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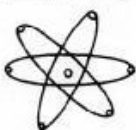
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THE SCIENCE FAIR



The school Science Fair was held in the gym on Friday, January 23rd. The winners who will represent us at the District Science Fair at Ford City are Maria Tauras, who won first prize of the upper grade category, with her project on Air Pressure, and Christine Heinen, who won second place with her project, "Can Vitamins Help Bacteria Grow?" Roman Tamosaitis came in third place with his project, "Petroleum Technology."

The projects, "Operation of a Stoplight," by Bob Butkus and Glen Daniels, and "How Does the Fetus Grow?" by Candy Kinstner and Colleen McHale got Honorable Mention.

Winners of the Intermediate Grade category were: Danny Meske, who worked hard on his first place project, "Magnets", Robert Bobich and David Burton, who took second place with their project, "The Microscope", and Julie Flathom and Pamela Wagner took third place with their project, "The Kiln."

The Honorable Mention Awards of this category were given to Debbie Halloran and Debbie Walensky for their project, "Glass Cutting - Model and Chart", Agustina Estrada, with her project, "The Human Ear",

John Pinkos, with his project, "The Electric City", and Michael Sternal and Sean Gudaitis, with their project, "The Lockness Monster."

We wish good luck to Maria and Chris at the District Fair.



Sophie Daukus
Room 104



? *Mystery Student?*

This Mystery Student is an eighth grader. She, or he, participates in many school activities, some of them are: student council, playleader, patrol, choir, library club.

This student has 2 sisters at McKay, lives near 71st and Maplewood, and has been at McKay since kindergarten.

If you haven't guessed by now, the Mystery Student will be identified at the February Assembly.

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A NEW METHOD FOR MC KAY SCHOOL
 McKay School children are now being served free breakfast for those who get free lunches. Also we have closed campus program. We start school at 9:00 A.M. All classes are assigned a time of 15 minutes to eat lunch. We get out of school at 2:30 P.M. We're glad about getting out at 2:30 P.M., but not about our 15 minute lunch period.

Rebecca Castillo
 Room 210



LOOK FAMILAR?

Ann Kucharzyk
 Room 104

TRIVIA



THE POOR PENCIL

You wouldn't think how handsome I was, slim and tall, with a yellow coat. One day a girl bought me and when she got to school she sharpened me. Ooooooch! Those blades cut, and when I say cut, I mean cut! Then she was getting hungry so with her two buck teeth she bit me. Ouch! She had cavities and she had bad breath. Then she erased me and my head was hot. Now I am a small little pencil.



Angelica Esquivel
 Room 301

MY DOG

One day after school some of my girlfriends came over. They wanted to know if I could go bike riding. I went in to ask my mother, but she was on the phone.

My brother was in the backyard with my dog and when he went out the gate he left it open and the dog got out. The dog ran across the street. I called my dog's name as he was coming toward me; all of a sudden a car came and hit him, and threw him to the other side of the street.

I ran to him. I carried him to the grass. He was whimpering. Everyone was around him. I felt so bad I felt like crying.

My mother came out and we put my dog in the car to take him to the animal hospital. The man who hit him said the dog ran right in front of his car and that he was traveling slowly. I know he was going fast, for if he was going slow he would have seen my dog and stopped.

When we got to the hospital we found the dog was alright.

Gloria Gonzales
 Room 210



News Notes



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The officers of the McKay Student Council were installed at the December assembly by Mr. Zelazek.

- President - Joe Rapnikas
- Vice President - Chris Hansen
- Secretary - Gregory Palendech
- Treasurer - Timothy Hammonds
- Sargent at Arms - Alan Cano

The Student Council sponsored a safety slogan contest. The winners were presented with certificates of honorable mention.

- Judy Chin - Room 303
Be bright at night! Wear white or carry a light.
- Pamela Wagner - Room 106
Safety isn't a puzzle. It's your life.
- Steve Hunt - Patrick Halloran
Room 304
Be smart! Be safe!
- Cynthia Duvick - Room 304
Go with the green light.
Stop at the red.
And you'll wind up ahead.
- Agustina Estrada - Room 303
Safety before anything else.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council needs your help to bring in more Campbell soup labels. Bring them to school and give them to your student council representatives in your room. With the Campbell soup labels we have we will buy something for the school's needs. We have well over 7,000 labels already and we're still working at it, and you can help.

We are also trying to bring more slogans of school safety in. Thank you.

ELECT

Karyn Reed
Room 103



Francis Novacek
Room 103



BICENTENNIAL YEAR

This year is our Bicentennial year. McKay School is celebrating it by a large timeline. Different rooms will be working on different years. On this timeline there will be paintings, maps, drawings, posters and other things on certain years. Our room will be working on the Civil War with 305.

Agustina Estrada
Room 303



THANKS TO THE P.T.A.

Again this year, the wonderful ladies of the P.T.A. have given of their time and energy to make money and buy gifts for our school. They worked long and hard selling popcorn and have already purchased our beautiful bicentennial flag and mobiles, basketball uniforms for our team and an AV Matic projector for the learning center. This projector will aid in our individualized learning program. Thank you from all of us.

NEW FACES

We are all proud to welcome our new teachers: Mrs. Siksnius; room 106; Mrs. Smidt; room 301; Mrs. Scott; room 101; and Mr. Wilkinson; gym. We are all glad that they have joined the great faculty of McKay School.



SNOOPY

There was a dog named Snoopy.
His ears were long and droopy.
He liked to run and play,
Until that fateful day,
He triped on his ears and went
bloopy.



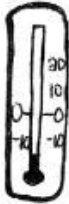
Dana Hansen
Room 301

WINTER

Winter is cold
and snow is white,
and when you go out,
you get a frost-bite.



Winter has flakes
coming from the sky.
You can see them
hit your eye.



Debbie Halloran
Room 106

SNOW

I like the snow outside,
Because then I can slip and slide.
If I should happen to fall,
I would not worry at all.

Jamie Lukas
Room 106

IF I WERE A SNOWFLAKE

If I were a snowflake
I would float away.
To where?
I don't know!
I'd probably fall on a busy street,
Or on a beautiful country-side.

But I would probably fall on a
busy street,
With all the cars honking
And people pushing and shoving.
You know it would be better if ...
Opps! someone just stepped on me.



Gaile Cernius
Room 301

Kulture orner

DIAMANTE' POETRY

1st line noun
2nd line 2 adjectives
3rd line 3 verbs
4th line 4 nouns
5th line 3 verbs
6th line 2 adjectives
7th line 1 noun



School
smart, difficult
working, studying, learning
Teachers, work, / play, fun
swimming, playing, eating
sunny, bright
Vacation

SCHOOL

Joe Hehl

Summer
hot, sunny
swimming, playing, traveling
park, pool, / sleds, skis
skiing, skating, snowing
snowy, freezing
Winter

Ray Malley
Room 106

CHRISTMAS POEM



Christmas is coming hurry, hurry,
So that we won't have to scurry,
We'll give gifts on Christmas morn
To show that Christ was born.
He'll bless us one by one,
And we'll see what he's done.
Christ didn't have a bed,
He slept in a manger instead.
Christ born in a manger
Everyone to him was a stranger.

Trina Haley
Room 106

THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Flag in America started out
with 13 stars for 13 states.
Then more and more states began
to come, and the more states that
began to come, the more the stars
came on the flag. The two last
states were Hawaii and Alaska.

Suresh Paulus
Room 303



WHAT'S HAPPENING

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Class of '84 is working and playing hard. We arrive and get settled with the help of Sophia and Maria. After the opening exercises, we have Show and Tell. We bring books, toys, puppets, ceramics and dolls and tell interesting stories about them.

Halloween brought a party, with treats and costumes. We looked great in the pictures.

The Christmas Assembly was exciting. We had never seen the Assembly Hall full. So many people!

The time flies! We started with the alphabet and have progressed to beginning sounds and rhymes. The songs we have learned help us in our work.

See you next year.

Mrs. Scott
Room 101

PLANT PROJECT

We have been learning about ways to start plants. We started some plants from seeds and some from slippings that we rooted in water, then planted in soil.

We're especially interested in starting "air plants". After the plant has bloomed, the leaves drop off. Each leaf is supposed to become a new plant, living only on air until roots form. We'll report on our "air plant" project in the next issue of the newspaper.

Room 306

NEWSLETTER

The children of room 307 became quite excited over their science project. Early in September they wrapped individual unripened tomatoes in newspaper. Every morning each child checked the progress of their own tomato. To their surprise many turned a bright red within a month, others took longer. Everyone agreed the best part was sampling the finished produce.



OUR AQUARIUM

Our aquarium has four fish. We had six fish, but two died. I like the aquarium a lot. There are red rocks on the bottom.

Fish are cold blooded, and they breath through their gills. The fins help the fish swim, and move in the water. You should feed the fish at least two or three times a day. You can see the fishes scales through his skin too. We got two or three Newts and they are cold blooded also. Fish are interesting to learn about. You should never pick the fish up with your bare hands because the fish might sting you or could die.

The fish that swim near the bottom have two long suction cups that clean the bottom of the tank.

If the water gets dirty, the water should be changed because they might die, and we wouldn't want that to happen. You should not knock on the glass because the fish might get scared. If the cotton in the filter is not clean it should be replaced. The temperature should be between 90 and 80 degrees.

Denise Gillman
Room 203



OUR DISASTROUS TRIP

I went to downtown December 14, 1975 with my class. We went in stores to look around. We went to see Santa. We also looked in the windows. We ate in a lunchroom.

I got lost with twelve other people. We had to take a taxi. There were two taxi's. There were six people in each taxi. The one I was in found our class, and then we took a bus back to school. The other children went back to school in a taxi. They got to school before we did.

Leonard Ejma
Room 208







LEFTOVERS

N H L TEAMS

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

HAWKS
 SCOUTS
 NORTH STARS
 CANUCKS
 BLUES
 FLYERS
 ISLANDERS
 RANGERS
 FLAMES

CANADIENS
 KINGS
 LEAFS
 SEALS
 SABRES
 BRUINS
 CAPITALS
 REDWINGS
 PENGUINS



Lou Valentine
 Room 104

RIDDLE

201 has a favorite riddle. Can you guess the answer to the riddle?

Two legs sat upon three legs,
 Eating one leg.

In comes four legs and runs
 away with one leg.

Up jumps two legs, picks up
 three legs, throws it after four
 legs, and makes him bring back one
 leg.

One leg is a chicken leg
 Two legs, a person
 Three legs, a stool and
 Four legs are a dog.

Bobby Barczykowski
 Room 201



THOSE WERE THE GOOD OL' DAYS.

1. Dawn Fitman
2. Maria Taurus
3. Colleen McHale
4. Candy Kinstner
5. Darlene Kohn
6. Theresa Gonzales
7. Patrick Houlihan
8. Scott Elget
9. Donna Fitzpatrick
10. Rosemary Leanord
11. Jerald Barth
12. Patrick Kluth
13. Ray Gass
14. Michael Konrath
15. Janet Gorski
16. Martha Aguirre
17. Steve Pasciak
18. Denise Tenorio
19. Norm Meske
20. Rocky Hassen
21. Marty Halloran
22. Barbera Rydberg
23. Sophia Daukas
24. Michelle Granada
25. Leticia Garcia
26. Lou Valentine
27. Robert Connors
28. Roman Tamosaitis
29. Patricia Estrada
30. Joey Rapnikas
31. Adriana Stankunavicius
32. Ann Marie Kucharzyk
33. Ingrid Kuraitis
34. Milda Zdanys
35. Rosemarie Chwinard
36. Linda Malley



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

From: McKay Torch Staff



JUNIOR POETRY

★ WISHING ON A STAR

Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight,
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish I wish tonight.

The children in room 201 have been wishing on a star. So far eight children have had their wishes come true. Eddie Kluth got a truck, JoAnn Juarez got a doll, Christine Newby got a bike, Robert Schultz got a wagon, Oroubuh AbuNada got a bike, Joey Morris got four coloring books, Frank Whittmore got a wallet, and Greg Swiderski got a race track.

With faithful wishing every night, hopefully all the other wishes will come true.

★ Christine Newby
Room 201

ALL ABOUT DOT

Once upon a time a girl named Dot loved to cook a lot, and she always liked to use a pot that was covered with spots and made chicken pocks.

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Lisa Riha
Room 207

Vowels That Rhyme

We can rhyme anytime in room 204. Speaking of vowels - Mr. "Long A" says, Nate baked a fake cake. Mr. "Short A" says, Nat had a fat cat.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

From the word birds
Room 204

Also a big thank you to the staff at McKay for your splendid cooperation in the Crusade of Mercy Campaign.

Ellen Moore
Room 204.



CATSUP

Shake and shake
The catsup bottle
None will come
Then a lot'll.



Christopher Musial
Room 205

I LIKE

I like winter,
All snowing bright,
But best of all
I like Christmas night.



Sharon Hamzik
Room 205

SNOW

The snow is white
And shines in the light
And is very very bright.

Laura Kowalczyk
Room 205

SNOW FUN

When it snows I have fun,
After I get the shoveling done.
I run and slide in the snow,
And watch the flakes as they blow.



John Lenkart
Room 205

RAY

I have a friend Ray,
He goes to McKay
He likes to play
Outside all day.

Anthony Chico
Room 205



THE STUMP



THE CLASS OF '77

S P T S A G R E D N E R P I K F O F
 E I D E M A D E W I T T C K E I S E L
 R T I A I S D A H H R I C E F O L L
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FOOTBALL PERSONALITIES

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D. BLIZEK
 R. BLIZEK
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 CROCKER
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 DORMAN
 DUFFEK
 EASSA
 ERDMAN
 ESQUIVEL
 FELMON
 GASS
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Francis Novacek
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 Chris Hanburger Redskins
 Joe Greene Steelers
 Marty Domres Colts
 O.J. Simpson Bills
 Isaac Curtis Bengals
 Bob Brown Browns
 Otis Armstrong Broncos
 Dan Pastorini Oilers
 Bobby Bell Chiefs
 Bob Griese Dolphins
 Mack Herron Patriots
 Joe Namath Jets
 Bobby Douglass Chargers
 Dave Hampton Falcons
 Doug Buffone Bears
 Doug Buffone bears
 Billy Joe Du Pree Cowboys
 Lem Barney Lions
 John Brockington Packers
 James Harris Rams
 Fran Tarkenton Vikings
 Archie Manning Saints
 Craig Morton Giants
 Roman Gabriel Eagles
 Jim Hart Cardinals
 Norman Snead 49ers

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