Important Dates:
- Monday, Jan. 4th: Welcome Back Students
- Tuesday, Jan. 5th: PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 8th: 3rd Friday Count
- Monday, Jan. 18th: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, Jan. 21st: Family Fitness 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Last Day 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 4th-Jan. 22nd: District transfer window
- Friday, Jan. 22nd: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

A Look Ahead:
- Tuesday, Feb. 2nd: PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

A Note From the Principal:
At McKinley we have made a goal for our students to increase their reading scores in order to be successful in all academic areas. It is so important for you to take the time to read with your child or have them read to you. I know that lives are busy and as adults you are tired in the evening. However, the impact of you reading with your child for 20 minutes a day is HUGE! It is special time together and shows your child that you care about their progress and success in school. Please make it a priority in your daily lives!

Thanks to Bradford High School:
Thank you to the Bradford High School students who brought Minion bags filled with goodies for our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students! The students were so excited! We appreciate their thoughtfulness!

After School Directions:
School ends at 2:25 Monday-Thursday and 11:15 on Fridays. It is your responsibility to ensure your child knows who is picking them up and where every day. Without this information children get anxious and are unable to relax and focus on learning during the day. Please confirm that rides are arranged ahead of time. Daily calls to the office cause the office staff to interrupt student learning in the classrooms. Parents are expected to proactively work with the school to ensure your child feels safe at school and knows where and when they are picked up daily. Families who come late or call the office during the day to give their child their end of the day directions may be asked to meet with the principal in order to develop a plan for end of the day pick up.
Transfer request information:
The transfer request window 1st – 5th grades for all of Kenosha Unified School District is January 1st through the 21st. Transfer Requests will be accepted until 3:30 on Thursday, January 21st. If you would like to apply for a transfer, please print the form which is found on line at http://www.kusd.edu/parent-initiated-school-transfer-request-form.

If you moved and do not live in the McKinley boundaries but you would like to stay at McKinley, you must fill out this form to have a chance of staying. The principals of the two schools involved will meet to see if we can accommodate your request. If you fill out a transfer request form, you will be notified if your request was granted or denied in early February.

The Kindergarten transfer request window is from January 1st through May 1st.

Do we go outside for recess or don’t we?
The district has given all elementary schools guidelines to follow as to when students go outside for recess. The temperature must be at least 11 degrees and the wind chill must be higher than 0 degrees to go outside. If either of these baselines are not met, the students will have indoor recess. Please help us in preparing our students for the cold weather, and teach them to dress accordingly each and every day. They will need snow pants and boots to play in the snow. For inclement weather and school closing information, the KUSD website (www.kusd.edu), KUSD Channel 20, Facebook.com/kenoshaschools, Twitter.com/KUSD and 359-SNOW (7669).