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THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

In all the years McKay has been collecting trophies the girls have never contributed one for the showcase. This year seven 8th grade girls got together and formed an outstanding volleyball team consisting of Anita Cano, captain, Kathy Snyder, co-captain, Linda Andrulis, Regina Stankunavicius, Kathy Tuleja, Vida Vitkauskas, and Cathy Whittemore. We entered a tournament sponsored by Marquette Park. We were all a little scared before each game, but played very well. As it turned out we won six games, lost one game. So, for the first time the girls volleyball team, with the help of Miss Maciulis, coach, proudly brought back a first place trophy from Marquette Park to display in the school's showcase.

Linda Andrulis  
Room 104 - Grade 8



## terrific

OUR THANKS TO THE P.T.A.

The P.T.A. gave McKay School about \$950.00 for a public address system for our assembly hall. It consists of a large amplifier, a microphone, and two speakers mounted on the walls. Now we can hear the sound of our movies better. It's an improvement, because before no one could hear the sound too good when they were sitting in the back of the assembly hall. The P.T.A. ladies have worked very hard for about three years to make this money by having taffy apple sales and fun fairs.

With the remainder of the P.T.A. money, the school is purchasing a Controlled Reader. The controlled reader is a device that helps students increase their reading speed and comprehension. It works like a film strip machine by projecting the story on a screen one line at a time for a specific period and then it covers the line and projects a new one. As the students improve the rate is increased until the students are reading rapidly with maximum efficiency.

Suha Hassen  
Room 210 - Grade 7



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## NEW TEACHERS AT MC KAY

1973 was a big year for new teachers in McKay. We would like to welcome these new teachers: Miss Maciulis, room 106, grades 5 and 6, Mrs. Flores, room 303, grades 4 and 5. We also have new Special Education teachers: Mrs. Perkins, room 307, TMH, Mrs. Galis, room 306, TMH, Miss Popham, room 304, TMH. Mrs. Jarvis is assigned to the primary department on a half-time basis. We hope you will enjoy McKay as much as we enjoy you.

Vida Vitkauskas  
 Room 104 - Grade 8



## SCIENCE FAIR

The McKay School Science Fair was held on January 23, 1974, with 34 participants from grades four through eight. Mr. Silhan and Mrs. Reynolds were the lower grade judges and they awarded:

First Place - The Homemade Lightbulb  
 Bob Butkus - John Weszelites

Second Place - Comets  
 Maria Tauras - Sophia Daukas

Third Place - What is Solar Energy  
 Terrence Maloney

Honorable Mention -

How the Telephone Works  
 Colleen McHale - Candy Kinster  
 Soybeans  
 Milena Palandech

Miss Shore and Miss Otlewis were the judges for the upper grades and they awarded the first place ribbon to Regina Stankunavicius and Linda Andruslis for their entry - The Facts of Paper. Second place, Mary Marley and Sheila Pasciak with their project Soap Processing. Third Place - Producing Electricity  
 Sue Hehl

Honorable Mention-Spectrum

Tom Cernius  
 The Radio  
 Rich Gorski - Ted Zekos  
 Experimenting With Light  
 Cheryl Burton - Geri Duvick  
 The upper grade first and second place projects will be displayed at Ford City for the District Science Fair on February 20th and 21st.

Linda Andruslis  
 Room 104 - Grade 8





## SOCIAL CENTER

Social Center is a very interesting club. We have activities: gym, crafts, table games, and corridor games. We play Monopoly, basketball, football, and volleyball. At crafts we make things. In corridor games we play pool, ping pong, and bean bags. It is from 3:30 to 5:00. Come join us every Tuesday and Thursday.



Denise Tenorio  
Room 301 - Grade 6

## KINDERGARTEN DUTY

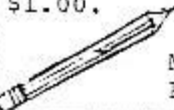
Carol Kirkwood and I, Candy Kinstner, have kindergarten duty in Mrs. Meehan's room. Our duties are taking care of the children after lunch, and at 3:05 we get them ready to go home. Carol and I have our own locker on the first floor so it would be easier for us to get our things and leave for home at the kindergarten exit. We try to do our best all year long.



Candy Kinstner  
Room 301 - Grade 6

## PEN PALS ALL OVER THE WORLD

One day my Mom and I were in the living room, reading the newspaper. After looking for a long time I saw an ad for a place in Minnesota. It had an organization for penpals. I joined. About ten days later I got a note with a name and address. I sent the first letter a couple of weeks ago. I now have an answer. If you want to join, mail a 9" x 4" self-addressed, stamped envelope to: World Pen Pals, World Affairs Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. Print your name, age, (11 and up), sex and address in upper right hand corner. The service charge is \$1.00.



Mike Chambers  
Room 106 - Grade 5



## SQUEEZINGS

## AIR RAID DRILLS

Our Air Raid siren goes off every Tuesday at 10:30. It is important that we know what to do. That is one reason for a disaster drill.

If we hear the siren any other time than Tuesday at 10:30 we would all have a disaster drill. Be sure to keep quiet and listen when we have one.

Chicago would be a good place to drop a bomb, that's why it is good that we have drills.



Kelly Lyon  
Room 210 - Grade 7

MY ADVENTUROUS DAY  
HORSEBACK RIDING

One brisk, sunny Saturday some of my friends and I went horseback riding at Circle H Ranch. My mother drove us, and we were very excited. A worker there said my horse's name was "Killer", the horse next to me "Murder", and another "Suicide". So you could imagine how scared we were. Later though I found out my horse's name wasn't "Killer" but only a gentle horse "Hank". The scenery was as pretty as a picture. Often my so-called "gentle" horse galloped and I nearly fell off! What a great day.



Sophia Daukus  
Room 301 - Grade 6

## OUR NEW TEACHER

We have a new teacher here at McKay School. Room 106 is honored to have Miss Maciulis as our new "leader". Mr. Koziel, after teaching, became ill a few weeks later and went on sick leave. We all hoped he would get better and come back soon, but we were later told he could not be back to teach this year. Everyone misses him and hope he gets well soon. We also hope Miss Maciulis enjoys our class in 1973-74.



Norm Meske  
Room 106 - Grade 6

## Junior Jots



### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The morning kindergarten class sang about "The Merry Christmas Toys" at the December assembly. We all enjoyed a visit from Officer Friendly and are trying to observe the Safety Rules he told us. We are also studying and coloring the books he left for us. We hope he comes back soon to visit us.

Starting Monday, January 28th, the morning class will attend afternoon kindergarten and the two afternoon classes will attend morning kindergarten until June.

We are all working very hard to get ready for first grade.



Kindergarten rooms 101 and 103

### OUR INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON

On the afternoon of January 25th room 203 had an international luncheon. We had different kinds of foods from many countries; Mexico, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Arabia, and Serbia to name a few. After we ate lunch we entertained our parents by dancing the Mexican Hat Dance and the Patty Cake Polka. We sang two songs, "It's a Small World After All" and "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." Everyone had a good time and we all learned a lot.



Gail Cernius  
Scott Pasciak  
Room 203 - Grade 3

### RABBITS

A rabbit is a furry ball, some are big and some are small. They hop and romp and with carrots they chomp, chomp, chomp. They are also called a little bunny when they hop they look so funny.

John Acosta  
Room 205 - P3



### OUR VISITORS

Our school helpers visited our room. They talked about their jobs. Mr. Zelazek talked to us. Mr. Thomson told us how many children are in the school.

Lisa Newby  
Room 204 - Grade 1



### FREDDY THE FROG



Freddy the Frog sitting on a log didn't have a care in the world, jumped in the water and kicked his legs and made the water swirl. He got all wet and jumped back on the log and that's the story of Freddie the Frog.

Sandra Kroll  
Room 205 - P2

# BRAIN RACKING

'74 GRADUATES WORD FIND

R E H G A R R A C H E C H C H T H E C H T  
 O A S D M Z Q N R O H S O G R M R R U  
 D W P T O M G B C T B S N N S P E E L  
 R U Y A C R O N A C J A M A N K N D E  
 E Y V I D A A B N P R K O I L E D Y J  
 Q U E B I D Q D R S O U S V R G W R N A  
 U H N A C C A A D Z A U Y A R X A S Y  
 E E P I R K I R T N B A L L A N G E E  
 Z G F K L C A H O U E K K L B M J A L  
 O E H S B B Z T Y A G T B A D W N M R  
 T E K R M G T Y Z C U I C P Y U X A A  
 N I F O G U E F K D E V P M R O V L M  
 E J L G S T A N K U N A V I C I U S X  
 M K E N E M E T H H D J U R G I L A S  
 E W H I T T E M O R E B S Y Z V F T W  
 L O L R R O B E R T S O N S I S U R P  
 K Q A P B I C S D E L A H C M E G N I  
 F M K M O R L E Y I J A K A P R A S O  
 L Q G O R E K A I C S A P M R T Q H U  
 N N I K S N I W A L S I L U R D N A P

- BABY PICTURES (Continued)
20. Pam Sardak
  21. Anita Cano
  22. Mary Marley
  23. Kathy Impallaria
  24. Jim McHale
  25. Wayne Savickas
  26. Jim Gardner
  27. Regina Stankunavicius
  28. Richard Gorski
  29. Rich Prusis
  30. Teddy Zekos
  31. Allen Rydberg
  32. Frank Slama



R E M J O I O C X  
K Q T B E

## THE COMICS

S T E V E C A N Y O N B Y G G I Z R  
 N C D B A R N E Y G O O G L E K F K  
 U M T L E L A D Y D A H S B N A Y H  
 F V U M U G G S A N D S K E E T E R  
 F J M Z N Q U R N R O R S E F H L L  
 Y U B W O K T L D R O E M T E E L B  
 S L L I S E E F Y V N X Y L Y R A D  
 M I E Z L L G H C C E M T E I E E  
 I E W A I L K A A Z S O H B D N N L  
 T T E R W Y R P P T B R E A E E I P  
 H J E D R E P L P C U G F I R N L O  
 M O D F M Y O T H H P A D L K Z O E  
 A N S F D I X U Q R Y N S E S L S P  
 R E D I S D C B B N O M H Y H K A S  
 Y S C D V K L B H L Z D X Q T T G N  
 W K L D N W O R B E I L R A H C J I  
 O Z N R E K R A P E G D U J O X U G  
 R Y B D D N H L I A R T K R A M L A  
 T H R P E A N U T S S L A V Z R I N  
 H N T H E F L I B B E R T Y S F U U  
 V M O T N A H P S C H U L Z L K S D

ANDRULIS, BALLENGEE, BURTON, CANO,  
 CARRAGHER, CONNERS, DUVICK, ESTRADA,  
 GARDNER, GODINEZ, GORSKI, GOSHORN,  
~~G. HECHT, T. HECHT, IMPALLARIA,~~  
 JURGILAS, KLEMENTOZ, KOHN, LOMBARDO,  
 MARLEY, MCHALE, MORLEY, NEUBEBAUER,  
 NEMETH, NERI, PASCIAK, PRUSIS,  
 ROBERTSON, RODRIQUEZ, RYBARCZYK,  
 RYDBERG, SARDAK, SAVICKAS, SLAMA,  
 SLAWINSKI, SNYDER, STANKUNAVICIUS,  
 SUTTON, TULEJA, VITKAUSKAS,  
 WHITTEMORE, ZEKOS

Vida Vitkauskas  
Room 104 - Grade 8

?? "DID YOU GUESS?" ??

1. Tony Hecht
2. Caroline Hecht
3. Vida Vitkauskas
4. Andrea Estrada
5. Terry Slawinski
6. Sheila Pasciak
7. Barbara Connors
8. Robert Carragher
9. Kathy Tuleja
10. Geri Duvick
11. Aida Jurgilas
12. Kathy Snyder
13. Tammy Neri
14. Bernadette Robertson
15. Steve Rybarczyk
16. Sharon Morley
17. Linda Andrulis
18. Cheryl Burton
19. Doreen Kohn



Ed Jankus  
Room 210 - Grade 7

Andy Capp Barney Google B. C.  
 Beetle Bailey Blondie Cappy Dick  
 Charlie Brown Chuck Cora Dennis  
 Doonesbury Dunagin's People  
 Gasoline Alley Hi Judge Parker  
 Juliet Jones Julius Katherine  
 Kelly Lois Mark Trail Mary  
 Worth Mr. Wilson Mugs and Sheete  
 Peanuts Phantom Redeye Rex  
 Morgan M. D. Schultz Shady Dale  
 Smythe Snuffy Smith Steve Canyon  
 Summer The Flibbertys Tumbleweeds  
 Wizzard Ziggy





#### MC KAY CHEERLEADERS

The McKay cheerleaders consist of nineteen eighth grade girls who cheer for the "Panthers" at basketball games. Whether it is a home game or a game at any other school the girls are there to cheer the team to victory. This year we not only have a group of girls that do a great job belting out the cheers, but also do a good job of writing their own clever cheers and fancy footsteps. With the help of Miss Shore and Kathy Tuleja (captain) I know we'll make the team really proud of us.

Kathy Tuleja  
Room 104 - Grade 8

#### THE GYMNASTIC SHOW

Every year Mr. Haas, the gym teacher, picks out the best girls, grades 5 - 8, who know how to do gymnastics, splits, cartwheel, backbend, backflip, and headstands. Then we have each squad doing one stunt. The judges usually are Mr. Silhan, Mr. Haas and Mr. Zelazek. The points are given like this: 1, 3, 4, which means 8 points. There are three winners for the individual first place, second place, and third place. This year for the 7th and 8th grade girls, some good gymnastic girls are Mary Chin, Ann Lombardo, Linda Andrulis, Andrea Estrada, Kathy Tuleja, and others.

Suha Hassen  
Room 210 - Grade 7



#### THE MC KAY BASKETBALL TEAM

The McKay Panthers aren't up to par this year. They are only 3-6 but they are looking forward to the second half. We lost to Queen of the Universe, St. Justin, Hurley, Nightingale, Hale, and Marquette. But we came out on top over St. Christina, Nativity, and Eberhart.

Our cheerleaders are all great, they come to all of our games. We really work hard at our practices. I think if we had more people cheering us on we could win more games.

Rich Gorski  
Room 104 - Grade 8



#### ONE MORE TIME

The girls volleyball team entered in a new one-hit tournament sponsored by Marquette Park. We already won our first game over the Marquette M's, but we still have six games to go. The team hopes that we'll have good luck with the future games to come.

Linda Andrulis  
Room 104 - Grade 8



# Snaps





## HELPING GROUPS



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Every year we have a special election to pick new officers of the Student Council. Grades 5 - 8 chose two representatives from their home-room to run as candidates. The election was held on October 12, 1973, with campaign managers, posters, election tags, and speeches. The third grade through eighth grade voted for the student council members. The students had to be very careful in who they were voting for, because being part of the Student Council is a very important job. It sure was a tough decision for them to make because there were so many good candidates this year. The outcome of the election was: Sheila Pasciak won over Robert Carragher for the office of President, Chuck Hansen won the office of Vice-President over Madeline Butevicious. Roman Tamosaitis conquered Margie Bisinger for the secretaryship and Joe Rapnikas won the treasuryship over Cathy Rybarzyk, Stacy Lyon, and Milda Zdanys. The officers and their representatives were installed on November 2, 1973.



Linda Andrulis  
Room 104 - Grade 8  
SAFETY PATROL

Every year we have a great group of students from McKay volunteering to serve as safety patrol. The instructor is Mr. Haas, our school gym teacher. Captain of the patrol is Robert Carragher, 8th grade. The three lieutenants are Teddy Zekos and Vida Vitkauskas, 8th grade, and Tom Pennoyer, 7th grade. The rest of the patrol are: Jim Gardner, 8th grade, Eddie Jankus, Kelly Lyon, 7th grade, Stacey Lyon, Glenn Daniels, Chris Maes, 5th grade, and Martha Christel, Ray Gass and Al Cano, 6th grade. We haven't had an accident for 22 years.

Vida Vitkauskas  
Room 104 - 8th grade



### FUTURE TEACHERS



Whenever the weather is too bad to permit the children to go outside and the teachers need a break, the future teachers are always around to help. Every time we have indoor recess the future teachers are always willing to go to the rooms they are assigned to and play quiet indoor games with the students. The teachers are happy to know that they have two responsible students in charge of their room while they relax for a few minutes in the teachers lunch-room. The future teachers include:

- 106 - Linda Ballenge, Bernadette Robertson
- 201 - Doreen Kohn, Aida Jurgilas
- 203 - Cathy Whittmore, Sheila Pasciak
- 204 - Gerry Duvick, Sharon Morley
- 205 - Linda Andrulis, Regina Stankunavicius
- 207 - Kathy Snyder, Anita Cano
- 208 - Andrea Estrada, Kathy Impallaria
- 301 - Nancy Schaafsma, Carol Konrath
- 303 - Vida Vitkauskas, Terry Slawinski
- 305 - Kathy Tuleja, Mary Marley

Linda Andrulis  
Room 104 - Grade 8



P. T. A.

McKay School P.T.A. had an Open House on Friday night November 16, 1973, at 7:00 P.M., followed by the P.T.A. bake sale. I would like to thank the mothers for bringing all the delicious cakes. This year the Fun Fair will be in March, with the help of many hard working mothers it will be as great a success as our Taffy Apple Sale.

Mrs. Rydberg  
P.T.A. President





## CHOIR NEWS

Choir began this year on the second Friday of school. It was so confusing getting everyone in their seats, but we finally got organized. Mr. Silhan picked some kids from the 6th grade to participate in choir. There are many kids who would like to be a choir member but can't because there isn't enough room or robes. We all sounded very good for the first time in choir after the summer. The choir received their robes a couple of weeks before Open House because we wanted to look just as good as we sounded. This year our choir officers are Mary Marley, President, Richard Gorski, Vice-President, Ann Lombardo, Secretary, and the Manager is Ray Godinez. The treasurers are Cathy Whittmore and Lynn Kenny. With Mr. Silhan and the officers at the head of the choir I know this will be the best choir McKay ever had.



Sue Heh  
Room 208 - Grade 7

## CHOIR SINGS AT FORD CITY

Monday, December 10, 1973, was a very important day for the McKay School Choir. Mr. Silhan chose that day for the choir to sing Christmas Carols at Ford City. Because of all the noise going on, when people were doing their Christmas shopping everybody had to try extra hard to sing above the commotion. But Mr. Silhan made sure all voices joined in perfect harmony that night. An average of 100 choir members arrived. Mr. Silhan and the audience enjoyed our singing very much and would like us to sing again next year.

Linda Andrulis  
Vida Vitkauskas  
Room 104 - Grade 8



## TMH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Special Education children at McKay get a very special treat at Christmas. The Chairman for the party is Mrs. Mary Litviak. Money for the gifts is donated by the St. Thomas Aquinas K. C. Ladies Auxilliary. These are bought and wrapped by Mr. and Mrs. Litviak. Pop, cookies, ice cream and everything in the goody bag are donated by friends and business men, then packed by Mr. Litviak. Santa Claus is played by Mr. John Bagdon. A good time is had by all.

Many thanks to all the wonderful people that make our special children happy.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS

Children in Special Education classes had a good reason for happy smiling faces on the Fall and Winter field trips.

In October the weather was glorious when students from 304, 306, 307, and 308 spent a day in the forest preserves hiking, picnicking, playing games, studying and collecting leaves and generally enjoying nature.

The sun shone brightly in December, the day the same classes visited the Museum of Science and Industry to view the Christmas tree exhibit especially. Tired but happy children discussed their preferences in decorations on the way back to school. Children from 308 were thrilled to see ornaments identical to those they had made in this classroom.

For both trips the children took their pride in helping to prepare their own lunches.



## CHRISTMAS TO THE NEEDY

Christmas always comes to families that are well-to-do, but what about those who aren't. Christmas is just another day to them. Since they are poor there won't be many presents. There might not be any. There won't be a big dinner for them. Just think of all those children without any presents. You may get mad if you don't get what you want or as much as you want, but just stop and think of all those children without any presents. You might get made because mother's fixing duck instead of turkey, or because she is fixing something you don't like. But just stop to think about those who might be having a hamburger or going hungry. Mr. Silhan did stop to think about it. And he is doing something about it. He has put baskets in his room. He has asked his students and all the choir members to bring stuff to put in these baskets. We are bringing in foods that won't spoil and toys. Also stuff for the house. We won't bring in enough goods, but at least we are trying



Carla Sutton  
Room 210 - Grade 8  
YOUR NAME

You got it from your father,  
It was all he had to give,  
So it's yours to use and cherish,  
For as long as you may live.  
If you lose the watch he gave you,  
It can always be replaced,  
But a black mark on your name, son,  
Can never be erased.  
It was clean the day you took it,  
And a worthy name to bear.  
When he got it from his father,  
There was no dishonor there.  
So make sure you guard it wisely,  
After all is said and done,  
You'll be glad your name is spotless  
When you give it to your son.

A favorite poem of  
Michelle Granata  
Room 301 - Grade 6

## BITS AND PIECES



### OUR ART PROJECTS

On the back wall in room 301 you can see some fine art projects. The first pictures on the wall checker-board square designs. Next are some crayon resist pictures and crayon over-lap pictures. Last but not least are the leaf designs. They are very colorful and I'm sure you will like them.



Maria Tauras  
Room 301 - Grade 6



### HIDDEN CAPITALS PUZZLE

In this story, ten capital cities of the United States are hidden. See if you can find them.

Jack, Frank, and the boys' father were walking. The father said, "I have lost a little rock, I hope you will help me find it. It is in a spring, field, or pond." "I hope I find it. I like to throw rocks and see how far I can sail 'em," Frank said. Soon Jack said, glancing at his brother, "Frank fortify yourself, I have found it. It was across a small stream near some concord grapes. Jack said, "Do you know, I think it was providence that made me decide to look over there." His father said, "Bless your heart. Ford it across the stream and bring it back to me, Jack, son.

Answer: Little Rock, Springfield, Salem, Lansing, Frankfort, Concord, Juneau, Providence, Hartford, Jackson.

Regina Stankunavicius  
Room 104 - Grade 8



