

MPCA

November 1, 2010



McDonough Presbyterian Children's Academy

The Scrappy Scotty

Time to Give Thanks

October was a great month with lots of fun activities! It seemed that we were busy every week getting ready for a special event! We enjoyed hosting our dads and eating pastries with them! We also had a great day on the farm and had lots of fun at the fall festival.

The next two months promise to be just as fun! We are busy preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast on November 16 and 17. We will be serving turkey and enjoying many other delicious dishes. Also, the children are busy preparing for the Christmas musical which will take place on December 16 at 7:00. We are all looking

forward to the special holidays!

We want to thank all of you who participated and helped with the Fall Feast-dinner. The school was able to raise over \$6900.00 which will help us scholarship students who are in need and will help us purchase new technology for the classrooms.. We appreciate all of your help. We could not have done it without you! A special thanks to Jennifer Bivins, Kimberly Bowler, Mandy Sampson, Mel Burt, Casey Goelz, Rachel Wigington, and Bonnie Shanahan who helped set up during the day for the event! We also would like to thank all of

the other volunteers who helped make the event a success.

We hope you are enjoying your fall and that you are looking forward to the holidays. Please do not forget that we are collecting canned food and school supplies each week in conjunction with our Bible classes / chapel.



Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Nikita Funderburk teaches our five day Kindergartners. She graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Teaching young children has been a passion for Mrs. Nikita since she was a young child. After landing her first tutoring job at the age of nine, she knew she would one day become a teacher. She is married with two children; Viktoria is 13 and Nikolaus is 7. Just five years ago, her family and their dog Branch moved to McDonough from a

small town called Kathleen, Ga. When she is not at school she spends time with her children on the soccer fields, on the basketball courts, playing games, watching movies, or just visiting friends. When she has time to herself, she likes to draw, sketch, read and work on number or jigsaw puzzles.



November's Bible Verse

**"I will praise God's name
with song and
exalt him with
thanksgiving"**

Psalm 69:30

Upcoming Events

- November 8: Progress Reports go home
- November 16 & 17: Thanksgiving Feast
- November 22—26: Thanksgiving Break
- December 16: Christmas Break

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
No school	No School						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Progress Reports							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Thanksgiving Feast	Thanksgiving Feast					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Thanksgiving Break			Thanksgiving				
29	30						

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red - rojo (ROH-hoh)

blue - azul (ah-SOOL)

yellow - amarillo (AH-mah-REE-yoh)

green - verde (BAYR-day)

orange - anaranjado (ah--nah-ran-HA-do)

purple - morado (moor-AH-do),

pink - rosado (ros-AH-do)

brown - café (kah-FAY)

black - negro (NAY-groh)

white - blanco (BLAHN-koh)

Spanish and Music News

Spanish

We are off to a great year in Spanish class. We started this year with a little something different in talking about other countries that speak Spanish and how to travel to those countries. We learned the words *el barco* (boat), *el tren* (train), *el avión* (airplane), and *el autobus* (bus). Each child also made *un pasaporte* (passport) where we will add flags of each of the countries that we discuss throughout the year. The first country we visited was Costa Rica where we discussed the rainforest and all the animals that live there. We started learning our colors when we talked about the quetzal bird. Maybe you saw the colorful picture that your child brought home. We also discussed *el Día de Los Muertos*, a holiday that celebrates loved ones that have passed on. The children did an awesome job decorating their *calaveras* (skulls), a traditional symbol of the holiday. Here is a list of color words that you can use at home with your children. The three only focus on red, green, blue, and yellow. I've included a pronunciation guide to help you, but the kids can help you out if you're close!

Music

The children are busy preparing for their Christmas musical which will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 7:00. The children will need to be in their classrooms by 6:30 that evening in order to prepare for the show. Please be on the lookout for information regarding what to wear that evening and for DVD order forms. Feel free to invite family and friends to attend this special event; the children are very excited about it and are eager to share it with others.

PTA News/Pictures

It's hard to believe that it's already November and that Thanksgiving is just a few short weeks away. Our annual Thanksgiving Feasts are being held on Tuesday, 11/16 and Wednesday, 11/17. Be on the lookout for information regarding what to bring and sending an RSVP for guests.

Thanks for all of your hard work on the baskets for the Fall Feast and for your help in preparing for the event. It was greatly appreciated!

Don't forget we will have a PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 3 in the morning and on Thursday, November 4 at 6:30

Have a great fall,

Jennifer Bivins

