



James McKee Family Update Nov. 16, 2011



Cookie Dough Pickup

A reminder that cookie dough pickup is tomorrow, Thursday, November 17, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the stage in the large multi-purpose room.

Musical Theater Club

The James McKee Musical Theater Club will be starting for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders who like to act or sing. The first informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 2:15 to 3:45** in the large multi-purpose room.

School Holidays

Do not forget that next week there will be no school. Students will be off from November 21 through November 25 for furlough days and Thanksgiving Break. All students resume a normal session on Monday, November 28.

Special Drives

This week marks the end of our Kids' Can food drive. Help our Student Council to meet its goal of collecting at least 2,000 cans for this worthwhile cause to support the Elk Grove Food Bank.

We are also participating in the Coats for Kids Drive and the CHP Toy Drive. These drives will continue for several more weeks. Bins are located in the office for convenient drop-off.

Keep saving your "Box Tops for Education." This money is being used to help support our library.

Garden Update

Our garden is mostly planted with a winter crop thanks to the great work and organization of Mrs. Cindy Gause. On November 10, 14 students from the Elk Grove High School FFA spent an entire day working in the garden with our children during recess times thanks to their teacher, Mr. Matt Rooney. Mr. Rooney is a former McKee student. Our students very much enjoyed the day, and the garden looks terrific.

Special recognition also goes to McKee parent Mr. Albert Dutra who spent the entire day working hard in the garden and who will be continuing with repairs to our irrigation system and to Mr. Jim Thomas who has also worked several times in the garden. We are in need of some new soaker hoses to water our new plants, if anyone would like to make a donation.

Finally, please join us in thanking Mr. Mitch Lopez from Sacramento Composting and Recycling for the generous donation of compost for our school garden. Please support this local business that has supported our school, and let them know you appreciate their help for our children!

Photos will be posted on our website at <http://blogs.egusd.net/jamesmckee/>. You can also read about it in the next student-written edition of "Bear Business" which will appear the last Friday of the month in *The Elk Grove Citizen*.

Your Child Could Win...

...a prize. All you have to do is print, fill out, and return the form below to your child's teacher no later than Friday, November 18. There will be at least one prize winner per class.

Read the McKee News Update???
Your child can win a prize!

Just check the box below and return this form to your child's teacher no later than Friday, November 18, 2011. There will be at least one winner per class.

_____ I have read this McKee update.

Student Name

Teacher Name

Grade

Parent Signature