a small fee.)

<b>LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS</b>	<b>PRICE EACH</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YOUTH SM	\$8.50		
YOUTH MED	\$8.50		
YOUTH LG	\$8.50		
ADULT SM	\$8.50		
ADULT MED	\$8.50		
ADULT LG	\$8.50		
ADULT XL	\$8.50		
ADULT XXL	\$10.50		

**PAYMENT and ORDER FORMS** are due back to the office by:  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

<b>T-SHIRTS</b>	<b>PRICE EACH</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YOUTH SM	\$7.50		
YOUTH MED	\$7.50		
YOUTH LG	\$7.50		
ADULT SM	\$7.50		
ADULT MED	\$7.50		
ADULT LG	\$7.50		
ADULT XL	\$7.50		

<b>HOODED SWEATSHIRTS</b>	<b>PRICE EACH</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YOUTH SM	\$26.50		
YOUTH MED	\$26.50		
YOUTH LG	\$26.50		
ADULT SM	\$26.50		
ADULT MED	\$26.50		
ADULT LG	\$26.50		
ADULT XL	\$26.50		
ADULT XXL	\$29.50		

<b>SWEATSHIRTS</b>	<b>PRICE EACH</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YOUTH SM	\$21.50		
YOUTH MED	\$21.50		
YOUTH LG	\$21.50		
ADULT SM	\$21.50		
ADULT MED	\$21.50		
ADULT LG	\$21.50		
ADULT XL	\$21.50		
ADULT XXL	\$24.50		

Please join us for:



# TURKEY BINGO



MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 14TH  
6:00-8:00 PM

CODINGTON COUNTY  
EXTENSION BUILDING

(Please help us rally around the Helwig family and defray some of the many expenses they are incurring as they wait for a heart for Raiden!)



## HEARTS OF HOPE

.25 PER BINGO  
CARD

.25 POPCORN

.25 POP

1.00 PIZZA SLICE

1.00 HOT DOG



If you wish to make a dollar donation, an account has been set up at Great Western Bank, under the name of "Hearts of Hope"

Raiden is a 5th grader at McKinley Elementary, who is currently in Minneapolis, MN, waiting for a heart transplant. He was born with Hypo-Plastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS), which means that the left ventricle of his heart was underdeveloped and could not pump the blood out to his body. When he was 11 days old, he had his first heart transplant. Most recently he underwent Plasmapheresis, which cycles his blood out and pulls out all the plasma that has the antibodies that are attacking his heart, causing rejection and coronary artery disease. They put clean plasma back in, and are hoping that this process will help slow the deterioration. Raiden had stents put in his coronary artery, but the artery collapsed on the stents. He will be in Minneapolis until he receives his new heart.

Damien is an 8th grader at Watertown Middle School, and was born with Coarctation (narrowing) of the Aorta, Bicuspid Aortic Valve and Mitral Valve Stenosis (hardening). He underwent his first heart surgery just before his 3rd birthday, in 2001.

 **Thrivent Financial**  
for Lutherans™

Supplemental Funds by Thrivent  
Financial - Codington County Chapter