



# MCKAY TORCH

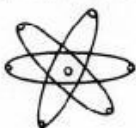
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## THE SCIENCE FAIR



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.

McKay Torch Staff



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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



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## 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.



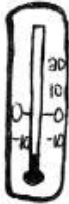
Dana Hansen  
Room 301

## 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  
 S E H A A S H I W B T P N E H C S S  
 L S A N W O Q H R S O U Y S A A E G  
 A S O G K Q H E O U C L T N W N M N  
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 N E U D R W H D C A P I T A L S D B

### 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 Whittimore 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



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# THE STUMP

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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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