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Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to you on achieving your first educational goal -- graduation from elementary school. This graduation represents the termination of at least eight years of hard work. It means that you have mastered the basic facts needed in order to go on to high school and perhaps college, someday.

It also means that you will be separated from many of your friends whom you have known for years. You will, however, make new acquaintances. There are clubs to join, athletic teams and cheerleading, newspapers, plus many other activities. Getting involved in some activity is a way of meeting people, expanding your interests and creating many pleasurable moments for you in your high school years. These next four years should be the happiest of your school years. Make the most of them.

With a little effort on your part, I'm sure each and every one of you will be an asset to your family, school and country. Once again, best wishes to all of you and good luck for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel A. Zelazek



CHAMPS AGAIN



The McKay Panthers volleyball team conquered the Rainey-Hancock volleyball league. There were only four teams in the league and we were undefeated in eight games. The final playoff game was played here at McKay. We played our 7th grade team, the McKay Impalas. The people who made this possible are Ted Zekos and Rich Gorski co-captains, Allen Rydberg, Bob Carragher, Jim McHale, Steve Rybarczyk, Rich Prusis, Tom Rocco, and Ricky Rapnikas. But most of all our coach, Mr. Zelazek.

Rich Gorski
Room 104

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CLASS TRIP

This year Mr. Silhan is taking us on a class trip to Galena, Illinois. Last year he took his class to Springfield. They were so good he invited them to join us. Because of CTA and all prices rising the fee is higher this year. We will go and come by chartered bus. When we get there we will go sightseeing around Galena for a couple of hours. Then we will go on a two hour boat ride on the Mississippi River. We will receive a lunch and dinner there then we will come home around 9:00 or 10:00. This is going to be a real fun trip. Many thanks to Mr. Silhan.



Colleen Kohn
 Room 210



THANK YOU

On behalf of McKay's students, I would like to thank the P.T.A. for all the wonderful things they accomplished this year. They are giving the graduates a luncheon, a graduation party and a reception after graduation. I'd like to say "Thank You" to the P.T.A. not only from the graduates but for the entire school.

Linda Andrulis
 Class President
 104 - 8

MC KAY CHOIR

Thanks to Mr. Silhan, McKay School has a choir it can be proud of. The choir consists of 8th, 7th, and 6th graders. We meet on Fridays at 1:00 in Mr. Silhan's room.

The McKay Choir sang at Ford City for Christmas. We were so good that we were asked to sing again at Eastertime.

Keep it up McKay Choir.

Carla Sutton
 210 - 8



MR. HAAS

We have all missed Mr. Haas this semester. He fell in his bedroom, and his neck was jammed. He wears a neck brace now. We're glad to know he's feeling better, and he can get around now. We expect to see him in September. Mr. Berry, his substitute, will be here until Mr. Haas returns. We will all be happy to have him back with us again.

Suha Hassen
 Room 210

BRAIN RACKING

FIND THE COUNTRIES

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

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| Hong Kong | Peru |
| Poland | Spain |
| Sweden | Togo |
| Africa | Australia |
| Austria | Brazil |
| Bulgaria | Cambodia |
| Canada | China |
| Columbia | Congo |
| Cuba | Czechoslovakia |
| Denmark | Finland |
| France | Germany |
| Ghana | Greece |
| Greenland | India |
| Ireland | Italy |



Frank Nemeth
Room 208

CHARLIE BROWN

Can you find "good luck Chuck Brown"?

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

Tom Stefanos
Room 303



CHAMPION AT MC KAY

We are proud to announce that a 6th grade student at McKay, Dick Rodriguez, won a second place chess trophy. He was in a tournament sponsored by Mayor Daley at City Hall. He played six games, four on April 27, and two on May 1. As it turned out, he won five games and lost the championship game so he took second place in the tournament. I'm sure it was a great honor for him and we would all like to congratulate him on his achievement.

Linda Andrulis
Room 104

THE LIBRARY HELPERS

Library helpers are Frank Nemeth and Chuck Hansen. We put away the primary books, non-fiction and fiction. I take the hard books and Frank takes the easy books. We have to put them in the right order on the shelf or they get mixed up and people get confused. After spring vacation we had a week of inventory. Inventory is checking books against the cards. Also, we have to go from room to room to collect any books that were not returned. After the books have been checked and put in order, we then check the AV equipment. We make sure that all the pieces are there such as film strips, tape recordings, etc.

Now that inventory is over, Frank and I return to the library about twice a week to keep a check on the books.

Charles Hansen
Room 208



Junior Jots

HIPPY, THE UNHAPPY HIPPO

In a pleasant town near the sea coast there was a zoo called the Animal Heaven. One day a big truck brought a brand new animal to the zoo. It was a hippopotamus and the name over the cage was Hippy. Hippy wasn't happy at all! He liked it better in the jungle. Even though he fought for food. Most of the other animals had BIG, BIG smiles but Hippy was crying and drooping. He was doing all of this because he was boxed in a cage. He didn't like it. So he called all his zoo friends on the telephone. Hippy asked them for help. So they helped demolish the zoo and took flight 821 back home.

Michael John McKinney
Room 205

A FLAT TIRE AND THE FRIGHTENING SIGHT

When my mother had a flat tire she was scared, but I said don't worry faithful Stevie's here!

So I went in the basement and found a mouse scurrying and hurrying across the basement floor. I was scared but I got the pump.

Steven Napier
Room 203



MY TRIP TO GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY

I saw a pretty flower.
I saw a water fountain.
I saw a banana tree.
I saw a red goldfish and a coconut tree.
I saw a big pointed cactus.
The building was very tall.



Sanaa Hussien
Room 204



GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY

We went to the conservatory to see flowers. They were very pretty to smell and to look at. I liked to smell different kinds. The flower I liked was the rose.

Mary Griffin
Room 201

HOME SWEET HOME

The rockets land on the moon and spaceships do too.
I rather stay on earth.
I rather stay home.



Kenneth Hecht
Room 204

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Summer vacation will soon be here and we are working very hard to finish our workbooks and get ready for first grade. Sixty-eight children will be promoted this year to first grade and one of our Big Helpers, Cheryl Burton, will graduate from eighth grade.

We would like to thank all our Big Helpers, Teachers, and everyone who helped us this year. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer vacation.

RIDDLES

What do you call a man that sells ties? A tiecoon.

Beth Baiz
Room 201



When is an orange like a banana?
When they are peeled.

Melissa Hammonds
Room 201







LAST WILL AND

- Linda Andrulis -- I will Madeline Butkevicius track shoes for when she chases boys.
- Cheryl Burton -- I will Loretta Kuraitis my old toothbrush and a tube of Close-up toothpaste.
- Mike Cain -- I will David Cyborski my old beat up piston out of my father's "Heap".
- Anita Cano -- I will Patty Wells my own way of not being a bore
- Bob Carragher -- I will Mike Moore Art Jagos' stilts.
- Barbara Connors -- I will my sister Diane my grades from this year (she'll need them).
- Geri Duvick -- I will Carol Kirkwood my very old blue gym shoes.
- Andrea Estrada -- I will Danny Bennett a tube of Clearasil.
- James Gardner -- I will Denver Hammonds a bottle of Head and Shoulders shampoo.
- Ray Godinez -- I will Tom Rocco a step ladder to get into his SOUL shoes.
- Rich Gorski -- I will Tom Houlihan my great whistle and ability to yell toot toot.
- Larry Goshorn -- I will Debbie Zajicek my pleasant face and smile.
- Caroline Hecht -- I will Joy Wreglesworth a can of Right Guard.
- Tony Hecht -- I will Nancy Schaafsma 1001 ways to get slim.
- Kathy Impallaria -- I will Nancy Impallaria a bottle of medicine for her whiteheads.
- Annie Lombardo -- I will Mary Chin my 1001 ways of keeping your mouth shut.
- Aida Jurgilas -- I will Maria Estrada my messy locker to be cleaned out.
- Kathy Keane -- I will Frank Nemeth a book of fairy tales.
- Doreen Kohn -- I will Mr. Silhan Mr. Shaughnessy's brains, good looks, charm, hair, and best of all his great body. (He needs all of them)
- Mary Marley -- I will Lyn Kenny a stretcher so she can grow as tall as I am.
- Jim McHale -- I will Dennis Raimo the muscles he never had.
- Sharon Morley -- I will Debbie Kroll my wonderful charm.
- Mike Nemeth -- I will Patrick Reed my old pacifier.





TESTAMENT

- Tammy Neri -- I will Colleen Kohn my best report card -
u, u, u, u, u.
- Ernie Neugebauer -- I will Tony Gaughan a king size laughing
box.
- Sheila Pasciak -- I will Tom Pennoyer, Wayne Savickas' fairy
wand and wings
- Ann O'Hara -- I will Tammy King my used copy of the book
"First Love, True Love."
- Rich Prusis -- I will Ricky Rapnikas all of my confiscated
candy that Miss Otlewis has in her desk.
- Bernadette Robinson -- I will John Keane his sister's great
skill and ability.
- Gerard Rodriguez -- I will Mike Roncone my magnetic charm
that attracts girls.
- Steve Rybarczyk -- I will Ken Maloney my softball bat for
homeruns.
- Allen Rydberg -- I will my sister (Pam) the key to the
refrigerator door.
- Pam Sardak -- I will Kathy Mallon a free trip to charm school.
- Wayne Savickas -- I will Church Hansen 25 ways how to shoot
paper in the wastepaper basket.
- Frank Slama -- I will Deanna Dunn 12 issues of Playgirl.
- Terry Slawinski -- I will Glen Serratt Lisa Sternal (even
though he doesn't want her).
- Kathy Snyder -- I will Maureen McHale her brother's ability
to play volleyball.
- Regina Stankunavicius -- To the so-called "great" Tom Cernius
I will him a year's lessons on how to get smart.
- Carla Sutton -- I will Suha Hassen my cousin.
- Kathie Tuleja -- I will Tammy Foster a blown-up picture of
Gerard.
- Vida Vitkauskas -- I will Kelly Lyon my great, fabulous,
terrific way of playing volleyball (also my modesty)
- Cathy Whittemore -- I will Lisa Sternal a mouth trap.
- Ted Zekos -- I will Karen Snyder her sister's ability to play
volleyball like a pro. I will Ed Jankus a Jim Gardner
doll to play with on the fire hydrant.



BITS AND PIECES

TROUBLESOME TUE Z Z Z DAY

I jumped so high,
I ran so fast,
Sweat on my brow,
I couldn't last!

My face so hot!
My feet so blistered!
What shall I do?
I finally whispered.

I saw a lake just up ahead,
I ran right in,
And fell, flat dead,
I held my breath,
Counted to seven,
The bees were gone!
Oh, thank heaven!!

Sophia Daukus
Room 301



TO NEW FRIENDS

I wish to thank Mr. Zelazek, all the staff and the parents at McKay School for a very pleasant semester. The children in 103 are working for bigger and better things. Thanks again and do have a "whale of a summer."



Ellen Moore
Teacher
Room 103

ROB ROY

On the afternoon of March 4, 1974, the students at McKay were happy to see a play called "Rob Roy" sponsored by the McKay P.T.A. It was a comedy suspense play, set in medieval England about one brother who tries to take another brother's money. But Rob Roy saved the day and the play had a happy ending. We all enjoyed the play very much and hope that the Robin Hood Players will come back soon.

Linda Andrulis
Room 104

TMH WORLD

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Room 308 students have truly enjoyed courses in nutrition and food preparation the past semester. In addition to training in selecting appropriate foods for specific meals, the children have learned to prepare a number of food items and to assist in preparing and serving a full meal. In April, the boys and girls had a class breakfast for which they prepared and served a complete meal, under supervision. A final effort in food preparation was baking cookies and making sandwiches for the Special Education field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo May 21.

Mrs. Marguerite Brown



Room 306 worked very hard on their Mother's Day gifts. First we spray painted our plaques black. Next, we glued on macaroni of different sizes and shapes, shellaced and wrapped it. Our finished product to mother was a collage wall plaque.

Mrs. Janis Galis



The children in rooms 306, 307 and 308 are busy preparing for a show they will perform for the PTA on Wednesday, May 15th. The program consists of an opening march, three songs ("Old McDonald", "On Day My Thumbs Kept Moving", "Sing") and a dance routine. We have worked very hard in preparing for this program and we are sure it will be enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Kristin Perkins



EBERHART PATROL MEETING

On April 16, 1974, there was a safety patrol meeting at the Eberhart School. Mr. Berry, our new gym teacher and patrol sponsor, Robert Carragher, our eighth grade patrol captain, and I went to the meeting. I was elected by my other patrol members as the seventh grader to go.

I was surprised to see that I was just about the only girl in the whole place. There was a man there from the Chicago Motor Club, a policeman, and Eberhart's principal there to talk to us. They said we are doing a good job crossing children. We also saw a filmstrip on how to cross children safely. There was also a test where they flashed from three to nine numbers on the screen for about one second and we had to write them down. The purpose of this test was to be sure that we were alert and could take down a license plate number quickly.

At the end of the meeting there was ice cream and cookies for all patrol boys and girls.

Kelly Lyon
Room 210



LIBRARY CLUB

Library Club is a group sponsored by Mrs. Heffernan and consisting of youngsters from rooms 104 and 210. They are:

- 104 - Robert Carragher
Jim Gardner
Mary Marley
Sheila Paschiak
Richard Prusis
Regina Stankunavicius
- 210 - Tom Cernius
Mary Chin
Denver Hammonds
Kelly Lyons



Every Tuesday at 2:20, members of the Library Club meet at the Learning Center (school library). Some of our activities are making movies, filmstrips, and mobiles. The main idea of these activities is to let people see and enjoy the library while learning.

Mary Chin
Room 210

SPECIAL AWARDS

Class Winos

Ted Zekos, Kathy Tuleja

Class Lovers

Kathy Snyder, Jim Gardner

Class Sunflower Seed Thrower

Anita Cano

Class Joe Simon

Wayne Savickas

Class Tacos (Wetbacks)

Gerard Rodriques, Ray Godinez

Class Tempers

Cathy Whittemore, Terry Slawinski

Class Crybabys

Rich Prusis, Steve Rybarczyk,
Richard Gorski

Class Wetheads (Greasers)

Pam Sardak, Ernest Ncugebauer

Class Midgets

Linda Andrulis, Sharon Morley

Class Giants

Kathy Impallaria, Mary Marley

Class Shyest

Carla Sutton, Anna O'Hara

Class Flirts

Andrea Estrada, Kathy Keane,
Miss Szponder

Class Playboys

Tony Hecht, Frank Slama

Class Bully

Larry Goshorn

Corniest Joke Teller

Mike Cain

Class Troublemaker

Regina Stankunavicius

Class Sneaks

Bob Carragher, Jim McHale

Class Boywatcher

Miss Otletwis

Class Banana

Vida Vitkauskas



The Editors



Linda Andrulis



Cheryl Burton



Michael Cain



Anita Cano



Robert Carragher



Rich Gorski



Lawrence Goshorn



Anthony Hecht



Caroline Hecht



Kathleen Impallaria



James McHale



Sharon Morley



Michael Nemeth



Ernest Neugebauer



Neri Tammy



Steven Rybarczyk



Allen Rydberg



Pamela Sardak



Wayne Savickas



Frank Slama

Graduating
Class



Vida Vitkauskas



Catherine Whittmore

of



Barbara
Connors



Geraldine
Duvick



Andrea
Estrada



James
Gardner



Raymond
Godinez



Aida
Jurgilas



Katherine
Keane



Doreen
Kohn



Ann
Lombardo



Mary
Marley



Anna
O'Hara



Sheila
Pasciak



Richard
Prusis



Bernadette
Robertson



Gerard
Rodriques



Theresa
Slawinski



Kathleen Snyder



Regina
Stankunavicius



Carla Sutton



Kathleen
Tulcja

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Theodore
Zekos



Miss
Otlewis

SUCCESS



GRADUATES



NAME

HOB BY

AMBITION

Linda Andrulis	Dancing	Computer Programmer
Cheryl Burton	Horseback Riding	Teacher
Mike Cain	Rebuilding Classic Cars	Building cars and racing
Anita Cano	Allen	Journalist
Bob Carragher	Diving	None
Barbara Connors	Horseback Riding	Airline Stewardess
Geri Duvick	Horseback Riding	Housewife
Andrea Estrada	Bike Riding	Neuro Surgeon
James Gardner	Building Models	Doctor
Ray Godinez	Girls	Movie Star
Rich Gorski	Track and Field	Football Player
Larry Goshorn	Beautiful Girls	Teacher
Caroline Hecht	Horseback Riding	Housewife
Tony Hecht	Electronics	Airline Pilot
Kathy Impallaria	Swimming	Housewife
Annie Lombardo	Sports	Clothes Designer
Aida Jurgilas	Volleyball and Softball	Secretary
Kathy Keane	Softball	Doctor
Doreen Kohn	Swimming	Housewife
Mary Marley	Bike Riding	Nurse
Jim McHale	Sleeping	Professional Bum
Sharon Morley	Volleyball	Teacher
Mike Nemeth	Cars	Dentist.
Tammy Neri	Softball	Housewife
Ernie Neugebauer	Girls	Playing Around
Sheila Paschiak	Dancing	Paramedic
Ann O'Hara	Sports	Teacher
Rich Prusis	Sports	Billionaire
Bernadette Robinson	Volleyball	Teacher
Gerard Rodriques	Wrestling	Wrestler
Steve Rybarczyk	Sports	Pro Hockey Player
Allen Rydberg	Sports	Basketball Player
Pam Sardak	Volleyball	Teacher
Wayne Savickas	Coin Collecting	Golf Player
Frank Slama	Auto Repair	Auto Mechanic
Teri Slawinski	Bobby C	Housewife
Kathy Snyder	Volleyball	Volleyball Instructor
Regina Stankunavicius	Camping	Dermatologist
Carla Sutton	Horseback Riding	To Help Animals
Kathie Tuleja	Gerard	Veterinarian
Vida Vitkauskas	Parties	First Class Banana
Cathy Whittemore	Danny Rodriguez	Volleyball Player
Ted Zekos	The "B" List or Karate	Photographer