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the MCGRATH *Knights*

NOVEMBER KNIGHTS! NOVEMBER KNIGHTS! NOVEMBER KNIGHTS!



✧ Happy Thanksgiving! ✧

GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE

The McGrath School put on its annual Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration. Pumpkin pies and various cream pies were baked by the home economics class. 21 turkeys were cooked the night before. Thank goodness they were cooked after school. The rich smells would have tortured the staff and students.



An edible vegetable arrangement

Upcoming Events:

- 11/28 McGrath Booster Club:
Shopper's Fair
- 12/1 McGrath Science Fair
- 12/2 2 pm Science Fair Winners
Community Invited
- 12/2 IASD Science Fair
- 12/10 Celebration Tea
- 12/12 Community Shopper's Fair
- 12/17 Christmas Play
- 12/18 End of Quarter 2
End of Semester 1
- 12/19 Holiday Begins



Miss Christine's class created clever turkey baskets to hold napkins and rolls. They were very festive and brightened up the room. The K-1-2 class sang a variety of songs to the community.

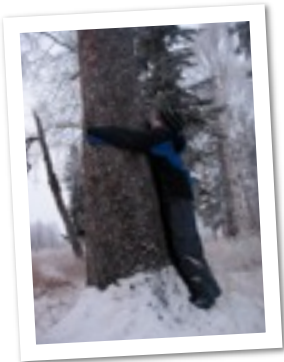
Afterwards, guests stood in the buffet line and chattered with those around them. It turned out to be a pleasant afternoon filled with laughter and good cheer.



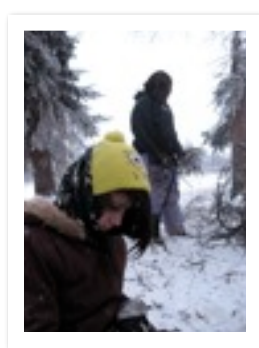
It's hard to believe that it is that time of year again! The McGrath Booster Club sponsored the first Shopper's Fair of the season on Saturday, two days after Thanksgiving and 27 days before Christmas.

Indian Tacos sold out, Santa made an appearance, and children decorated cookies.

Thanks to everyone who donated ingredients for Indian Tacos, baked goods for the cake walk, gave raffle items and offered their valuable time. Your support is appreciated.



ALISON



Saturday School! Yep, middle school students and one high school student showed up to set up ALISON.

On November 21st, the students headed over to Clam Lake to set up the twitt and transect. The Twitt measures the thickness of the ice and the transect is a line of stakes. Snow depth and temperature are measured at each stake.

We were able to set up the twitt, but we couldn't set the stakes. The drill bit tragically fell into the lake! We plan on using a chain saw to set up the rest of the project Thanksgiving weekend.

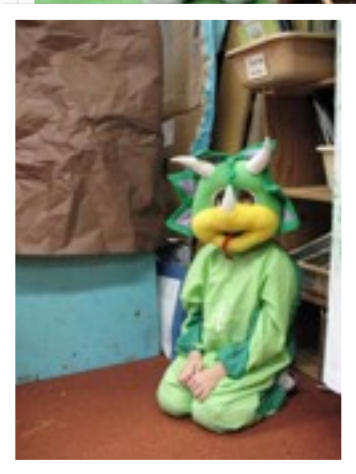
A special thanks to George Jackson and Richard and Sharon Strick for providing snow machines.

If you would like to see past data go to:

<http://www.gi.alaska.edu/alison/>



Little Grunt and the Big Egg!



The crowd oohed and awed! The volcano rumbled, rocks flew through the air, and the dinosaur saved the day.

The K-1-2 class took us back to a time long ago when dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Yes, it's an anachronism, but who can resist the charms of cute little cave men and women being saved by George...Georgina, the friendly herbivore. The play was a tremendous success!



LEGO Robotics Update



Interviews and surveys dominate the LEGO projects. With so little time it is difficult to program and research. But, the teams are learning how to communicate with each other and delegate the tasks. It's a slow process, but one that teaches team building.

Go Skiddles and Cu Cu Cachoos!



Home Economics Class



The MS/HS Home Economics class learned to frost cakes and cupcakes. They even decorated a lucky cake for Mrs. Burcar's birthday, Friday the 13th.



After examining the work of Charles Mason, 3-4th grade students made a humorous photo collage by combining multiple images and unifying them with charcoal to help imitate black and white photography.



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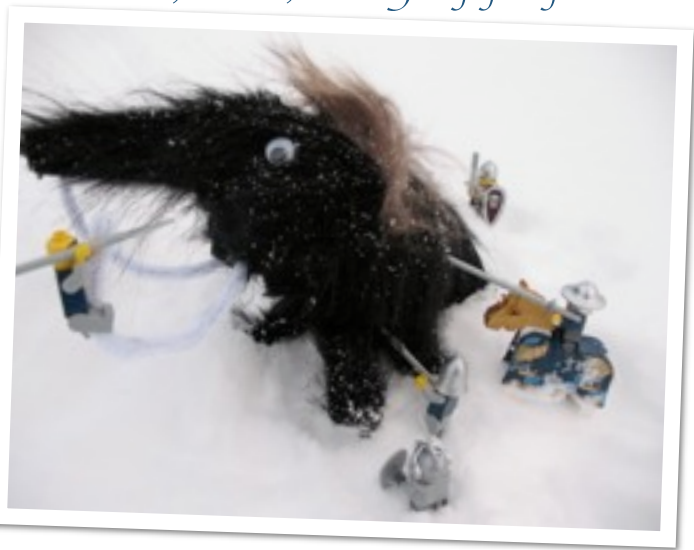
Mondrian Trees

Miss Christine's class learned about artist Piet Mondrian who painted trees all his life in different styles. Students then painted an abstract tree in the style of Mondrian.



Tusks, Hair, and Googly Eyes!

Parent Survey Results



Parents were asked at Parent/Teacher Conferences to complete a survey, prioritizing the five top areas they want addressed at McGrath School. Below are the results:

The K-1-2 class made fuzzy little mammoths. One was unfortunately attacked by marauding knights.

- 1st-** Reading (15)
- 2nd-** Math (14)
- 3rd-** Writing (12)
- 4th-** Parent Involvement (10)
- 5th-** Tribal History/Heritage (9)
- 6th-** Speaking Skills (7)
Drug/Alcohol Prevention (7)
- 7th-** Science (6)
- 8th-** Technology Skills (5)
Drop Out Prevention (5)