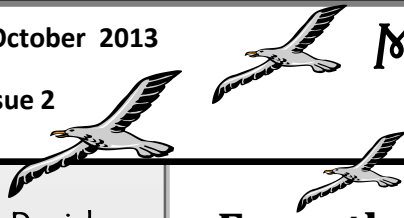


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**Our Mission**

*McDonald Elementary School will provide every student with a multi-faceted curriculum challenging students to reach their maximum potential and be productive in a global society.*

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## From the Principals' Offices . . .

**From the Principals' Offices...**September has been a busy month. We have completed MAP testing and teachers will be using this data to determine how to help your child progress in reading and math. We have a new math series this year titled **My Math**. It is correlated

with the National Common Core Math Standards. Students are not just learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide but also how to apply these operations to problem solving application questions. We are encouraging our students to read 20 minutes each

evening because research supports how this little bit of practice each day increases a child's ability to read and understand vocabulary. We encourage all parents to keep in contact with your child's teacher(s) and be aware of what they are learning and practicing at home.

## What's happening at our school . . .

**The Healthy Slushy PTO Fundraiser:**

"The Healthy Slushy" made of 100% natural fruit juice. They are delicious and nutritious. Slushy will be on sale for \$1.00 per cup. **Every Thursday for Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and every Friday for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade during lunch.**



**DOMINO'S NIGHT IS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**Nurse News:**

**Important Reminder:** SC law now requires that, no over-the-counter medications can be administered without a prescription. Students should not bring medications to school. All medications must be brought by the parent or legal guardian. If your child requires an over-the-counter or prescription medication at school, please ask your health care provider to write an order for school administration of the medication.



## School Calendar

**Important Dates:**

**October**

- 7-8 PTO/Book Fair/Health Fair
- 9 Walk to School Day
- 17 National Earthquake Drill
- 23 End of 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks
- 25 **No School**
- 29 **Fall Festival/Trick or Treat Event**
- 30 Report Cards Go Home

**November**

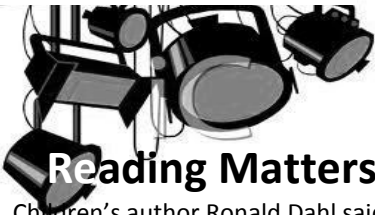
- 11 **Veteran's Day - No School**
- 18-22 American Education Week
- 27-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday - No School**

**Special Weeks:**

- Oct. 14 - 18 National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 14- 18 National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 23 - 31 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 24-Nov. 14 CogAT testing

**October - Fire Safety Month**  
National Bullying Prevention Month





**Reading Matters...**

Children's author Ronald Dahl said, "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

**Summer Reading Program Finalists**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Anthony Heideman    | Kaylyn Johnson   |
| Callie Small        | Audra Nesbit     |
| Kolby Locklear      | Tre Stanley      |
| Madison Small       | Hunter Gray      |
| Liam Chatman        | Haley Wise       |
| Nicolas Goins       | Avery Grate      |
| Naomi Reed          | Jaheim Holmes    |
| Austin Nesbit       | Tabitha Anderson |
| Taylor Walsh        | Kenneth Simmons  |
| Terry Reed          | Aaliyah Jones    |
| Ty Stanley          | Halima Smith     |
| Abigail Sessions    | Destini Simon    |
| Willie Grate        | George Long      |
| Joshua Johnson      | Trace Shannon    |
| Brianna Fulton      | Jada Lewis       |
| Shavon McGee        | Logan Locklear   |
| Arvionne Hemmingway | Zaria Blain      |

**Author of the Month  
September**



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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Arianna Tyler   | Kinsley Pope      |
| Sarah Cannon    | Nyzarian Thompson |
| Kenneth Simmons | Jakaisha Linen    |
| Timber Wilder   | Justin Lambert    |
| Nehemiah Humes  | Logan Locklear    |
| Shania Browne   | Jaylen Washington |
| Janasia Duncan  | Heaven Cook       |
| Kenisha Snow    | Josiah Smalls     |
| Nichole Green   | Jamyia Bromell    |
| Brianna Fulton  | Shantal Cervantes |
| Teaonna Gibson  | Miranda Lewis     |
| Jeremiah Dawson | Audra Nesbit      |
| Mahki McCray    | Aaliyah Jones     |
| Jacklyn Aguilar | Brianna Taylor    |
| Ethan Blocher   | Lucas McNeeley    |

**Students of the Week**

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|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Sept. 3-6</b><br>Bradley White<br>Nicolas Goins<br>DaMareun Holmes<br>Shania Browne<br>Ziare Barrentine<br>K'ary Henry<br>Jackson Hodges<br>Richard Alarcon<br>Murphy McClellan<br>Gillian Parham<br>Zyair Smalls<br>Jacklyn Aguilar<br>Dajuonna Mitchell<br>Rakwone Brunson<br>Karrie Northrup<br>Charlie Burroughs<br>Kaylyn Johnson<br>Trenton Bryant<br>Jakhia Strickland<br>Heaven Humes<br>Jonathan Geathers<br>Kyan Johnson | <br>Pablo Aguilar<br>Stormy Blythe<br>Sean Thomas<br>Ariel Baker<br>Houston Skidmore<br>AnnMarie Cribb<br><b>Sept. 9-13</b><br>Nasario Taylor<br>Nicara Kirkland<br>Aunesly McCray<br>Kemberson Todd<br>Kanya Wilson<br>Madelyn Wilson<br>D'anta Washigton<br>Jennifer Hernandez<br>Kaylean Stone<br>Ania McBride<br>Teaonna Gibson<br>Conner Smith<br>Adam Moore<br>O'Letta Wilson<br>Alivia Gillyard<br>Averianna Collins | <br>Deandia Willis<br>Kristian Graham<br>Ryan Holt<br>Paige Brown<br>Madison Small<br>Hailey Swails<br>Kylah Jordan<br>Zandrea Baker<br>Ay'Shona Coffield<br>Haley Wise<br>Kamiya Henry<br>Sept. 16-20<br>Austin Nesbit<br>Ronald Smith<br>Ebony Moultrie<br>Alayna Smith<br>Demetria Brunson<br>Hannah Bridges<br>Quandri Aiken<br>Arvionne Hemingway<br>Evelyn Alarcon<br>Khalid Johnson<br>Ny'Jiah Simmons | <br>Hailey Gray<br>Ari Linen<br>Montreil Davis<br>Miracle Graham<br>Raiin Dunlap<br>Lalavria Dunlap<br>Bobbie Sykes<br>Aaleiya Winns<br>Logan Locklear<br>Terry Reed<br>Jermiah McNeal<br>Mallory Ray<br>Brandon Aguilar<br>CJ Brown<br>Samantha Brown<br>Tyler Smalls<br>Brianna Taylor |
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**Character of the Month**

**First Tee Character Trait: Respect:** to show consideration for the feelings and rights of yourself, others, and the world around you.

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Kaiden Michau     | Kyleigh Crawford | Kashiya Snow      |
| Sarah Cannon      | Jaiden Smith     | Jakaisha Linen    |
| Naomi Reed        | Trinity Greene   | Logan Locklear    |
| D'ante Washington | Kyan Johnson     | Halima Smith      |
| Jayden Tisdale    | Jasmine Knox     | Evelyn Alarcon    |
| Sean Thomas       | Richard Alarcon  | Adam Moore        |
| Sierra Self       | Christian Davis  | Breanna Shubrick  |
| Jonathan Geathers | Murphy McClellan | Jaylen Washington |
| Ziare Barrentine  | Deontae Barron   |                   |
| Pablo Aguilar     | Jamie Bellamy    |                   |
| Miracle Graham    | Da'Jua Mitchell  |                   |

Save the Date for our

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival**

to be held on October 29. Be on the look-out for more details!

**Bus Safety**

- Safety is very important on school buses.
- It is a privilege for your child to ride the bus. Please encourage your children to listen to the driver and be quiet on the bus as they travel to and from school.
- Students who break the rules will be suspended from riding the bus. (GCSDB Handbook for Parents and Students, p.11)



**Please Join PTO**

Your family can join PTO for only \$3 per family! Although it doesn't seem like much, every membership matters and helps do many things for our school. Please join today.

**\*\*If you are interested or know someone who would like to be nominated to serving as our PTO Secretary, please submit all names to the front office.**