

# The McGhee Messenger



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## January Dates To Know...

- 6th            **Blood Drive  
@ McGhee  
3:30—7:00**
- 12th          **PTA—  
Library 6:30  
Kids Wel-  
come**
- 18th          **MLK Day—  
No School**
- 21st          **Knowledge  
Bowl  
5th Whit  
6th McG  
6:00PM**
- 22nd          **Teacher  
work day—  
No School**
- 29th          **P/T confer-  
ences—No  
school**

## A NOTE FROM MR. KRAMASZ

A BREAKTHROUGH is defined as *a sudden advance through resistance by way of knowledge or technique*. I encourage each and everyone of us associated with McGhee Elementary to strive to make sure that 2010 is your BREAKTHROUGH year.

I love the new year!! To me, it is an official invitation to start over and do better than ever before. It is an opportunity to keep working hard on things that we're good at, and to get better at things we may be lousy at doing. This includes our jobs, our relationships with others, and most importantly, our attitudes.

As we all know, we can't control what happens to us, but we have full control

over how we respond to those things that come our way.

Life has taught me that if I expect the worst or the best, that's probably exactly what I'll get.

Happy 2010 to all Mountain Lions and their families!!

Stay INVINCIBLE!



## CITIZENS OF THE WEEK—DECEMBER

We were proud to honor our students of the week on December 18th. We ate pizza, drank soda and played games in the library. Congratulations to the following students:

1st— Angel Hidalgo and Madison Beidler

2nd— Aiden McCollum and Alexis Poxleitner

3rd— Cody Bloodsworth and Jade Waldrup

4th— Abby Myklebust and Destin Connors

5th— Courtney Clodius and Morgan Fields

6th— Kempton Sharp and Cassidy Burrup

Way to be

**INVINCIBLE!!**





## ***FILL THE BUS COLLECTS OVER 8,893 POUNDS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!***

In December, McGhee Elementary joined other elementary schools in the district to help fill the shelves of the Community Action Agency food bank in a program called “Fill the Bus.”

All totaled, Lewiston elementary students donated 8,893 pounds of non perishable food and personal care items. (That was a 2300 pound increase from last year!) McGhee was certainly a big part of the food drive.

McGhee student council members helped load the bus and Chandler Tibbits and Garyed Schuroff rode the bus to deliver the goods to the food shelf.

During this “economic down turn,” it’s truly humbling to see what kind of heart McGhee Mountain Lions and their families have.

Thank you very much for all your help. You have made a HUGE difference in our community!

## **CALLING ALL PARENTS... READ FOR SUCCESS**

We are lucky to have a small, but very active PTA at McGhee Elementary. These people are dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for kids at our school. We are in need of more people to become involved in our PTA. Our meetings take place in the library at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Please come to the meeting on the 12th and see what you can do to help our wonderful school!! Children are always welcome.

Reading to and with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child become a good, lifelong reader. Here are some suggestions for making it fun:

- Let your child pick a book that appeals to them
- Find a comfortable spot
- Use silly voices to bring characters to life
- Talk about the book... What you like, what it makes you think of, what you’re wondering about
- Involve the family pets
- Write sequels together
- Read books from a series and talk about how characters change, what they learn in the story, and how they grow
- Talk about how you would change the story if you could rewrite it
- Most Importantly—Enjoy your time with your child



### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH!!**

**“Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.”**

~Oprah Winfrey

### **Help Available...**

Life gets difficult... Jobs get lost. Prolonged illnesses turn up. Bad luck just seems to happen sometimes.

Know that McGhee has many resources available to you if your family needs assistance or advice as you go through some of life’s trials and tribulations. All you need to do is ask.

If you’re reading this, you’re a part of McGhee’s family. Families take care of each other.