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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is being sent to you for the purpose of answering some of the questions you might have regarding the closing of school for the summer and/or the opening of school in September. Please feel free to call the school office at (619) 282-7694 with additional questions that are not covered in this letter!

The end of this school year is here, and it is time to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and the wonderful events and memories that have been made throughout the year. McKinley Elementary certainly reflects a community of students, parents, staff, and neighbors working together to help our students achieve by providing a quality educational program. On behalf of the McKinley Staff, I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support, involvement and contributions to our students throughout this school year! It is through the collective efforts of our entire community that makes McKinley a great school!

McKinley has several leadership groups I would like to acknowledge and thank for their regular involvement and coordination of monthly parent meetings. Special thanks to **Amy Miller**, Chair of the Parent Teacher club/Foundations, and to **Sonny Burton**, Chair of the ELAC, (English Learner Advisory Committee). These groups give unselfishly of their time and talent. The following people also took time out of their busy schedules to attend monthly meetings and represent McKinley on various district committees: **Elaine Shankar**, DAC Representative (District English Learner Advisory Committee); and **Susan O'Brien**, DELAC Representative (District English Learner Advisory Committee). Special thanks to the School Site Council/Site Governance Team and its chairperson, **Elaine Shankar**, for her involvement and direction in reviewing the Single Site Plan for Student Achievement and making important decisions regarding the use of categorical funds to support student achievement. The McKinley Elementary PTC/Foundation has continued to lead many fund raising and school spirit events to bring our community together and raise funds to increase opportunities for students to participate in music, arts, enrichment activities through offering school clubs, buses for field trips and assemblies.

McKinley IB World School is blessed to have so many parent and community volunteers. Thank you for the many hours you have contributed both in and out of the classroom, and I look forward to your continued involvement next year. I extend my appreciation to our business partner, San Diego Union Bank, the San Diego Ceramic Connection (SDCC), and Ascent Real Estate, Thrifty Gas, Home Depot and Tucker's Corner for their continued support and involvement. Please welcome our new business partner, Party Production Rentals.

I would also like to thank the McKinley Staff for their hard work and dedication. I am truly fortunate to be able to work with such a professional and caring group of people. Most of all, I'd like to thank all of the McKinley students for working so hard this year to make our school the best it can be. I'm proud of all of you and hope you have a fun and safe vacation. I'll be looking forward to your return in September and hearing from the 5th graders regarding their middle school success.

Summer Learning

All students need to travel throughout the world and experience many adventures through summer reading! Please make time for your child to read on a regular basis and have fun playing games involving mathematics, reasoning, problem solving, and exploring!

McKinley's online library <http://destiny.sandi.net/?site=211>

McKinley's website www.sandi.net/mckinley

McKinley's PTC website www.mckinleyptc.com

END OF THE YEAR/SUMMER INFORMATION

SCHOOL SECURITY

During the summer months if you happen to notice any suspicious persons or activities taking place at the school, please call School Police at (619) 291-7678 and report it immediately. During extended vacations, McKinley seems to experience a problem with graffiti. We hope this problem does not occur over the summer break, but we want to make you aware that if it does, you can call the **San Diego Police at (619) 531-2000** or the **City of San Diego's Graffiti Control Hotline at (619) 525-8522**. They will then contact the district offices to have the graffiti removed in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance in keeping McKinley safe and clean.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child has misplaced an item throughout the school year, please ask them to visit our lost and found by Wednesday, June 15th. Any unclaimed items remaining after that date will be donated to a charitable organization.

2011-2012 School Year Information – IMPORTANT DATES

A few essential dates for the fall are listed below:

August 25th or 26th 8:30-3:30 pm. Call the office first at 619-282-7694

September 2, 2011 Kindergarten and new student orientation

September 3, 2011 Class lists will be posted on the office door (after 6 pm)

September 6, 2011 First day of School Instruction

SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMAINS THE SAME FOR THE FALL

	8:30 am	Breakfast Program Begins
8:45 am		Students may arrive at school to participate in the Run for Your Life Program
	9:05 am	Students line up on the blacktop
	9:10 am	Classes Begin
	3:40 pm	School is Dismissed (M, T, W, F)
	12:55 pm	School Dismissed (Thursdays)

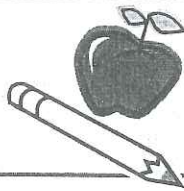
REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTENERS AND NEW STUDENTS

New students may enroll now until the office closes on Monday, June 20th. Enrollment will resume on Thursday, August 25th between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm in the McKinley Office. To enroll a kindergarten child and /or a new student, you must bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency (i.e utility bill or rental agreement). A child must be 5 years old by December 2, 2011 to be enrolled in kindergarten.

Orientation for Kindergarteners and New Students to McKinley will be on Friday, September 2nd @ 11 am in the Auditorium.



LIBRARY SUMMER TIPS



McKinley Elementary
School Library
June 2011

Make Summer Reading Fun

Note from Mrs. Cervantes

As summer approaches, I want to encourage children to continue reading during the long holiday. Studies show that children who read throughout the summer are better prepared for school in September.

The McKinley Destiny online library website has many good resources.

Picture books can be enjoyed by all ages and should not be limited to young children. Books that are too difficult for children to read alone can be read aloud, a chapter at a time, providing quiet and quality time together.

There are so many fun and safe websites to



Make reading time an enjoyable time together.

keep children interested and learning at the same time. Some of my favorites are: www.kidsreads.com, www.kidsclick.org, www.funbrain.com, www.factmonster.com, www.readingrockets.org, and www.tumblebooks.com. Remember to visit the home page of McKinley's very own Online Library at destiny.sandi.net. Don't forget to continue with *Raz Kids* and *First In Math*!

Three of my favorite public library sites are: LA Kids Path, and Kids NY Public Library, and San Diego Kids Corner.

Summer Reading Tips

- Read to your child.
- Be a good role model and read, too!
- Give your child the opportunity to read aloud to you, a friend, another family member or another child.
- Talk to your child about what they are reading.
- Share what you enjoyed reading growing up.
- Get your child their own library card. Many public libraries have lots of fun activities planned for the summer as well as reading programs.
- Subscribe to a magazine for your child.
- Provide your child with books to read. Help your child select books on topics that are interesting and at the appropriate reading level. A simple rule of thumb is to have your child read a page and if they do not know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- Include your child in day-to-day reading experiences. Share recipes, cereal boxes, menus, road signs, maps, etc.
- Keep it fun!