



McKNIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Your Official Weekly Newsletter!

Week of January 12–16

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What's Up at MCK



Congratulations to our Orchestra led by Mr. Morton on their sold-out performance at NAI on Thursday.

STAR Assessments

January 20th - 23rd (Reading & Math) for Grades 3 - 5

STAR assessments are administered to students in grades 3 - 5. The assessments provide teachers with data to help inform them where students are in the areas of reading and mathematics.

As a reminder to families, **the data collected from the January STAR math assessments will be used to determine which students in grades 3 and 4 may qualify for math acceleration screening.** This does not apply to students in grade 5. Families of students who meet the criteria for math acceleration screening will be notified in April/May.

Save the Date - Summer Academy 2026



Calling all current Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students! Get ready for two weeks of discovery, friendship, and fun! Whether you're looking to dive into a new hobby or sharpen your skills, the NASD Summer Academy is the place to be!

The Details:

- **When:** June 15th – June 26th (Monday–Friday)
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Who:** All NASD students currently in Grades K-5.

What to Expect:

- **Pick Your Passion:** You'll choose one exciting class to enjoy for the whole two weeks.
- **Invite a Friend:** Talk to your besties and sign up for the same class!
- **Top-Tier Fun:** Classes are led by our amazing NASD teachers.

Registration details and our full course catalog will be available in March. Start dreaming about your summer adventure!

Community Connections

Please join the North Allegheny School District on **Wednesday, February 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** at Marshall Middle School for a program to discuss mental health and substance use disorders. The Stop The Judgment Project was founded by Tom Bott and Sherry Jo Matt in honor of their daughter, Siena, who tragically died in September 2020 at the age of 21 from fentanyl poisoning. Siena, a 2017 North Allegheny graduate, battled mental health disorders throughout her middle and high school years and turned to drugs and alcohol to cope with her illness. The Stop The Judgment Project aims to raise awareness about the stigma surrounding mental health disorders and substance use disorders in adolescents and young adults. Join Mr. Bott and Dr. Thomas Brophy, Medical Director of the Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Center in Butler, PA, for an education workshop at this very special North Allegheny Community Connections event.

**STOP THE JUDGMENT,
START THE CONVERSATION
(about Mental Health)**

stopthejudgment.org

February 18, 2026 | 6:30–8:00 PM
Marshall Middle School

What's worse than having a life torn apart by mental illness and addiction?
BEING AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT IT.

STOP THE JUDGMENT PROJECT

Sienna "Sadie" Bott

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

northallegheny.org/cc

PE Spirit Wear

Show your McKnight pride! PE Spirit Wear is back for a limited time only - Orders must be placed by Friday, January 16th. [Check out the order form here](#)

After School Basketball

McKnight's After School Basketball program is back! This fun and fast-paced program gives students the chance to build skills, stay active, and enjoy friendly competition with classmates after school. Sessions fill quickly, so register early! [Learn more from the form and permission slip here](#)

McKnight Maniacs Summer Camp

This camp is the perfect way for students to stay active, reconnect with friends, and have fun during the summer! Camp includes favorite PE games, outdoor activities, and lots of movement in a safe, energetic environment. Open to students entering grades 1-6, with multiple sessions available. [Learn more here](#)

The PFA Needs You!

Many current PFA Board members will be stepping away next year, and we're looking for new volunteers to fill Board positions.

Without volunteers, we can't host events, support teachers, or fund student projects.

Please consider stepping up – our school is counting on you!

Interest form: <https://forms.gle/zNRYN8BpcX7zQNAS6>

JOIN
THE
BOARD

2026/2027
SCHOOL YEAR

LOOKING TO FILL
ALL POSITIONS

Making things happen for our kids!
MCKNIGHT
PARENT FACULTY
ASSOCIATION

Save the Date - Talent Show



Family Skate Night

Ticket sales open today—grab yours and join us for a fun, family-friendly night out on the ice. Lace up, glide, and make some great memories together! [Get your tickets here.](#)



MCKNIGHT
Family Skate Night

JANUARY 18TH
6:30-8:30 PM

Bundle up and join us for an evening of outdoor family ice skating!

📍 North Park Ice Rink
1200 Pearce Mill Rd, Wexford, PA 15090

Tickets \$3 each—must be pre-ordered on the PFA website. Includes 2 hours of skating and a snack bag (Small water, cookie & pretzels).

Skate rentals sold separately at the event \$2.00 per person (Cash Only)

New Event - McKnight Multicultural Night

MCKNIGHT MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT



**Thursday, February 5, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Are you interested in participating in our new event, the **McKnight Passport Party**? A fun multicultural event where students and families host tables featuring different countries—sharing food, crafts, facts, and/or performances from around the world!

Here is what you would be responsible for:

1. Decorating a table with decor from your culture
2. Providing item(s) from your culture (i.e. food sample, craft, game, and/or clothing display)

Please fill out form and return to school by January 5th.

You may also email to: mckpfapresident@gmail.com

or scan the QR code to complete on our website.



Country: _____

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Will your table have food samples? _____

*If yes, we'll have lots of little taste-testers—including picky ones!
Please keep food samples kid-friendly*

I'm interested in participating with a dance/performance (2 minute max), but I do not need a table.

The PFA is excited to announce a **brand-new event** debuting this February - and we'd love for you to be a part of it!

If you're interested in helping bring this special event to life, **please see the details on the sign-up form** or by clicking here: [McKnight Elementary PFA - 2026 McKnight Multicultural Night Participant Form](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

♥ Event Leads & Co-Leads Needed

Help bring some of our favorite school events to life! We're looking for parents interested in helping plan:

- Spring Dance
- Family Picnic & Basket Night
- 5th Grade Picnic
- Field Day

Interested or want details? We'd love to have you join the team!

✉ mckpfavicepres@gmail.com

♥ Art Show Volunteers

Each month there will be a new volunteer sign-up, and January is now open! Help the art teachers prepare student artwork for the Spring Art Show!

🔗 Sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C094AA8AA2AA6FBC52-61131384-arts-how>

♥ Basket Raffle Volunteers Needed!

Our annual Basket Raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers, and we're looking for Classroom Basket Coordinators to help make it a success!

What's new this year:

Basket themes are already selected to create a balanced, high-earning raffle — coordinators simply help gather donations and assemble the basket.

🛒 What coordinators do:

- ✓ Create a wish list (the coordinator, Nicole Kline, will print flyers and deliver them based on your list)
- ✓ Pick up the donations from the classroom teacher
- ✓ Assemble the basket
- ✓ Take a picture and write a brief description
- ✓ Drop it off the day of the picnic

🔗 Sign up here: <https://mcknightpfa.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/163285>

Thank you for helping support our school - we truly can't do this without you!

PBIS at MCK

McKnight Elementary School believes in fostering a positive and supportive learning environment where students can thrive. Our PBIS program empowers students to be **Kind, Courageous, Motivated, and Responsible**. Students earn shields by making positive choices throughout the day, recognizing their efforts and contributions to a better school community. [Click here for more information about PBIS.](#)

Congratulations!! Students have currently earned 1,614 shields during the second nine weeks of school and successfully earned the **Minute to Win It Classroom Game Day!** Our PBIS Team will visit classrooms on Friday, January 23rd, for some fun classroom game activities!



Looking Ahead

- January 18 - Family Skate Night at North Park
- January 19 - No School

