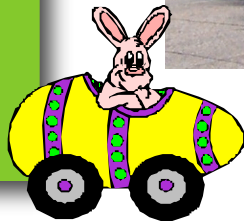


# McKinley Colts

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## APRIL, 2011

During the month of April, many of you will be hearing your child (ren) talk about the Dakota STEP (State Test of Educational Progress). Here are some tips to help your child's test taking experience be successful.

\*Tip #1 Make attendance a priority. Though its important for your child to be in school as many days as possible, making sure he/she is there when the test is taken helps to ensure he/she won't lose more learning time because he/she has to

make up a test during school.

\*Tip #2 Make a note of test days on the home calendar. That way both you and your child know what's coming and will be prepared.

\*Tip #3 Avoid pressuring your child and provide them with encouragement. Remember few children want to fail, and most will try their hardest to do well. Your encouragement will foster that growth.

\*Tip #4 Set a reasonable bedtime and stick to it. Don't underestimate the importance of a rested

mind and body. Tired children have difficulty focusing and are easily flustered by challenges.

\*Tip #5 Make sure your child has enough time to wake up fully before he/she has to go to school. Just as rest is important, so is having enough time to get the brain engaged and in gear.

\*Tip #6 Make sure your child eats breakfast. Kids learn better on full stomachs.

\*Tip #7 Talk to your child about how the test went, what they did well and what they would have done differently.



### Summer Kidscope

"BGC Studios:  
Where You're the Star!"



Our team is passionate about creating a fun and exciting educational experience for the children of our community to supplement their school year learning throughout the summer months. We offer a wide variety of activities focusing on Education, Life Skills, & Physical Wellness. Please visit our website at [www.bgcofwatertown.com](http://www.bgcofwatertown.com) to view our weekly activity plans, meal menus, and other helpful parent resources.

This summer we are proud to offer our Summer Kidscope program at two locations. One will be hosted by Jefferson Elementary School and the other will be hosted by Roosevelt Elementary School. Services will begin the day after school dismisses for the summer until Friday, August 5, 2011. Our hours of operation are from 7:30am until 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Enrollment paperwork is available at the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown, and on our website at [www.bgcofwatertown.com](http://www.bgcofwatertown.com). If you have any questions regarding the Kidscope program, please contact us at (605) 886.6666.



**ASTHMA CAMP** for kids ages 8-14. Camp F.A.N. (Fix Asthma Now) will be held June 19-25 for kids who are on daily asthma medication. Children from all over SD, Northwest IA, and Southwest MN attend and learn more about how to better manage their lung disease. Daily asthma education sessions are included and a medical support staff is on hand 24/7 to monitor children.

The camp is held at Camp Foster, Spirit Lake, IA, just 90 miles east of Sioux Falls. Financial help is available to cover the camp fee.  
For more information, call 1-800-873-5864.

School Nurse: Shana Stone, RN

## Social Work Corner

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources. For more information about these and other resources, please contact your child's school.

## **Boys Town Common Sense Parenting Classes**

A new session of classes will begin **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:30-7:30 at the Boys & Girls Club. Classes run for six consecutive Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity to learn strategies to help make parenting more enjoyable. Childcare will be available. Call Louis or Linda to register at 886-6666.

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

Students will receive food equivalent to two snacks and two meals that will be sent home from school prior to the weekend or break. Participants are taken on a first come basis and there are no eligibility requirements. Applications are available at Hy-Vee, Salvation Army, Watertown Regional Library, County Fair, Department of Social Services, Boys & Girls Club, Lutheran Social Services, Watertown Resource Center, or on-line at

[www.watertownunitedway.org](http://www.watertownunitedway.org)

They may be returned to Hy-Vee, The Salvation Army, turned in on-line, or mailed to P.O. Box 176 in Watertown.

## **Household Products**

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, we have household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc to give to families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you get by, please contact your school social worker.

**Are you having trouble getting your kids to listen to you?  
Do you feel like you are in a power struggle with your children?  
Would you like to have some strategies to make parenting easier?**

If so, come and learn the strategies the schools use to address behavior concerns.

# Boys Town Common Sense Parenting



**When:** Beginning Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Boys and Girls Club of Watertown

**Cost:** \$20 per family (no one will be turned away because of lack of funds)

Sign up today by calling Linda or Louis at  
The Boys & Girls Club at 886-6666!

All are Welcome!!



**Childcare is available for \$3.50/evening per child for the first 2 children and \$1.00/evening for each additional child per family. Scholarships are available.**

Children in grades 1 and up are welcome to go to the Club for \$1/day or free if they are a member. Yearly memberships can be purchased for \$6.41 for youth in grades

1-6. Supper will be provided for the children attending the Boys & Girls Club.

The Common Sense Parenting class will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays and is geared for caregivers of children and adolescents ages 3 – 16.





**\$15,200 was Awarded!**

Teachers' and students' faces lit with excitement as the Arrow Education Foundation Prize Patrol visited elementary and middle school classrooms. Six Innovative Education grants were awarded in the Watertown School District for \$15,200.

**Congratulations, McKinley Students!**

**Mrs. Kludt, Mr. Lentsch and their 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classes were awarded \$750 for BananaGrams. These letter tiles will allow each student to manipulate the tiles as they learn to spell and build their understanding of words.**



Mr. Lentsch's class is joined by Arrow Education Foundation Prize Patrol members Hugh Bartels, Chris Berger, Jody Deville and Anne and Kaden Rylance.



Mrs. Kludt's class is joined by Foundation Prize Patrol members Hugh Bartels, Chris Berger, Anne and Kaden Rylance and Jody Deville

**Mrs. Fuchs, Mrs. Warkenthien and their reading students were part of an all WSD Elementary Reading grant awarded \$7000 for two iPads for each building. These iPads can help young readers with letter recognition, phonics, fluency and comprehension.**



Mrs. Fuchs and Principal Bollinger are joined by Foundation Prize Patrol members Jody Deville, Anne and Kaden Rylance, Hugh Bartels and Chris Berger.

**Arrow Education Foundation**  
Office at Garfield School  
[www.arrowfoundation.org](http://www.arrowfoundation.org) [Waneen.Polly@k12.sd.us](mailto:Waneen.Polly@k12.sd.us)  
(605) 882-6399 or (605) 520-4432

# APRIL CALENDAR

1st - NO Kindergarten (Conferences)  
11th - PTO Meeting-12:00 pm  
13, 14 & 15 - Kindergarten Screening  
21st - 4th Quarter Midterms go home  
22nd - NO School - Good Friday  
25th - Snow Make-up Day  
27th - 12:30 Dismissal; AM Preschool & AM Kindergarten attend 8:30-11:30  
29th - Preschool Screening



## PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Preschool screening will be at McKinley School on Friday, April 29th & Friday, May 6th. It is for children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2011, who reside in the Watertown School District, and qualify according to screening scores, and household income. To make an appointment, call McKinley School at 882-6350. Please bring a certified birth certificate & immunization records to the screening.

## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten screening will be at Garfield School on April 13th, 14th, and the morning of the 15th. It is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2011. To make an appointment, call Garfield School at 882-6399. Please bring a certified birth certificate & immunization records to the screening.



5th & 6th Grade Band Concert will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm in the High School Arena.

## MEMORY BOOKS



**It's time to order!!!!**

**Deadline to order is April 29, 2011**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade/Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of books:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$7.00 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Cub Scouts Pack 206**

**Thank you for your support!**  
**Pack 206**

**\*\*\*Money & order forms need to be turned in by *April 29th*\*\*\***

Memory books will be delivered the last week of school in May.