



# McGavock Elementary Parent Bulletin

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## Going Green!

**Dr. Chris Marczak**  
Principal

Things have been going great since we came back from the Winter Break...well, at least the days that we have been here! I hope that you had an excellent break and your child is ready to rock and roll for the next 4.5 months!

We're going green! This newsletter is moving from a weekly newsletter to a bi-monthly newsletter. You can expect your next one to come on February 5<sup>th</sup>. I will also be sending the newsletter by e-mail to those who returned my e-mail request. If you did not get a chance to send me your e-mail, you can e-mail me at [christopher.marczak@mnps.org](mailto:christopher.marczak@mnps.org).

Thanks to all the parents who were able to come out for the AYP parent meeting and the NPT Reading workshop. We had a good time learning and eating some outstanding chili! Our next big event will be the Title I COPLA meeting for all of our Hispanic Parents on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will be hosting all of the Hispanic parents from the McGavock cluster. I am looking for a GREAT turnout from our parents-hint, hint.

I hope that you have a great two weeks and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything!

## INSIDE FEBRUARY EVENTS

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| <b>1st-12th</b> | Coke Sales                              |
| <b>8th-12th</b> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4th Grade ThinkLink |
| <b>9th</b>      | Family Math Night-6:00                  |
| <b>14th</b>     | Valentine's Day-kiss your loved ones!   |
| <b>15th</b>     | No School-President's Day               |
| <b>26th</b>     | Title I COPLA Mtg.-6:00                 |

## News Around Nashville

*Ways to get actively involved in education*

If you haven't thought about it, summer is not too far away. On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a summer camp fair at Cool Springs Mall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Many of the camps will have free information and giveaways, including Camp Invention which is at many MNPS schools.

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools currently uses the Connect-Ed call out system. You should receive automated messages from the district for events such as inclement weather, reports from our school, your child's absence or tardiness from McGavock, special messages from Dr. Marczak, and special messages from the district. Please make sure that we have your most current phone number so that these important messages can reach you. Feel free to write it and send it to school with your child.

## Raising Children of Character

**Chris Marczak, Ed.D.**  
Assistant Principal

Dr. Kevin Ryan, from Boston University, states that raising "good" children takes much time and attention. Being a good parent is more complicating than a lot of people think. A lot of people, especially those without children, think they are super parents. Here's what Dr. Ryan suggests:

1. **Put parenting first**-with so many competing demands in our world, good parents plan for their children first and follow through with what they plan to do.
2. **Think about how you spend your hours in the day**-how much time do you spend with your children? Involve your children in your daily activities as much as possible.
3. **Be a good example**-children learn by modeling. You can't avoid being a good role model, either good or bad. Just try to do your best.