



MCKAY TORCH

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Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to you on this momentous occasion. It has taken many years of hard work to earn this, your first diploma; and, I know it will not be your last. In four years all of you will be graduating from high school and looking forward to the world of adulthood and increased responsibilities. For some of you this means more schooling in the form of college or trade school. Others will immediately enter the world of work. Whichever course you choose to follow, you will, at that time, be faced with many of the problems your parents are now confronting.

Your high school years will be a time of great joy and, also, a time in which you will be preparing yourself to accept the responsibilities of adulthood. You will make many new acquaintances; be involved in many more school activities; and, also, discover a world of study where more pressure will be placed upon you to do school work on an independent basis. I know all of you are capable of accepting these challenges.

Work hard these next four years. You will enjoy them more and will be well prepared for adulthood if you do. Good luck to all of you and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Zylgaj



OUTSTANDING JUNIOR CITIZEN

We have an outstanding junior citizen at McKay. Huey Kirksey. Huey found \$30.00 across the street from St. Adrians school. Huey was honest enough to turn in the money to McKay office. It turned out that the money was for tuition for Larry McPhillips of St. Adrian. Huey received a reward that included \$2.00, pencils, pens and a notebook. Huey had done a good deed.



JUNIOR AUTHORS

SILLY RHYMES FROM THE CLASS

Did you ever see a raccoon with a balloon?

a mouse with a blouse?
a rat carry a cat?
a big pig dance a jig?
a nose with a rose?
a witch in a ditch?
a star in a jar?
a crown on a clown?

Mrs. Wick
Room 201



RIDDLES

What goes around, but never touches the ground?

Answer: A space ship.

Cesar Regalado
Room 201

What is the biggest pencil in the world?

Answer: Pennsylvania



Joseph Cerrentano
Room 201

Why did the chicken cross the highway?

Answer: To get to the other side

Reginald Turner
Room 201



A TRICKY BIRD

One day when we came home from school we found a bird in our house. My friend caught the bird and put it in the cage. The bird played dead and we opened the door and it flew away.

Madonna Celis
Room 204



A DAY AT MC KAY

The name of my school is McKay.
I am in the first grade.
I like to come to school.
We work and play at school.



Jeffrey Kohn
Room 204

AT DAWN

At dawn we're asleep.
In the forest an owl hoots.
Soon the rooster crows.
We wake up saying what a beautiful day.



Rafiel Cecida - 207

THE DOG

A dog came walking
down our street.
He wasn't pretty
or very neat.
He had no collar
and just one eye,
But I just loved
that cute little guy.



Rafiel Cecida - 207

SOMEDAY

Someday I'll be a pirate that sails on a ship,
Or maybe a pilot and take lots of trips.
Maybe I'll be a nurse and take care of people.
Maybe I'll be a pastor and preach in a steeple.
Maybe an artist who draws and draws and draws,
Or maybe I'll be the President who makes all the laws.



Debbie Budzus
Room 303





SPECIAL




SCIENCE FAIR

McKay School Science Fair took place on January 21, 1977. It was a tough competition. The winners worked hard on their creations.

Winners from 7th and 8th grade were: 1st Alice Chin, 2nd Leo Mercado and Bob Butkus, 3rd John Dewitt and John Wesselits.

Winners from the 5th and 6th grade were picked, they were: 1st Dan Meske, 2nd Agustina Estrada and Patricia Pena, 3rd Judy Chin.

The 1st and 2nd place winners from 7th and 8th grade got a chance to compete against other projects at Ford City.

June Gilead - 210

OUR OLDTIMERS

We at McKay would like to make a special mention of the graduates who have been here since kindergarten.

From Room 104 they are: Helen Chin, Eddy Sassa, Joyce Kenny, Stacey Lyon, Francis Novacek, and Cathy Rybarczyk.

From Room 210 they are: Bob Butkus, and Glen Daniels.

We would all like to thank the many teachers who guided us: Mrs. Haberichter, Mrs. Wick, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Zawicki, Mrs. Bergin, Miss McKee, Miss Carpson, Miss Shore, Mr. Silhan, and Miss Otleywis, to name some.

We are all very grateful for their help, understanding, and their guidance.

Francis Novacek
Room 104



CHOIR NOTES

The Choir had another great year thanks to Mr. Silhan, the Choir Director. With a lot of new songs and a lot of new people, the choir put together some great programs.

The Choir schedule was full this school year. In November the Choir sang for the open house, in December the choir put on a Christmas program at Ford City and at The Museum of Science and Industry. The month ended with a Christmas party in the Gym. In March the Choir went to the Shrine Circus. April brought a return engagement at Ford City with some Easter songs and rounds. "I Write the Songs" was sung by the Choir accompanied by Francis Novacek at the piano. A trip to Old Chicago was the April outing.

For this year and all the years to come we hope the Choir can keep going strong.

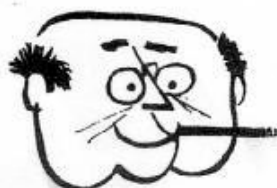
Arnie Esquivel



SPECIAL AWARDS



1. Class Romeo - Arunas Kavaliauskas
2. Class Juliet - Terry Morgan
3. Class Mad Scientist - Arnie Esquivel
4. Class Long Hair - Rory Woody
5. Class Shrimp - Tony Malone
6. Class Horshack - Francis Novacek
7. Class Good Loser - Eddy Eassa
8. Class Court Jester - Lina Alis
9. Class Bookworm - Debbie Blizek
10. Class Giggler - Jean Prendergast
11. Class Marathon Talker - Noel Chafi
12. Class Future Tycoon - Rosanne Duffek
13. Class Longest Legs - Laura Felmon
14. Class Star Athlete - Tim Selvey
15. Class Sunniest Disposition - Miss Otlewis
16. Class Pepsodent Smile - Debbie McQueen
17. Class All-American Girl - Bob Butkus
18. Class All-American Boy - Dave Crespo
19. Class Bionic Brain - John DeWitt
20. Class Rembrant - Ismael Cano
21. Class Always on Time - Belinda Tillis
22. Class Master of Excuses - Stacey Lyon
23. Class Garbage Disposal - Venus Irvin
24. Class Weakling - Mark Raimo
25. Class Flirt - Helen Chin
26. Class Fatheads - The entire class of '77
27. Class Non-Hair Comber - Sandy Houlihan
28. Class Mr. Clean - Kirk Surridge
29. Class Muscles - Glen Daniels
30. Class Filthiest Girl - Tammy Thomas
31. Class Imbicile - John Weszelits
32. Class Modest - Mike Tenorio
33. Class Farrah Fawcett - Cathy Zekonis
34. Class Lee Majors - Gerrard Brewer











CUB SCOUT

I do all sorts of things with my den leader. One Friday of each month we have pack night. That is when all the dens come in a big group. We talk to the leaders of the pack. Sometimes we sing and put on little plays.

We receive awards if we earn them. After all that we have refreshments. That is the part I like best.

Nicholas Gromala
Room 207

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT

1. Leo Mercado
2. Bari Hansen
3. Glen Daniels
4. Allan Barrett
5. Joyce Kenny
6. Tammy Thomas
7. Mark Reimo
8. Sheila Stafford
9. Debbie Blizak
10. Gloria Gonzales
11. John Weszelits
12. Terry Morgan
13. Stacey Lyon
14. Karyn Reed
15. Cathy Rybarczyk
16. Bob Schmidt
17. Ismael Cano
18. Arnie Esquivel
19. Francis Novacek
20. Eddy Bessa
21. Rosanne Duffek
22. Bob Butkus
23. Helen Chin
24. Cheryl Crocker
25. Lora Felmon
26. Kathy Kirka
27. Doris Anderson
28. Cathy Zeconis
29. Joanne Schridt
30. Diane Rice
31. Candy Callan
32. Renee Blizek
33. Jean Prendergast
34. Donna Kraines



Notes



THE NATURALIST

This winter the naturalist, Mr. Gosa, came to McKay. He told me that he works at the Little Red School House in the Forest Preserves in Cook County. This is an original one-room school house with 15 to 20 different animals that used to, or still are, living in the woods surrounding it.

Outside there are three trails maintained by the naturalist. There's also telescopes overlooking a lake. These give all 400,000 people, who visit each year, an opportunity to watch the animals in their natural habitat.

The assembly was very interesting. He gave a small speech on the vanishing wilderness of the Chicago area. Then he showed a film called, "The Way of a Trout."

Eddie Heinen
Room 103



WHAT'S

HAPPENNING ?



MC KAY P.T.A.



The P.T.A. would like to thank all the parents and students for their efforts in the fund-raising popcorn sale. It was most successful. The P.T.A. would also like to thank the following girls for taking time to baby sit for our children at P.T.A. board and regular meetings: Miss Stacy Lyon, Miss Joyce Kenny, Miss Diane Rice, Miss Roseanne Duffek.

The P.T.A. announces their new officers; Jan Niehart, President; Liz Johnson, 1st Vice President; Bobbie Haley, 2nd Vice President; Marianne Otletwis, recording secretary; Pat Sudus, Corresponding secretary; Diane Peterson, Treasurer.



Thank you,
Jan Niehart
President Pro Tem

OPEN HOUSE

Usually Open House is held at night. This year there was a change, we had it during the day. Open house started at 9:15 and ended at 2:00. About 55 parents attended. First the P.T.A. had a short meeting, then the choir sang. The student council's new officers were installed. Next the P.T.A. gave out awards to the spelling contest winners, in room 210. There were four winners, Leo Mercado, David Crespo, Kathy Kirke, Candy Callan. After this the program ended and parents went to the rooms and watched

Joyce Kenny - 104



THE ZOO VISITS MC KAY

This March two representatives from the Lincoln Park Zoo, Deborah Christ and Barbara Young, came to McKay. They demonstrated the differences and similarities between the three animals which they brought with them; a bird, a reptile, and a mammal.

They only go to the 5th grade classrooms, but they go to schools all over Chicago.



Eddie Heinen
Room 103



THANKS FROM ALL OF US

We would like to thank the many ladies of the P.T.A. for donating their services and gifts to our school this year.

The P.T.A. donated a balancing beam for the gym and is going to donate curtains to all of our school after the lighting and new painting has been finished.

The P.T.A. also helped pay for the Jazz Concert we had earlier this year. The P.T.A. also will provide food for the Graduate's luncheon and reception. Like the song says, "We truly take pride in the P.T.A."



Arnie Esquivel - 104

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

How well do you know our eighth grade girls? If you can't "Guess Who" from the description, ask the author whose name is listed.

This girl is sort of tall. She has reddish-brown hair. This girl has pierced ears and is in room 104. She's not skinny and not fat. She has rosy cheeks and freckles.



Joyce Kenny

This girl that I am describing has short blonde hair and she has very light freckles. She wears glasses. She has a crack between her two front teeth. She also has a sister who is short too.

Diane Rice



She's got black hair, she's small and sort of skinny. She's in Mr. Silhan's room. Her hair is almost long now. She likes volleyball and she is on our team. She is dark complected.

Karyn Reed

This person has long, blonde hair, she's tall, she has long, dark eyelashes, greyish-color eyes, and wears size six gym shoes.

Liana Alis



This person has black hair, she is tall and she is from the Caribbean. She wears nice clothes. Her name is a month, she has a sister in 304, but she is in 210. She has gold earrings.

Christa O'Neal



She's cute and dark, and has short straight hair, long nails, and she doesn't wear make-up. She has pierced ears, brown eyes, and her hair is like a black-reddish stripe.

Annie Hackett

NOW AND THEN



CLASS OF '93

The future members of the class of '85 are very busy.

So far this year, they have done alphabets, numbers, consonant sounds and color words.

The eighth grade class in 104 has adopted the 101 classes and provided entertainment and instructional decorations.

Joyce Kenny and Roseanne Duffek are our playleaders. They have added some new twists to the standard games. The children like the "bowling" game best.

Arnie Asquivel, assisted by Francis Novacek, gave a magic show that the children are still talking about. You have to be five years old to enjoy the wonder of disappearing scarves and rings that fit together only sometimes.

The front wall has picture cards with alphabets and a picture representing that sound. The pictures are made with many different materials, i.e., the needle on the (n) picture has yarn for the thread, and the cat on the (c) picture has "real" whiskers.

The class loves to paint. I find it is best to let the children tell us about the picture because five year olds are not confined by color or size when they are being artistic. So what if that is a flower driving a car.

We are just starting on "blussing" as the children call it. They are astounded at the order of the math. We will do "take aways" next and then, off to level B.

Mrs. Scott
Room 101

A FEW WORDS FROM JUNIOR HIGH

SUMMER VACATION

For my summer vacation I went to the Caribbean Islands. First I went to St. Thomas, V.I. I spent four days there, then I went on to Antigua, British West Indies. There I spent the whole summer vacation. I also stayed there for their carnival.

I brought souvenirs to bring back to show what a nice time I had. On July 31, they had a Birthday beach party for me. We picked mangos, coconuts, jelly nuts, limes, cane and tangerines.

The Caribbean is usually one fine place to enjoy your summer. The beaches are really clean.

June Gilead - 210



SUMMER VACATION

My summer vacation was unusually nice. I attended a wedding and threw lots of rice. I visited Old Chicago, and kept myself busy going from ride to ride. I visited Great America which is further away. I enjoyed it so much I wanted to stay. I went to a surprise party for a very dear friend. My Mother ended up having to mend my best jeans. I watched my little brother play in the park, if he had his way he would stay until dark.

A ride in my Mother's new car was really a blast, that is until the car ran out of gas.

I started a baby-sitting job for the very first time with two little girls (glad they weren't mine.)

Now I'm back in school learning the three R's. I can't wait for summer and its not too far.

Bari Hansen - 210

THE WINTER EVENING

The winter evening settles down, with smell of steaks in passage ways.

Six o'clock,
The burnt out end of smokey days.
And now a gusty shower wraps the grimy scraps of withered leaves about your feet,
And newspapers from vacant lots;
The showers beat on broken blinds and chimney pots,
And at the corner of the street a lonely cab-horse steams and stamps. And then the lightning of the lamps.

Sheila Stafford - 210

WINTER



Winter is the time of year children like to play in snow, and winter is the time of year Santa Claus comes. Winter is the time of year children like to go outside and build a snowman, throw snowballs, and have lots of fun. Winter is one of my favorite seasons cause of the snow.

Jean Prendergast



A POEM OF LOVE

Love flows like a stream of water,
Real slow, real soft, fantastic.
Love never knows where to stop,
Like a trucker always on the road.
Love is the feeling of your life
In highs, or lows it always knows.
Love is what keeps you going,
Love, what a great Friend.

Steven Hunt - 103





LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CLASS OF '77



Allen Barrett..... I will Sam Lombardo a pair of pants.
 Debbie Blizek..... I will Robin Reed, Jerry Smith.
 Renee Blizek..... I will Kim Castillo my book with 1,000 ways to lose weight.
 Yolanda Brandy..... I will Trina Haley a new boyfriend and a good year at McKay.
 Gerrard Brewer..... I will Felisha Robinson my talent to mimic.
 Bob Butkus..... I will Bobby Bobich my 8th grade smartness.
 Candy Callan..... I will Cecila Martin a wig.
 Helen Chin..... I will Marcina Lockwood 101 ways to dress in pants.
 Glen Daniels..... I will Mario Esquivel 3 inches.
 Charmaine Dorman... I will Rosemary Nino 50 ways to improve herself.
 Rosanne Duffek.... I will Annette Allivato a bottle of Scope.
 Eddy Eassa..... I will Abel Ortiz a working set of brains.
 Arnie Esquivel..... I will James Kohn a home movie on dental care.
 Laura Felmon..... I will Alice Chin my math seat in Miss Carpson's room.
 June Gilead..... I will Jonathon Meske a new name.
 Gloria Gonzales.... I will Brian Thornton a better personality.
 Annie Hackett..... I will Pam Wagner a face lift.
 Bari Hansen..... I will Debbie Doo Gass a pair of one inch skis for her nose.
 Sandy Houlihan..... I will April Rydberg my box of combs.
 Barbara Hughes..... I will Malcolm Smith better food in the lunchroom.
 Venus Irvin..... I will Antoinette Harris all the mod clothes in the world.
 Joyce Kenny..... I will Israel Muniz a curling iron.
 John Kompare..... I will Max Gordon my straight hair.
 Stacey Lyon..... I will Diane Rapnikas my brother Chris in trade for her brother (Joey).
 Yvonne McCurdy..... I will Dexter Gunn a new unused pick for his hair.
 Terry Morgan..... I will Annette Braggs my friendship always.
 Francis Novacek.... I will Pat Halloran a poster of Phyllis Diller.
 Christa O'Neal..... I will Judith Gilead my old coat.
 Beverly Peete..... I will Charlotte Harris a new hairstyle.
 Mark Raimo..... I will Joe Hajek some of my gorgeous curls.
 Karyn Reed..... I will Lloyd Snyder a book on personality development; since he copies everyone elses.
 Elizabeth Reynosa.. I will Annette a pair of platform shoes.
 Diane Rice..... I will Cindy Duvick some Dexatrim diet pills.
 Cathy Rybarczyk.... I will Jamie Lukas a bottle of Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific.
 Bob Schmidt..... I will Charlie Sizemore 1001 ways to jump ramps with his tricycle.
 JoAnne Schmitt..... I will Debbie Halloran 101 ways to learn how to fight.
 Kirk Surridge..... I will Ed Fitman my unused book on ways to keep your mouth shut.
 Lorenzo Tillis..... I will Marilyn Outlaw (Jeanie) better lunches.
 Tammy Thomas..... I will Norma Kozlarek 101 ways to use an empty head.
 Belinda Tillis..... I will Ann Davis my personality.
 John Weszelits..... I will David Akstins 101 pieces of nothing.
 Rory Woody..... I will John Ivory a brand new pair of teeth.



Debra
Blizak



Michael
Tenorio



Maryn
Reed



Allen
Barrett



Dennis
Drummer



Gerrard
Brewer



Stacey
Lyon



Mark
Raimo



Charmaine
Worman



Arunas
Navaliauskas



Tammy
Thomas



Laura
Felmon



Catherine
Agbarezuk



Sheila
Stafford



Catherine
Zehonis



David
Crespo



Diane
Rice



Joyce
Henry



Ismael
Cano



Anthony
Phillips



Renee
Blizak



Elizabeth
Reynosa



Leo
Mercado Jr.



Yvonne
McCarty



Rory
Woody



Terrie
Morgan



Karyl
Conway



John
McWitt



Paulal
Chafi



Sandra
Houlihan



Helen
Chin



Donna
Pirainas



Cheryl
Crocker



Beverly
Peete

Graduates

School



Rosanne
Duffek



Terry
Kaly



Belinda
Tillis



Kirk
Sarridge



Vanessa
Smith



Doris
Anderson



Kathleen
Mirka



Gloria
Gonzales



Venus
Irvin



Joan
Prendergast



Candace
Callan



Christo
O'Neal



Lorenzo
Tillis Jr.



Arnie
Esquivel



Michael
Regovic



June
Gilead



Robert
Batkus



Barbara
Hughes



Cassandra
Wills



Robert
Schmidt



JoAnne
Schmitt



Mari
Hausen



Timothy
Selvey



Liana
Ellis



Antoinette
Hackett



Debbie
McQueen



John
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Francis
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