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November 2009



Oct. 28	FAST-sponsored Donuts with Dad, 2nd Grade 7:15 a.m.
Oct. 29-30	NO School , Teacher Convention
Nov. 2-5	WKCE Testing 5th Grade
Nov. 6	NO School for students, teacher end-of-quarter work day
Nov. 9	NO School for students, Professional Development Day
Nov. 10	Book Fair Night for parents @ Elementary Campus
Nov. 10	Common night for Parent/Teacher Conferences @ CE/Primary
Nov. 10-13	Parent/Teacher Conference Week @ Elementary Campus
Nov. 10—13	Book Fair Week @ Elementary Campus
Nov. 10-19	WKCE Testing 4th Grade
Nov. 11	WIS Veteran's Day celebration 1:45 p.m. WIS Gym
Nov. 12	Early Childhood Open House 6-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Playtime Productions 7pm at IMMS Cafetorium
Nov. 15-20	American Education Week
Nov. 16-19	WKCE Testing 3rd Grade
Nov. 18	WIS Report Cards go home
Nov. 18	Stoughton Norwegian Dancers @ WIS 10 a.m.
Nov. 18	Market Day Pick-up @ CEELC from 4:30-6 p.m.
Nov. 20	K-8 Family Science Night @ WIS 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	WIS Jump Rope for Heart
Nov. 25	Donuts with Dad @ CEELC 7:15-8 a.m.
Nov. 26-27	NO School, Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 5	PTO Book Sale

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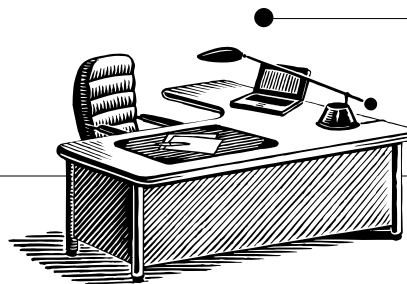
Attachments

- Early Years
- Basketball Registration 1st and 2nd grade
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- Playtime Productions
- E.D. Locke Public Library News
- The Skating Company
- Cub Scouts Flyer
- November Open Pool
- November Lunch Menu

Community Veterans' Day Program
Wednesday, November 11
1:45 pm
Waubesa Intermediate School



Please join us for our annual Veterans' Day program.
All veterans, families, and community members are invited.



From the Desk of Tom Mooney

CEELC/PRIMARY NEWS

Parent-Teacher Conferences

If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact the school as soon as possible to inform your child's teacher for a change in conference date/time.

Cold Weather and Dress

As the weather turns colder over the next few weeks and months, please monitor your child's outerwear before he/she leaves home in the morning to make sure he/she is dressed appropriately for outside recess. As a reminder, children go outside for recess unless the temperature and wind-chill drops to -6 degrees below zero or colder.

Confirmation

If your child requires a change in

after-school arrangements, including transportation, the school can only comply with the change if the school has either written confirmation from a parent or there is telephone contact with the school requesting a change.

Wanted: Children's Size Sweatpants

Do you have any children's size sweatpants (sizes for children ranging from 4-8 years of age) that you are no longer using and are gently used? The school always can use extra pairs of sweatpants to provide to children if a child has an accident while at school. Please send any donations to the school office.

Volunteer Opportunity

Opportunities include assisting in the cafeteria, supervising hallways and/or assisting with supervision on the playground. If you are interested in volunteering during the noon hour at C.E. Early Learning Center please contact Tom Mooney at 838-4602

Halloween Costumes

Please note the following practice on the Elementary Campus in regards to wearing Halloween costumes at/to school:

Kindergarten: Children bring their costumes to school and participate in a Halloween parade in the CE gym on October 28th.

1st & 2nd Grade: Wearing of Halloween costumes isn't allowed.

PARKING NOTICE

(September 3, 2009)

TO SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY ACROSS THE ELEMENTARY CAMPUS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Vehicles parked anywhere along curbing that is painted yellow on the school grounds will be ticketed by the McFarland Police Department.

Unattended vehicles parked in the student drop-off zone on Johnson Street will be ticketed.

Vehicles driving through playground areas when children are present will be ticketed.

Vehicles that maneuver around parked school buses located between the two buildings at school dismissal time will be ticketed.

Your understanding and cooperation in keeping our children safe is expected and much appreciated.



WAUBESA NEWS

It's hard to believe, but the first quarter will be ending on Nov. 6th. On that day, your child will not have school as teachers will use the day to create lesson plans for the upcoming units, grade final papers, projects and tests from the quarter, and begin entering grades on report cards. First quarter report cards will be sent home on Nov. 18th.

On November 9 students will also not have school as the teachers use the day for Professional Development. During the

day teachers will meet with other teachers across grade levels to discuss curriculum K-12, meet with their teaching teams to discuss student data and work on our School Improvement Goals. Finally, they will have some time to continue training on our new student management system, Infinite Campus, which includes our new report card software.

As we start the second quarter, you can help us by keeping your son or daughter's recently set goals in a prominent location at

home. We will try to do the same here at school. Setting goals is an important skill, yet using those goals to guide our actions and decisions is even more critical.

The staff at Waubesa is pleased with the start of the school year and we look forward to continuing to work with you. Feel free to come in and visit in the classroom or to just stop by to talk.

Sue Murphy,
Principal



STUDENT COUNCIL EVENT

This month, our student council will be sponsoring a service project for UNICEF. On Wed., October 28, students will receive a UNICEF box. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF is committed to empowering children to make a real difference in the lives of their peers in need

around the world. Donations will help UNICEF get water, education, and medicine to children. Waubesa School promotes these types of service projects so our students understand the importance of helping others.

Brrr, It's Cold Out Here

Fall is here and there is a nip in the air. Please remember that your children will be outside multiple times each day for recess. It is a good idea for them to start bringing jackets, hats, and gloves to school **everyday**.

APPRECIATIONS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent-teacher-student goal setting conferences. This excellent communication opportunity allows us to work together to move every student forward academically, socially, and emotionally. The conferences also give students a chance to work on the developmental asset of Planning and Decision Making.

Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- Assist with our Homework Club that runs after school Monday through Thursday, 2:50-3:45pm If interested, please contact Sue Murphy at 838-4601
- Serve as a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade parent representative on our WIS Council. The

Council meets one Wednesday afternoon a month from 3-4 pm. In council meetings we make decisions on how best to operate our school. If interested, please contact Sue Murphy @ 838-4601.

WAUBESA NEWS CONT.

After School Clubs:

Waubesa School is looking to offer some after school clubs and we would love to have your help. Permission slips for a Thursday Science Club just went home. If you are interested in leading another club or helping with the Science Club please contact Sue Murphy at 838-4601 or go to the Waubesa School website, download an After School Volunteer Form and send it with your son or daughter to school.

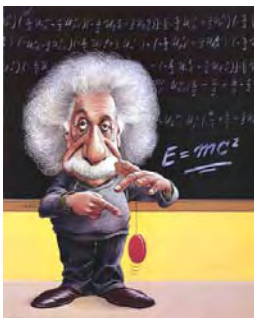


WKCE Testing:

3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be completing the state tests in November. Please check the calendar of events for the dates for each grade level. Recently, letters were sent home with information about the testing. We do know that students perform better on these tests if they get a good night's sleep the night before the exam and eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. Additionally, we request that any appointments be scheduled for outside the testing times as all tests must be made up within a limited testing window.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

All K-8 students and their families are invited to a Family Science Night sponsored by Bio-Core Outreach Ambassadors. This hands on activity night will explore physics, astronomy, and biology. This event will be held at Waubesa Intermediate School on Friday, November 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome!



Host-A-Family (HAF) is a non-profit charitable organization that has been in existence for 16 years. We help families in need that live in Belleville, Cambridge, Deerfield, McFarland, Oregon and Stoughton, especially during the holiday season. If you are interested in becoming a host for the 2009 gift-giving event, please contact Kathy Pike, Program Coordinator, via email at hostafamily@charter.net or at 333-8138. Once the family match is made, hosts receive a family profile that provides information about each family member and suggestions for gifts. Thanks for considering making a family's holiday season a little merrier!!



PTO NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to McFarland Primary School!!!!

When: November 10-13, 2009
 Time: Nov. 10 8 am – 3:30 pm
 Nov. 11 8 am – 4 pm
 Nov. 12 8 am – 4 pm
 Where: McFarland Primary School
 Parent Night: Tuesday, Nov. 10 4 pm – 8 pm

**Please note that the Waubesa Book Fair will be held in Spring 2010.*



1 Cookbook = 125 Points



Give the perfect holiday gift and earn "Campbell's Labels for Education" points for our schools !
 For every cookbook/recipe box that is purchased, our schools will receive 125 Labels For Education points. That's equivalent to collecting 125 soup can labels. Check out the following website www.LFEcookbooks.com.

CASH FOR TRASH

Congratulations on a very successful first contest! Together, grades K-5 were able to collect more than 45,120 items of Box Tops, Campbell's labels, Milk Caps & Tyson labels. The winners of the K-2 contest were the Second Graders bringing in an average of 47 items per student. The winners of the 3-5 contest were the Third Graders bringing in an average of 24 items per student. Everyone did an awesome job!

Remember, additional collection sheets for Box Tops, Campbells and Milk Caps can be found on the McFarland PTO website within the Fundraising tab on the Cash For Trash page.

Check out the progress thermometers at each of the schools in the cafeterias. We are well

on our way to meeting our goal of 112,400!! Our next contest will end on January 29th, so keep bringing in that trash. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers that helped us with the counting:

- Becky Blakeslee
- Jenny Quinlan
- Lisa Haefner
- Mary Gothard
- Jessica Karls
- Allison Putnam
- Heather Snyder
- Amy Bexson
- Tanya Kohn
- Nina R. Nordness
- Mary Kopp
- Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein
- Molly Pursian
- Rebecca Gray

The Buzz Books are Coming!
 For those of you that pre-paid on Registration Day, look for your copy of this year's Buzz Book in your child's backpack within the next couple of weeks. If you didn't pre-pay and would like one, please visit the school office. Thank you for your patience.

Check out the PTO website
www.mcfarlandpto.com
for more PTO news!

PTO NEWS CONTINUED

We Need You!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Scholastic Book Fair at the McFarland Primary School Nov. 10-13, 2009. Please contact Ken Landolt at mcfarlandptovolunteerco-ord@gmail.com to sign-up.

The PTO is looking for a Co-Chair for the Teacher Appreciation Committee. You would be joining Lisa Clark in helping with: Spring Conference meals for WIS and CEELC/MPS
Organizing teacher treats in May for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Please contact Wendy Eccles via wendy.eccles@gmail.com or call 838-8140 if you are interested. Time commitment is medium and the teachers really appreciate it!

Playtime Productions::

It is time for another play put on by PlayTime Productions. It is The Little Matchgirl.. PlayTime Productions is a children's theatre group that travels to many schools, The Stoughton Opera House, The Overture Center and other big venues. Come see the show, have refreshments, have your child's picture taken with the cast and have some fun. Come see McFarland's own Laina MacDonald, Krystal Goban, and Dylan Goban act in the play. There will be free ticket giveaways the week of the play. Two from each class in K-5 will win tickets to see the show.

Don't miss:

**The Little Matchgirl
November 13
Indian Mound Middle School**

7:00 PM

Sponsored by the PTO



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."

Elizabeth Andrew

PTO APPRECIATIONS

Thank You, Thank You.....

- to Mary Kopp, Anna Kopp, Staci Fritz and Susan at the high school office. They were all invaluable in getting the PTO pink handbooks copied.
- to Amy Gonzalez, Jane Butcher and Sharon Strattan for their assistance with Picture Re-Take Day at CEELC, MPS and WIS

MARKET DAY

What's for Dessert? Market Day pies, cheesecakes and individual desserts – and they're the perfect end to your holiday meal!

When you purchase Market Day desserts during November, you help our schools earn extra profit. You'll also earn a FREE 12 oz bag of coffee with the purchase of 3 desserts! Order today and help us reach our goal of 500 desserts and help us earn \$2000 for our schools. The classroom that purchases the most qualifying desserts will receive their holiday party catered by Market Day! We've raised \$1,038.31 so far this year with our Market Day fundraiser

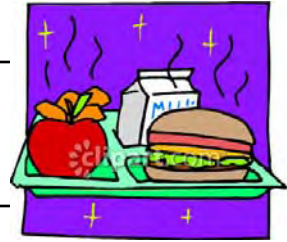
Volunteers Welcome! Market Day is always looking for new volunteers.

Please call me if you're interested in helping. Sue Chandler—838-4997

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping with Market Day pick-up in October:

Amy Consolatti	Luessman Family
Lisa Aubey	Chris Olson
Jane Butcher	Amy Bexson
Kelly Kuebli	Popelka Family
Amy Lawrence	Newcomer Family
Quinn Trudell	Sean Braun
Chandler Family	Jennifer Braun
Ziehr Family	Claire Johnson
Allison Putnam	Emma Johnson
Lynn Cassini	Richardson Family

FROM THE LUNCHROOM



1- a veggie burger will be offered on days when burgers are on the menu

2-a reminder that families are encouraged to apply for meal assistance any time throughout the school year if they feel they may qualify.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART					
For School Year 2009-2010					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$835	\$771	\$386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
Each Additional person:	6,919	577	289	267	134

Learn to Skate with the Skaters Edge Fall sessions starts Sunday, Nov 15 at the McFarland Ice Arena For info call Jeff at 241-7509 or 669-1903

LEARN TO SKATE
 This winter with
THE SKATING COMPANY!
 McFarland's *Original*
 Learn to Skate Program!
 Classes begin Sat. Nov. 14!
 *See attached flyer for details

Early Years

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KID BITS



Right or left?

Does your child understand *right* and *left*? You can give him practice by using the words in everyday conversations. For example, you might say, "Put the fork on the left side of the plate. The spoon goes on the right." Or give him practice with fun instructions, such as "Raise your right hand" or "Touch your left ear."

Borrowing etiquette

Teach your youngster to be a good borrower. If a friend lends her a DVD, remind her to keep it in a safe place so it won't get scratched or lost. Explain that she should care for it the way she would want her things cared for. Then her friend will be more likely to lend her something again.

Handwriting practice

Encourage your child to practice printing letters. Hang up several poster boards and use a ruler and pencil to make horizontal lines. Every day, have your youngster add a row of uppercase and lowercase letters for a different letter of the alphabet, starting with A. In 26 days, he'll have his own alphabet posters—and better handwriting.

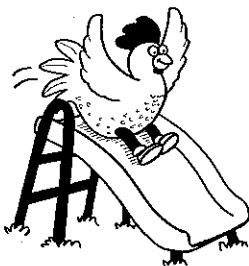
Worth quoting

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." *Mother Teresa*

Just for fun

Q: Why did the chicken cross the playground?

A: To get to the other slide.



Animal fun

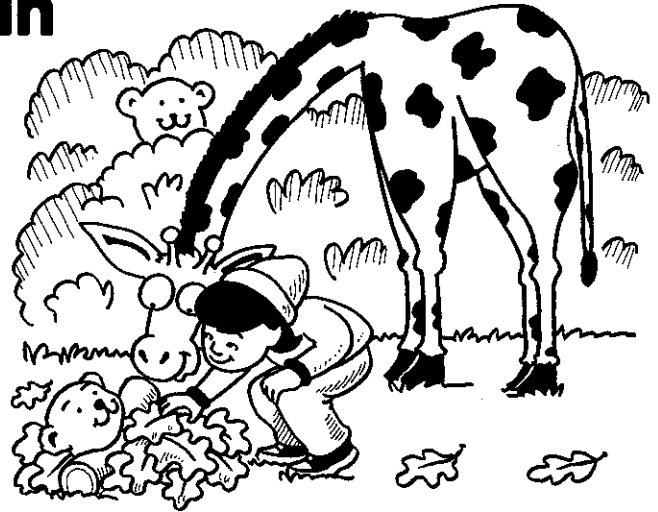
Squirrels, snakes, bunnies... favorite animals can bring out the scientist in your youngster. Together, try these hands-on activities so she can explore animal habits.

Camouflage

Hide two stuffed animals outside to show your child how camouflage works. Put a brown one by a tree and a brightly colored one in a bush. Which one does she spot more easily? Then, let her hide them for you to find. Explain that some animals protect themselves by blending in with their surroundings. For example, green or brown forest creatures hide among the trees, and polar bears blend in with the snow.

Movement

Can your youngster swim like a fish or fly like an eagle? Not really, but she can pretend! Animals move in different ways, depending on their homes and their bodies. Ask your child to tell you how her favorite animals get around.



Then have her try out the movements to see which one gets her across your living room the fastest. She might slither like a snake, hop like a rabbit, and gallop like a horse.

Tracks

Animals leave footprints in dirt, sand, and snow. Find a trail outside and search for tracks, or look at pictures in books or online (try *Big Tracks*, *Little Tracks* by Millicent Selsam or www.bear-tracker.com). Let your child use what she learns to make animal tracks in clay. She might create tiny chicken tracks with a toothpick or make bear paw prints with her palm and fingers. ♥

Household safety tips

It takes teamwork to keep everyone in your home safe. Here are some ways to get your child involved:

- Make checking the batteries in your smoke detectors a family routine. On the first day of each month, let your youngster turn the calendar to a new page, and then test the alarm.
- Show your child how to dial 911 in an emergency. If you don't have a home phone, always keep your cell phone in the same spot so he can find it easily.
- Teach your youngster to report safety hazards. If he sees a knife, pill, or lighter lying around, he should avoid touching it and let you know right away. ♥



Attention, please

Children who know how to pay attention will learn more and do better in school. Help build your youngster's attention span with these ideas.

Target interests. Notice what he is interested in. For instance, does he like to watch trucks at construction sites or pick out books about sports at the library? Then, use his interests to help him practice focusing for increasing amounts of time. You might



ask him to count trucks while you're in the car or to keep score at a community basketball game.

Use a timer. Setting a kitchen timer can help your child stay on task. For example, say, "Let's set the timer for 10 minutes and see what you can make with Legos." Or have him take out craft supplies and make a project in 20 minutes.

Play games. Get your child used to sitting for longer periods of time by playing card games together. Start with quick games like Fish, and build up to Gin Rummy or War. *Tip:* Be sure to play until the game is over. ♥

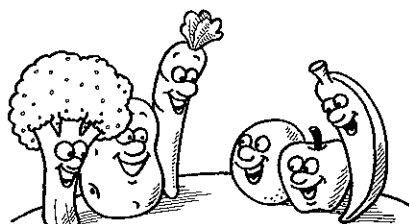
ACTIVITY CORNER Analogy action



Fill in the blank: *Carrot is to vegetable as apple is to ____.* (Answer: fruit)

Play the "analogy game" with your child, and you'll help sharpen her critical-thinking and word skills—and get her ready for standardized tests a few years from now.

To begin, explain that analogies are a way to compare words. Try opposites at first: *Light is to dark* the same way that *fast is to ____* (slow). Ask your youngster to think of two sets of opposites and give you an analogy to solve.



Next, play with objects and categories. She can think of two objects (doll, sweater) and the categories they belong in (toys, clothes). Then, she can give you the analogy: *Doll is to toy as sweater is to ____* (clothes).

Tip: This is a great game to play in the car or while waiting in line. ♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Parent-teacher conferences

Lately, my daughter Taylor had been crying and saying she didn't want to go to school. I wasn't sure how to mention this at her school conference without sounding like I was blaming the teacher.

My friend, who has four kids, told me to keep in mind that the teacher and I are a team. So I told Mrs. Kerr, "Taylor cries to stay home. What can we do?"

Mrs. Kerr thought Taylor was reluctant to leave me but said she's fine once she's busy at school. She encouraged me to visit the classroom to see for myself. Then, Mrs. Kerr suggested that each morning before school I remind Taylor of the fun activities I saw her doing.

It's working—my daughter seems happier about going to school. And I'm glad that her teacher and I could work together to solve this problem. ♥



Q & A

Ready to read

Q: My five-year-old son is just starting to read some words, but my five-year-old niece is reading entire books already. Should I be concerned?

A: Just as children walk at different ages, they learn to read at different rates, too. At this age, some youngsters are just learning the letters of the alphabet. Others can read a few words, and some can read whole stories.

The most important thing you can do is teach your son

to enjoy books. Keep books handy (in the living room, near his toys), and read aloud to him every day. Let him choose a story, and have him hold it and turn the pages. As you read, run your finger under the words so he'll see that the letters relate to the sounds.

Enjoying read-aloud time will help your son prepare for the day when he'll be reading all by himself. ♥



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Early Years

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NOTAS BREVES

¿Derecha o izquierda?

¿Entiende su hijo los conceptos de *derecha* e *izquierda*? Procure usar estos términos en las conversaciones cotidianas. Por ejemplo, podría decirle: "Coloca el tenedor a la izquierda del plato. La cuchara se pone a la derecha". Practiquen también con instrucciones como: "Levanta la mano derecha" o "Tócate la oreja izquierda".

Préstamos con buenos modales

Enseñe a su hija a tratar bien lo que pida prestado. Si una amiga le presta un DVD, recuérdale que lo guarde en un sitio seguro para que no se raye ni se extravíe. Explíquelo que debería cuidarlo como querría que los demás trataran sus cosas. Así su amiga no tendrá inconveniente en prestarle algo más en el futuro.

Práctica con la escritura

Anime a su hijo a que practique escribir con letra de imprenta. Cuelgue de la pared varias cartulinas gruesas y trace en ellas rayas horizontales con regla y papel. Diga a su hijo a diario que añada una raya de letras mayúsculas y minúsculas para cada letra del abecedario, empezando con la A. A los 26 días tendrá su propio cartel del abecedario y mejor caligrafía.

Vale la pena citar

"Es fácil y no se tarda mucho en decir palabras amables pero su eco no termina nunca". *Mother Teresa*

Simplemente cómico

P: ¿Por qué cruzó el pollo el área de los columpios?

R: Para llegar al otro tobogán.



Divertirse con animales

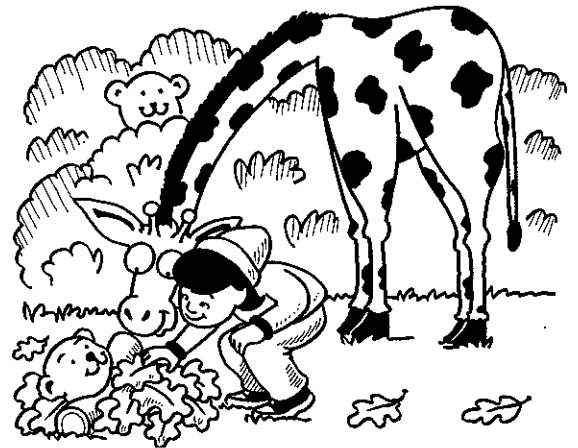
Ardillas, culebras, conejitos... los animales favoritos de su hija pueden despertar en ella la afición por las ciencias. Haga con ella estas actividades para que explore las costumbres de los animales.

Camuflaje

Esconda en el campo dos animales de peluche para enseñar a su hija en qué consiste el camuflaje. Ponga uno marrón junto a un árbol y uno de colores vivos en un arbusto. ¿Cuál de los dos puede descubrirse más fácilmente? A continuación, que ella los esconda para que usted los encuentre. Explíquelo que algunos animales se protegen pasando desapercibidos en su medio ambiente. Por ejemplo, en el bosque los animales verdes o marrones se ocultan en los árboles y los osos polares se funden con la nieve.

Movimiento

¿Puede su hija nadar como un pez o volar como un águila? En realidad no, ¡pero puede imaginárselo! Los animales se mueven de distinta forma dependiendo de dónde vivan y de cómo sea su cuerpo. Pida a su hija que le explique cómo se mueven sus animales favoritos. A continuación



dígale que haga los distintos movimientos para ver con cuál cruza más rápidamente el cuarto de estar. Podría arrastrarse como una culebra, saltar como un conejo o galopar como un caballo.

Huellas

Los animales dejan sus huellas en la tierra, la arena y la nieve. Encuentren un sendero al aire libre y busquen huellas de animales o miren fotos en libros o en la red (prueben con *Big Tracks*, *Little Tracks* de Millicent Selsam o vayan a www.bear-tracker.com). Que su hija use lo que aprenda modelando con arcilla huellas de animales. Podría hacer diminutas huellas de pollo con un palillo de dientes o impresiones de las garras de un oso con la palma y los dedos de la mano. ♥

Seguridad en casa

Hay que trabajar en equipo para que todos estén seguros en casa. Consiga que su hijo se implique con estas ideas:

- Examinen habitualmente las baterías de los detectores de humo. El primer día del mes, diga a su hijo que pase la hoja del calendario a la del nuevo mes y luego comprueben que la alarma funciona.
- Demuestre a su hijo cómo marcar 911 en caso de emergencia. Si no tienen teléfono fijo en casa, coloquen el celular siempre en el mismo sitio para que él lo pueda encontrar con facilidad.
- Enseñe a su pequeño a comunicar los riesgos con los que se encuentre. Si ve un cuchillo, una pastilla o un encendedor donde no les corresponde, debería evitar tocarlos y comunicárselo a usted inmediatamente. ♥



Atención, por favor

Los niños que saben prestar atención aprenderán más e irán mejor en los estudios. Fortalezca la atención de su hijo con estas ideas.

Identifique sus intereses. Dese cuenta de lo que le interesa. Por ejemplo, ¿le gusta observar los camiones en una obra o elige libros de deportes en la biblioteca? Aproveche esos intereses para ayudarlo a practicar la concentración durante períodos de tiempo más prolongados. Podría pedirle que cuente los camiones que ve



mientras van en el auto o ayudarlo a llevar el tanteo en un partido de baloncesto en su comunidad.

Use un cronómetro. Un reloj de cocina con alarma puede ayudar a su hijo a concentrarse en su tarea. Dígale por ejemplo: "Vamos a poner el cronómetro para 10 minutos y a ver qué puedes hacer en ese tiempo con los Legos". O bien dele artículos para manualidades y que haga un proyecto en 20 minutos.

Jueguen. Acostumbre a su hijo a sentarse períodos de tiempo más largos jugando con él a los naipes. Empiecen con juegos rápidos como Fish y luego con otros como Gin Rummy o War. Explique a su hijo que van a hacerlo hasta que la partida termine. ♥

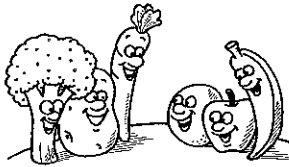
RINCÓN DE ACTIVIDAD

Analogías en acción

Rellena el espacio en blanco: La zanahoria es a las verduras como la manzana es a las _____. (Respuesta: frutas)

Juegue al "juego de las analogías" con su hija y la ayudará a fortalecer el pensamiento crítico y su habilidad con las palabras, y a prepararse también para los tests estandarizados que hará dentro de unos años.

Para empezar, explíquela que las analogías son una forma de comparar palabras. Practique primero con conceptos opuestos: Claro es a oscuro lo mismo que rápido es a _____ (lento). Diga a su hija que piense en dos pares de opuestos y le proponga a usted una analogía para que la resuelva.



A continuación, jueguen con objetos y categorías. Su hija puede pensar en dos objetos (mesa, suéter) y en las categorías en las que encajan (muebles, ropa). A continuación, le puede plantear a usted la analogía: Mesa es a muebles como suéter es a _____ (ropa).

Idea: Éste es un juego estupendo para jugarlo en el auto o mientras esperan. ♥

NUESTRA FINALIDAD

Proporcionar a los padres ideas prácticas que promuevan el éxito escolar, la participación de los padres y un mejor entendimiento entre padres e hijos.

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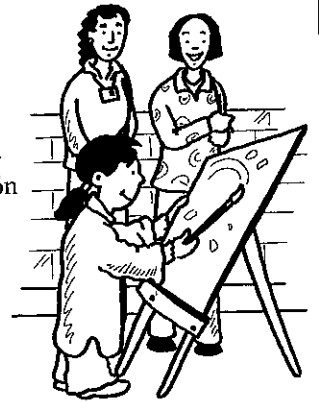
DE PADRE A PADRE Reuniones de padres y maestros

Recientemente mi hija Taylor lloraba y decía que no quería ir a la escuela. No estaba segura de cómo mencionar esto en la reunión con su maestra sin dar la impresión de culpirla.

Una amiga mía, que tiene cuatro hijos, me dijo que recordara que la maestra y yo somos un equipo. Así que le dije a Mrs. Kerr: "Taylor llora y dice que quiere quedarse en casa. ¿Cómo podemos ayudarla?"

Mrs. Kerr pensaba que a Taylor le costaba trabajo separarse de mí pero que todo iba mejor en cuanto empezaba a hacer cosas. Me animó a visitar el aula para verlo por mí misma. A continuación, me sugirió que cada mañana antes de la escuela le recordara a Taylor las divertidas actividades que yo había observado.

Y funciona: parece que mi hija está más contenta cuando se va a la escuela. Y yo estoy encantada de que su maestra y yo hayamos encontrado una solución al problema. ♥



RCPE Listos para leer

P: Mi hijo tiene cinco años y está empezando a leer palabras pero mi sobrina de cinco años ya lee sola libros enteros. ¿Debería preocuparme?

R: Lo mismo que empiezan a andar a distintas edades, los niños aprenden a leer también en momentos distintos. A esta edad, algunos niños están aprendiendo las letras del abecedario. Unos pueden leer algunas palabras y otros son capaces de leer cuentos enteros.

Lo más importante que usted puede hacer es enseñar a su hijo a

disfrutar de los libros. Tenga libros a mano (en el cuarto de estar, junto a sus juguetes) y léaselos a diario. Deje que él elija el cuento y que él sujete el libro y pase las páginas. Cuando usted lea, ponga el dedo debajo de las palabras para que él vea que las letras se relacionan con los sonidos.

Disfrutar de las lecturas en voz alta ayudará a su hijo a prepararse para el día en que lea solo. ♥



Monona Grove & McFarland Youth Wrestling "Take it to the Mat"



Attention future grapplers! Want to participate in a sport that will improve your focus, self-confidence and determination? Join the newly formed Monona Grove & McFarland Youth Wrestling Club and learn some life long skills while having fun! The Youth Wrestling Club is being instructed by former UW Badger wrestler Randy Becker and is appropriate for all skill levels. This club is for boys and girls in Kindergarten - 8th grade. Practices will be held at Nichols School in Monona on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Cost includes practice time and a T-Shirt. If your child wishes to participate in USA Wrestling tournaments, there is an additional fee to purchase a USA Wrestling card from the club.

The Club season runs from November 11th, 2009 - March 6th, 2010
Wednesday evening practice is from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Saturday practice is from 2:00 - 3:45 pm

Wrestling shoes and headgear are highly recommended. A coupon will be available to purchase head gear at Badger Sporting Goods in Madison.

To learn more about the Monona Grove & McFarland Youth Wrestling Club go to:

<http://sites.google.com/site/mgyouthwrestling/Home>



Wrestling Builds

- Core Strength/Stamina
- Character
- Speed & Agility
- Body Awareness
- Confidence
- Mental Toughness

Monona Grove & McFarland Youth Wrestling Club

Nichols School Gym, Monona

**Wednesdays & Saturdays November 11th -
March 6th**

(No wrestling on 11/25, 11/28, 12/23, 12/26)

Cost: \$50

Grades - Kindergarten - 8th grade

Monona Parks & Recreation

1011 Nichols Rd Monona, WI 53716

608.222.4167 (phone) 608.223.2311 (fax)

mrcdirector@ci.monona.wi.us

<http://www.mymonona.com>

Register online at <http://activenet.active.com/cityofmonona>

**McFarland
PTO
at the
Indian
Mound
Middle
School**

**Friday,
November 13
at 7:00 pm**

**\$2.00
Suggested
Donation**

*the
Little
Match
Girl*



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www.playtimeproductions.org
(608) 437-4217

November Happenings for Children & Teens



PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES: 30-minute programs continuing through November 17 on Tuesday mornings for children ages 5 and under. Tuesday's story time theme is repeated at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, the last one being on Thursday, November 12. Please note, the library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26.



"THIRD THURSDAY" EVENING FAMILY STORY TIME:

Our final evening program this fall will be "A Bounty of Stories" on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. These programs are slightly longer story times for families, and include a short film and/or a craft. **Registration is required**, so please sign up at the library, or call 838-9030, extension 0 (for Circulation Desk) to register. If you register and then find that you can't make it after all, PLEASE do call and let the library staff know, so those spaces can be made available for others!



HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST: Beginning on Monday, November 2nd, you can pick up a coloring contest entry for the library's annual holiday coloring contest. The contest is for children *and teens*, with 3 different coloring sheet designs. Ask at the Circulation Desk for a sheet to take home and color, then return it with the attached contact info slip filled out, to enter the drawing. Coloring sheets must be returned to E. D. Locke Public Library by **Friday, December 4, 2009**. Prize drawings will be held for 3 age levels (preschool; Gr.K-5; and Gr.6-up) shortly after noon on Saturday, December 5, (same day as "Christmas in the Village"). You need not be present to win.

We hope to see you in November!

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ABOUT THE SKATING COMPANY

We welcome you to join in the “fun” learning to skate with Madison’s “original” east side US Figure Skating Sanctioned Program. Now in our 14th year we offer the areas best for our beginning skaters (3 yrs. of age and up) through and beyond Freestyle Skating levels with our year round program! We offer Adult Classes, Hockey, Ice Dance and Synchronized Team classes, too!

Hear what others have to say:

“Our daughter has recently passed all the levels of this program, and it’s been a great thing for her self-esteem! She’s conquered new skills and works hard, and this program promotes all of these things in a positive, encouraging atmosphere.”

–Mario & Lisa Q., Sun Prairie

“Once we tried **The Skating Company**, our daughter advanced quickly through the levels improving all aspects of her skating.”

–Melissa C., Madison

BENEFITS

- * US Figure Skating Membership Card and Badge
- * Fun Sticker Book to chart your Progress
- * Badges upon completion of each level
- * Small student to teacher ratio
- * Family, Session, & Refer a Friend Discounts
- * Great exercise for any member of the family!

CLASS FEE STRUCTURE

BEFORE start date McFarland: All levels- \$125 (9 weeks, 30 min. classes). Sun Prairie: All Snowplow Sam levels- \$85 (6 weeks, 30 min. classes); all other levels- \$125 (6 weeks, 45 min. classes)

ON OR AFTER start date: Add \$5 to the above fees.

*Additional family members may deduct \$5.

*A 2nd class may be added for \$50 with regular class enrollment (Learn to Synchronize Skate or Ice Dance)

Don’t delay...classes do fill up fast! No refunds!

SKATE RENTAL

Sun City Cycle and Skate, 235 Main Street Sun Prairie (837-2453) will be at the respective rinks on the first and last skating dates for rentals app. 1 hour prior to skating. Please try to have your skates ready in advance.

WHAT TO WEAR

We recommend warm clothing that allows freedom of movement, and gloves or mittens. We also recommend that Snowplow Sam and Hockey skaters (ages 3-6) wear helmets. **For all classes, please allow at least 15 minutes to get your skates on.**

CLASS SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE

McFarland Community Ice Arena – 9 weeks on Saturday mornings from 11:15am-12:15pm 11/14, 11/21, (Skip 11/28), 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, (Skip 12/26), 1/2, (Skip 1/9), 1/16, 1/23, & 1/30. All skaters will be on the ice for 60 minutes (30 minutes of group instruction, and 30 minutes of practice time).

Sun Prairie Ice Arena – 6 weeks on Saturday afternoons from 1:45-3:15 pm; 11/14, 11/21, (Skip 11/28 & 12/5), 12/12, (Skip 12/19 & 12/26), 1/2, (Skip 1/9), 1/16, & 1/23. All skaters will be on the ice for 90 minutes (45 minutes of group instruction and 45 minutes of practice time), except Snowplow Sam levels, who will be on the ice for 60 minutes (30 minutes of group instruction and 30 minutes of practice time).

All Skaters are grouped by age and ability

- Snowplow Sam’s (3 – 6 yr. olds)
- Basic 1 – 8 (7 & older)
- Freeskate 1 – 6 (must have passed Basic 8)
- Advanced Freeskate (passed FS 6)
- Adult 1-4 (open to anyone 18+)
- Hockey 1-4 (no age req.)
- Synchronized Team 1-4 (Basic 5 & up)
- Ice Dancing 1-6 (Freeskate 1 & up)
- Power Skating (must have passed Basic 4 or Hockey 4, see explanation below)

Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-3, Adult, Hockey, Ice Dance, and Synchronized Skating will meet the first half of the class time, and Basic 4 and above will meet the second half of the class time. (Exact class time for some levels is SUBJECT TO CHANGE based on enrollment). Parents skate for FREE with child during practice ice.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE

Private instruction is a great way to enhance your learning experience and can help you progress at a faster rate! Several of our instructors are available for private or semi-private lessons outside of class time. Skaters may have private lessons on any SWFSC sessions. For a list of private instructors or to register, please call or email our program director, Amy Battista, at 608.239.3883, amy4502@aol.com. For a list of available ice time, please check out the club web site: www.swfsc.com

7TH ANNUAL SKATING COMPANY HOLIDAY SHOW! Saturday December 19, 6:45pm in **McFarland**. All skaters enrolled in the Winter Session can participate in the Holiday Show FREE of charge! Detailed information will be distributed at class.

REGISTRATION FORM WINTER 1 - 2009

Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____ Gender _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Important program information will be sent via email!

Please check one of the following:

New Student, no prior instruction:

New Student, with prior instruction:

Last level completed: _____

Continuing Student:

Last level completed: _____

Now enrolling into

Sun Prairie McFarland Dual enrollment

Basic Skills Hockey Ice Dance

Adult Synchronized Skating

Sibling Open Practice Pass

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Southern Wisconsin FSC

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Mail Payment and registration form to:

Amy Battista - The Skating Company
4502 Keating Terrace, Madison, WI 53711

Waiver: I understand that participation in ice skating constitutes a risk of injury. I voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept and assume the risk and release The Skating Company (Southern Wisconsin FSC), its coaches and helpers from any liability. In the event of injury to me or my child while while skating, I give my permission for the person in charge to seek medical attention.

Disclaimer: The Skating Company, under the direction of The Southern Wisconsin FSC, is a not-for-profit organization. This is not a school sponsored activity, and the Madison Metropolitan, Sun Prairie, Stoughton, McFarland, and other local School Districts do not approve, support, supervise, or endorse this program.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



PROGRAM SPECIALS FOR 2009

Sibling open practice pass

Siblings who are not currently enrolled in a class, but would like to skate during his/her enrolled sibling's practice time. Practice passes are good for the entire session and cost \$20.

Trial Classes

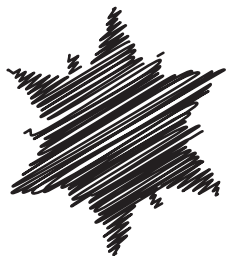
This is for first time skaters only! Come and try out the lessons for the first 2 weeks for \$20. If your skater enjoys the classes, you can pay the balance at the conclusion of the 2nd class, and extend your enrollment for the full session.

Dual Enrollment

Skate at both rinks for the winter session and the second rink is only \$60.00! This is a great way to see your skills improve faster.



2008 Holiday Show



The
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4502 Keating Terrace
Madison, WI 53711

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Madison's Premier East Side **Learn to Skate** Program

Classes for 2009:

Classes offered in Basic Skills,
Figure Skating, Adult, Hockey, Ice Dance
and Synchronized Skating

Classes start

Saturday, November 14, 2009 - Sun Prairie
Saturday, November 14, 2009 - McFarland



McFarland Community Ice Arena

4812 Marsh Road
McFarland, WI

Sun Prairie Ice Arena

655 Athletic Way
Sun Prairie, WI

Phone: 608.239.3883

The official Learn to Skate Program of

Southern Wisconsin
FIGURE SKATING CLUB



Fire Up for Cub Scouting! Cub Scout Pack 53 Wants You!

Pack 53, chartered by the McFarland Fire Fighters' Association, invites you and your son to get "*Fired up for Scouting*". Cub Scouting is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the community.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship and enhance both mental and physical fitness. In addition, the program provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

By joining now, your son can take advantage of all Scouting has to offer the rest of the school year. Don't miss the fun and excitement of our annual Pinewood Derby race! *Any time is a great time to join Scouting* and get out and enjoy great activities with your local Cub Scout Pack.

Join the activities by visiting us at our next Pack Party. We encourage every boy from Kindergarten to 5th grade to attend. Bring along a buddy too!

The next **Pack Party is November 19 at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at Christ the King Church, 5306 Main St, McFarland.

Join us for more information.

Cub Scouting: Fun at every turn!

For more information contact:

Tim Kreft

tjkreft@yahoo.com

838-8705

November Open Pool 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Family Swim 1-3pm Lessons 3-6pm	2 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12 Water EX 7-8pn	3 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	4 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12 Water EX 7-8pn	5 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	6 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12	7 Water Ex 8-9am Fun & Fitness 12-1pm Open Pool 1-4pm
8 Family Swim 1-3pm Lessons 3-6pm	9 Pool Closed	10 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	11 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12 Water EX 7-8pn	12 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	13 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12	14 Water Ex 8-9am Fun & Fitness 12-1pm Open Pool 1-4pm
15 Family Swim 1-3pm Lessons 3-6pm	16 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12 Water EX 7-8pn	17 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	18 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12 Water EX 7-8pn	19 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	20 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 10:45-12	21 Pool Closed
22 No Family Swim Lessons 3-6pm	23 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 9:45-11 Water EX 7-8pn	24 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Open Pool 7:15-8:30pm	25 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 9:45-11 Water EX 7-8pn	26 Pool Closed	27 Pool Closed	28 Pool Closed
29 Pool Closed	30 Lap Swim 5:30-8am Fun & Fitness 9:45-11 Water EX 7-8pn					

McFarland Pool Staff reserves the right to close the facility under such circumstances as low attendance, unsafe weather or scheduling/maintenance conflicts.

Please call ahead: 838-3168

www.mcfarlandcommunitypool.com



CE, PRIMARY, WAUBESA **November** 2009



<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
2 Chicken Nuggets * Tri-Taters * Peas and Carrots * Canned Fruit	3 Grilled Cheese * Chicken Noodle Soup/ Crackers * Goldfish Crackers * Fresh Veggies/ Dip * Canned Fruit	4 Cheese Pizza * Fruit Muffin * CA Blend Vegetables * Fresh Orange Wedges	5 Beefy Nachos w/ Tortilla Chips * Corn Bread * Broccoli * Canned Fruit * High School- Exams (no lunch)	6 FULL DAY RELEASE (K-8) * High School- Exams (no lunch)
9 FULL DAY INSERVICE Staff Development	10 Corn Dogs # * Steamed Rice * Green Beans * Canned Fruit	11 Scrambled Eggs * Pancakes/Syrup * Hash Brown Stick * Applesauce * Fruit Snack	12 Turkey & Cheese or Tuna Salad Sandwich * Sun Chips * Baby Carrots/ Dip * Canned Fruit	13 Chicken Drumsticks * Buttered Noodles * Wheat Bread * Sweet Peas * Fresh Apple Wedges
16 Ravioli * String Cheese * Warm Soft Breadstick * WI Blend Vegetables * Canned Fruit	17 Chicken Critters(nuggets) * Corn Chips * CA Blend Vegetables * Fruit Slushie Cup	18 Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza * Cheddar Crackers * Fresh Carrots & Celery/ Ranch Dressing * Canned Fruit	19 Turkey & Gravy * Mashed Potatoes * Green Beans * Canned Fruit * Harvest Bar	20 Hamburger on Bun * Curly Fries * CA Blend Vegetables * Fresh Fruit @@@
23 Fish Sandwich * Potato Wedges * Whole Kernel Corn * Canned Fruit * Frozen Fruit Bar	24 Cheese Filled Breadsticks/ Dipping Sauce * Elf Grahams * Lettuce Salad/ Dressing * Canned Fruit	25 Chicken Bites * Steamed Rice * Dinner Roll/Margarine * Broccoli/ Cheese Sauce * Canned Fruit	26 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING	27 NO SCHOOL FULL DAY INSERVICE
30 Cheeseburger on Bun * Tortilla Chips/ Salsa * Sweet Peas * Canned Fruit @@@	Guess What? On November 26, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in the United States.			

Milk offered is choice of: skim, 1% and 1% chocolate.

Additional entrée choices of yogurt and string cheese or peanut butter/ jelly uncrustable and string cheese are offered daily.

** At Waubesa, chef salads can be ordered for Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Menu subject to change. In case of school closings, the last menu of the week may be cancelled.

Lunch Price: \$2.10/ day
\$10.50/ week

may contain pork
+ may contain peanuts

** Chicken Nuggets, Chicken Patty, Corn Dogs, Fish Sticks and French fry type items are all oven baked.

@@@-Veggie burger offered

Fresh Vegetables/ Ranch dressing will be offered daily

