

# McCormick Tiger Tale

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McCormick Junior High School  
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## **GRADE CARD DISTRIBUTION**

First quarter report cards were distributed on Friday, November 5th, at the end of the school day. Upon reviewing your student's grade card if you wish to meet with a teacher, please contact the office (433-1234 ext. 2) in order to schedule an appointment(s).

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 11th, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM and Monday, November 15th, from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. If a parent would like to schedule a conference with a teacher, please call the office at 419-433-1234 ext. 2. For your convenience and to be guaranteed an appointment with a teacher, please call ahead and schedule a time.

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY RAISES MONEY FOR THE CURE AND PROVIDES SERVICE TO THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

McCormick's National Junior Honor Society chapter has successfully completed two events in the first quarter of the school year. First, this academic, service and leadership honorary sponsored a "Dance for the Cure" on Friday, September 10th, from 2:45 to 4:30. Over 130 7th and 8th grade students danced to the music of popular local DJ Bryan Thom, enjoyed homemade cookies and punch, and safely blew off steam after the first two weeks of school. Teachers Brian Kucbel, Sherry Rowen, Rick Gundlach, Amy Brown, adviser Gwen Aber and principal Chad Carter were on hand to chaperone the dance and enjoy watching their students having fun for a good cause. \$375 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Then, on Monday, October 25th, NJHS students served as greeters and refreshment table hosts for the Red Cross Blood Drive at McCormick School. Despite obligations for school, sports and other activities, 22 members volunteered their time to help the Red Cross with the blood drive. Each NJHS participant received a certificate of appreciation from the Red Cross for his or her service that was presented at the monthly awards ceremony in early November.

## **PEER MENTORING PROGRAM**

The month of November brings with it a new "Peer Mentoring" program! The program will be conducted with eighth grade students. In the coming weeks, students will receive information about the program and how it will function. Mr. Kucbel and the 8th grade faculty will be facilitating this program and they will be looking for great tutors!

## **CHARACTER COUNTS**

Here at McCormick Junior High School, we strive to assist our students in their social development along with their academic development. We have recently started placing a quote regarding one of the six pillars of good character on the students' morning announcements. These six pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. These quotes will also be part of the morning announcements posted on the McCormick Junior High School portion of the Huron City Schools website. These quotes could also be good topics of discussion between you and your child(ren).

## **HAPPENINGS IN HEALTH CLASS**

The Power Training Program is being implemented in the 8th grade health classes. Power is a prevention program proven to reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. It uses a comprehensive approach teaching skills that have a positive impact on attitudes, assertiveness, personal control, self-confidence, self-satisfaction and social anxiety. The program works in conjunction with the health curriculum's focus on information regarding tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Topics covered include: Self

image and future, making decisions, coping with anxiety, coping with anger, communication skills, social skills, assertiveness, resolving conflicts and resisting peer pressure.

### **D.A.R.E.**

The 7th grade Health class is participating in D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) that is taught by Huron City DARE Officer Curt Fleming. DARE is an educational program whose primary mission is to provide children with the information and skills they need to live drug-free and violence-free lives. The mission is to equip kids with the tools that will enable them to avoid negative influences and instead, allow them to focus on their strengths and potential. This year Officer Fleming will be teaching a totally new 7th grade DARE curriculum. Officer Fleming teaches DARE to McCormick 7th grade students every Wednesday for ten weeks.

### **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, KEITH LOBSINGER**

My name is Keith Lobsinger and I am the new school resource officer for the 2010 – 2011 school year. I cover all 4 schools in the district; the High School, McCormick Junior High School, Woodlands Intermediate, and Shawnee Elementary. I have been a member of the Huron Police Department since 1992 and live in Huron with my wife and 3 children. For the past 2 years I have attended, and continue to attend, schools and conferences related to school issues such as safety, security, violence, and bullying.

This semester I have talked with the 7th grade health classes about bullying and telecommunication laws. I educated the kids on what bullying is, why people bully, how to handle a situation either as a victim or witness of bullying, the effects of bullying, and most importantly, how to stop bullying. I educated the kids about cyber bullying and how not to be a victim, as well as what can happen to them if they bully someone else. I explained and read to them the “telecommunications law”. This law covers violations that might occur from cyber bullying, including, but not limited to, Facebook and other internet sites, e-mail, and phones (texting and photos). This semester I will also talk with the 8th grade health classes about the same topic.

### **ATHLETICS**

Fall athletics are now over and the winter sports season is getting under way. McCormick Junior High School athletes had another successful fall sports season. We would like to thank all the athletes and coaches for the time and hard work they put into their season representing McCormick Junior High School. With the busy winter sports season, there are many practices and contests on the junior high school schedule. Because of this, there will be a lot of students coming and going from our building. It is important that students have transportation arranged ahead of time so they are picked up following their activity. Please make every effort to pick up your student athlete promptly following his/her scheduled activity.

Winter sports picture dates have been scheduled:

- 7th and 8th grade boys' and girls' swimming will be taken on Friday, November 12th, at 5:00 at the YMCA.
- 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball pictures will be taken on Monday, November 22nd, at 2:45 in the McCormick gymnasium.
- 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball pictures will be taken on Monday, November 22nd, at 3:15 in the McCormick gymnasium.
- 7th and 8th grade cheerleading pictures will be taken on Monday, November 22nd at 3:45 in the McCormick gymnasium.
- 7th and 8th grade wrestling pictures will be taken on Monday, November 22nd, at 5:00 in the wrestling room at the high school stadium.

**Go Tigers!**

### **MCCORMICK'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Each month, two students will be recognized as our Students of the Month. This award will be based on the following criteria: attendance, attitude, workmanship, growth and improvement, classroom

behavior and work completion. One student will be selected from each grade level and will be nominated by their respective grade level teachers. Mr. Carter and the appropriate grade level teachers will select the deserving student.

- September's Students of the Month were seventh grader Chase Mosijowski and eighth grader Madison Mize.
- October's Students of the Month were seventh grader Kaitlyn Krueger and eighth grader Jordan Potts-Alvarez.

Selected names and photos are given to the Huron Hometown News.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL ON DECEMBER 21, 2010**

On Friday, December 21st, all schools in the Huron City School District will be dismissed fifty-five minutes early; this means that McCormick Junior High School will dismiss at 1:45 on this day. All regular transportation routes will be completed; however, students will be arriving home earlier than normal. If you are a parent that picks up your child, please adjust your pickup time to reflect the early dismissal.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

October 29	1st quarter ends
November 5	1st quarter grade cards distributed
November 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-9pm
November 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7pm
November 24, 25, 26	No School- Thanksgiving Break
December 6	7th and 8th grade choir concert at 7:00pm
December 8	8th grade and high school band concert at 7:00pm
December 13	6th and 7th band concert at 7:30 pm
December 22	No School- Winter Break Begins
January 3	School Resumes
January 14	End of 2nd Grading Period/ End of First Semester