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# the MCGRATH *Knights*

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## Upcoming Events:

- 2/2 Booster Club Taco Dinner
- 2/5 Spelling Bee
- 2/15-19 MS/HS Basketball Clinic
- 2/18 IASD Prom
- 2/19-21 JNYO State Competition
- 2/22-23 IASD In Service



## ✧ Happy New Year! ✧

### NATIVE TRADITIONS WEEK

2010 started off with a fun filled week of Native and cultural traditions.

Students learned about traplines and pelts from Kevin Whitworth and Steve Kovach.

Dara Whitworth and Kristi Bullock shared skijoring techniques.

Many experts stopped by to help with beaver mitts. A hearty thank you to: Melody Strick, Sharon G. Strick, Grace Holmberg, Nancy Vanderpool, Agnes Jackson and Joyce Turner. Clara Diemientieff spent many hours before Christmas ordering supplies and cutting out pattern pieces.

No traditions week can go without fry bread and Agutak. Gracie and Nancy made sure that yummy recipes were tried in the classroom.

Agnes Jackson taught Native dance and mask construction. Julie Gregory's dance



Clara and Agnes teach beaver mitt sewing.

fans were a big hit. Donna Mac reminded us of the good ole days, when the *Virginia Reel* was the happening dance.

The week ended with an afternoon gathering of food and dance. It was awesome to see Takotna and McGrath students perform for the community. What a great way to start the new year.



## Congratulations 3rd-4th Grade Class!

Danyka, Katie, Cherish and Emma represented McGrath School in the districtwide **Alaska Battle of the Books** meet. They won the battle and will compete against other school districts across the state in two weeks! You go, girls!



## *LEGO Robotics Trip*

### **Anchorage Robot Rendezvous**

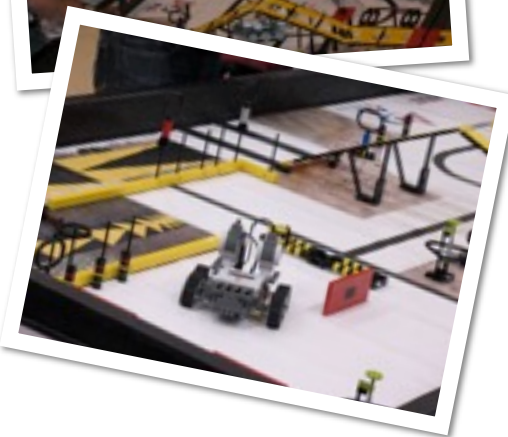
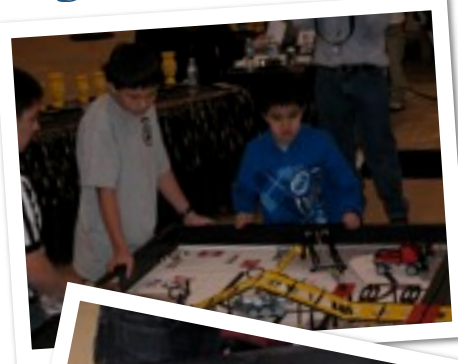
Go Skiddles and Cu Cu Cachoos!

On January 16th, 2010, the Skiddles and Cu Cu Cachoos participated in the First Lego League (FLL) Competition held at Dimond High School. It was a full day filled with robot matches.

The morning schedule included project presentations, teamwork interviews, design interviews and pit time. The afternoon was filled with robot matches.

The **Skiddles** team scored well in project presentation. They shared "Asphalting Roads in McGrath" to four judges. **The Cu Cu Cachoos!** improved dramatically in their robot performance. They went from 95 points to 235 points.

Both teams were sponsored by the McGrath Booster Club, McGrath School and Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) . Thanks for your support!



## *Geography Bee Winners*

### **Kindergarten**

Alyssa Deacon  
Kendra Chase  
Axel Holmberg

### **First**

Ivory Lyman  
Sierra Bobby  
Joshua Gregory  
Lucas Gallegos

### **Second**

Aurora Standish  
Emily Deacon  
Rachel Carpenter  
Saige Groover  
Jeremiah Hooper

### **Third**

Leemar Bye  
Katherine Chase  
Harlan Standish

### **Fourth**

Justin Rosander

### **Sixth**

Haylee Desmarais

### **Seventh**

Kaelen Rosander



# Happy 100s Day!

Monday, January 25, marks the hundredth day in school. Kindergarten, first and second graders celebrated by turning 100 things into art. Necklaces of macaroni, beads and Gummi bears hung from the walls.

Lucas's 100 water bottle robot was voted "favorite" and "most unusual".

Only 80 more days!



## Quarter 2 "A" Honor Roll

**HS**  
Erin Norback

## Quarter 2 "A/B" Honor Roll

<b>1st-2nd</b>	<b>3rd-4th</b>	<b>5th-8th</b>
Rachel	Cherish	Christine
Aurora	Katherine	Kaelen
Emily	Anthony	Alicia
Jeremiah	Harlan	Eva
Lucas	Desiree	Tristen
Joshua		



## *Vibrant Art*

By K-1-2

We tried to make Alaska animals using the style of Native artist, Alvin Amason.



## It's Tool Time!

Wayne Weber, from Ohio, is our second semester Vocational Education teacher. He enjoys woodworking and welding. He works with K-12 students. Welcome to our shop.



Alejandra (Alex) Rios teaches Spanish to K-12 students, Monday through Wednesday. Muchas gracias!