

MAY, 2011

# MCKINLEY SCHOOL

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## May Events

**May 2** - Safety Patrol field trip to Sioux Falls

**May 3** - 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert @ WHS Arena; 1st grade Adopt a Farm

**May 4** - Presidential mile, 4th-6th grade; Preschool Fire Dept. visit

**May 5** - Presidential mile, K-3rd grade

**May 9** - Bike Safety @ south bike rack; 6th Grade Environmental Day @ Bramble Park Zoo

**May 10** - 2nd Grade Ed"zoo"cation @ Bramble Park Zoo; 4th grade @ Water Festival in Brookings

**May 17** - Preschool Program

**May 18** - Preschool Bramble Park Zoo visit

**May 19** - Last day of Preschool; Last day of GIFT; 4th Grade Wax Museum

**May 20** - 2nd Grade to DeSmet; Field Day (5th Grade am, 6th Grade pm)

**May 23** - Kindergarten Bramble Park Zoo visit

**May 24** - Last day of school for PM Kindergarten

**May 25** - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-11:30 am - dismissal for KAM; 12:30 pm - dismissal for 1st-6th Grade



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MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PK-6

WATERTOWN SOUTH DAKOTA

### PRESCHOOL SCREENING

**P**reschool screening will be held at McKinley School on 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.

Please bring the following items with you to screening...

Certified Birth Certificate (not the hospital copy)

Immunization Records



To make an appointment, please call McKinley School at 882-6350.



### MEDICATION REMINDER

With the end of the school year approaching, it is time to remind parents of our policy as to what to do about your child's medications that are left at the end of the year. A parent must pick up all medications from school. We **WILL NOT** send **ANY** medications home with the students. Please pick them up from the office. Medications will only be kept in the school office for one week after school is out. Any medications left at school after that will be destroyed. We appreciate your cooperation and concern for the safety of the students.

Shana Stone, School Nurse



The 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert will be held at the Watertown High School on May 3rd at 7:00 pm.

The 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Solo Contest will be held at the Watertown Middle School on May 16th, in the evening.



### Summer Kidscope

Summer Kidscope is a non-profit, state licensed, summer program, owned and operated by the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown. Their entire team is dedicated to contributing to the success of your child through educational and social experiences. Summer Kidscope is open from 7:30am-6pm, Monday through Friday, and is open to Kindergarteners through Sixth Graders. For more information, please contact the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown at (605) 886-6666 or visit their website at [www.bgcofwatertown.com](http://www.bgcofwatertown.com)



### 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, May 31<sup>st</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.

### Summer Activities

Watertown Parks & Rec has a broad variety of summer activities for children of all ages. Take some time to look through their brochure and consider having your child experience something new this summer. If finances are a concern, ICAP has a financial assistance program that provides \$20 for each child who qualifies. Brochures can be picked up at the Park & Rec Office. Sign-up early because programs fill up quickly!

### 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.

## LUNCH MONEY

Just a reminder that ALL LUNCH CHARGES need to be paid prior to the end of school. If there is a balance in your student's account, it will carry over to the next school year.



If you would like to check the balance on your child's lunch account, please contact Kim Diaz at 882-6350 or [Kim.Diaz@k12.sd.us](mailto:Kim.Diaz@k12.sd.us)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



### NEWS RELEASE

Bicycle Safety is an important issue, especially since summer is just around the corner. The Watertown Optimist Club along with the Codington County Extension Service and Watertown Police Department will be inspecting bicycles for safety concerns at McKinley School on Monday, May 9th. We will be located at the south end of the school immediately following school dismissal until 4:00 pm.

Bicycles will be inspected for safety concerns. Please bring the form that will be handed out in school with the information requested along with your bike. Information on the form will be checked to see if the correct serial number was found, which will enable a lost or stolen bike to be found. Students who have their bicycle inspected will receive a coupon from Papa Murphy's Pizza and get their name in a drawing for a free helmet that is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Hospital SD Emergency Nursing Association.

If you have any further questions, please call Jodi Loehrer, Extension Educator 4H/YD, at 882-6300.

**LIBRARY REMINDER!**

*Last check-out day for library books is May 13th.*

All library books are DUE May 16th.

*The students will continue to have library class, but will not be checking out books.*

*Thank you parents, students and staff, for a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. The fair enabled us to add \$1,500 worth of Scholastic books to the library and your student's classroom.*

*The McKinley Library will be open this summer for students to come and checkout books.*

*Wednesday's from June 1 to July 13*

*8:00 am-1:00 pm*



**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2010-2011 IS.....**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH**

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2011-2012 IS....**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH**



*"Enhancing educational opportunities for students."*

**\$2500 AWARDED TO ELEMENTARY HEALTH AND FITNESS**

**CLASSES**

**Congratulations to all elementary students!** Beginning this spring, Health and Physical Education classes will be learning disc golf in HPE classes thanks to the 2011 Marty Kranz Health & Physical Education Grant.

The Arrow Education Foundation awarded \$2500 to Mr. Anderson, McKinley; Mr. Hodorff, Lincoln/Jefferson; Mr. Kranz, Lincoln; Mr. Maxwell, Jefferson; Mrs. Petersen, Mellette, and Mr. Rohde, Roosevelt for Disc Golf for Life for the second annual Marty Kranz Grant. Grant funds will purchase 50 golf discs plus 18 mobile disc targets so students can learn in the gym, on the playground or on public disc golf courses around town,

With the equipment, elementary students will be taught disc golf skills, introducing them to a sport for all ages that includes aerobic exercise, fresh air activity, mentally-stimulating challenges and opportunity for fun interaction with friends and family.

**FOUNDATION will CONTINUE to**

**"ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for STUDENTS"**

Even with cuts in school district funding, you can count on the Arrow Education Foundation to continue to:

**\* Carry out our mission with excellence \*Award grants and scholarships \*Support Alumni**

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[WatertownAEF@k12.sd.us](mailto:WatertownAEF@k12.sd.us)  
Office at Garfield School



**Youth Program for Ages 8 - 12**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays in June  
5:30pm - 7:30pm**

This program provides a free, safe, and enjoyable experience for children of all faiths and cultures. Each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of June participants will "travel" to a different country, exploring its culture, food, arts, and sports. All activities will be held at the Benedictine Multicultural Center. Transportation is available. **Please register by June 1, 2011.**

For more information or to register, contact:  
S. Teresa Ann Wolf  
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Watertown, SD 57201  
605-878-2021  
srtteresawolf@msn.com  
[www.benedictinemulticulturalcenter.com](http://www.benedictinemulticulturalcenter.com)



"Welcoming the Stranger"



Itinerary

June 7 & 9  
Mozambique

June 14 & 16  
Chile

June 21 & 23  
India

June 28 & 30  
New Zealand