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## DATES TO

## REMEMBER

- **First marking period ends**
- **November 23 Half Day**
- **November 24&25 School Closed**
- **November 30- Parent teacher conferences 6:00-8:00 pm**

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hi, my name is Julian Genao and I had the pleasure of interviewing our Principal, Dr. Myrna Garcia. Dr. Garcia has been our Principal for 2 years now here at the McGinnis School. Since she has been here, there has been a drastic change in our school and she is very proud of it. She said that the SOP's are working great and they make our school run smoothly. Students are moving through the

hallways in a more orderly fashion now. Dr. Garcia has had a lot of experience in education. Before becoming a Principal she was a teacher and then a Vice Principal. I learned that she has 3 children, 2 boys and one girl. She enjoys working in Perth Amboy because she loves the diversity in our town and it reminds her of her hometown, Bronx N.Y. Dr. Garcia truly is the "Leader of our Pack".



### SO WHAT ARE THOSE SOP'S?

By Modesty Miranda

S.O.P's stands for Standard, Operating, Procedures. It helps to create an environment that is conducive to learning and provides safety, security and well being for all. I interviewed Ms. Kamilkoff, a Language Arts teacher, who teaches 7th and 8th graders here at McGinnis.

Q1: Why do you believe S.O.P's are important?

A1: They are important because it makes our expectations to the students clear, so there would be no questions asked about how to behave. Also it is a good habit to get into so when they are outside the school or working in the future, they know how to behave.

Q2: Do you think the students of W.C McGinnis school should take S.O.P's seriously?  
A2: Yes, you know it helps us to be on the same page.

I also interviewed our principal Dr.Garcia.

Q1: Do you think S.O.P's are important?

## SOP'S CONTINUED....

A1: I feel that S.O.P's are important because it helps the students and staff move in a peaceful manner. Less children are screaming and pushing. W.C.M.S is really starting to become a peaceful environment.

Q2: How is the progress of the students following their S.O.P's?

A2: I say about 95% of the students are following the S.O.P's.

Q3: Are there going to be any rewards for the students following their S.O.P's?

A3: Actually that's an awesome idea. I will bring it up to the 8th grade council and the schools leadership council.

As you can see our S.O.P's are working well! If we all work together McGinnis School will change for the better!

“Everyday is a new day, a new opportunity to change your destiny.” -Dr. Myrna Garcia

“Only  
surround  
yourself  
with people  
who will lift  
you higher”  
-Oprah  
Winfrey

## 7 HABITS FOR LIFE

**HABIT 1: BE PROACTIVE**– Instead of reacting to a situation after it happens, try to do your best to control what happens before it gets to a point where you can't control your reaction.

**HABIT 2: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND:** Plan for your success ahead of time.

**HABIT 3: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST:** Prioritize, decide what's important, then fit everything else in.

**HABIT 4: THINK WIN-WIN:** When you are faced with a difficult situation, try your best to come up with a situation where everyone wins.

**HABIT 5: SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN BE**

**UNDERSTOOD:** Don't judge! Try to understand and give people a chance.

**HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE:** Work together to come up with the best idea, solution or plan. “Alone we can do so little together we can do so much.”- Helen Keller

**HABIT 7: SHARPEN THE SAW:** Be kind to your mind, body and spirit. Take care of yourself.

## GET TO KNOW OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We have many new staff members here at the William C. McGinnis School. We welcome them with open arms to the McGinnis School. This month we will feature 3 new staff members, Mr. Garrick, Mrs. Tisch and Ms. Soloman. Please stay tuned for other staff members' interviews in our next issue.

My name is Allison Rojas and I had the pleasure of interviewing our new Vice Principal, Mr. Garrick. He has been working in Perth Amboy for 23 years. He was formally a Language Arts teacher here at the McGinnis school for 13 years. "It's challenging at times, but you get to help children." Mr. Garrick went to college to study literature, then went to pursue his Masters Degree. I asked Mr. Garrick if he could change his career, what would he change it to. He said he would be a Marine Biologist. He has several fish tanks here at school and at home. He enjoys growing coral in his freshwater tank. We are happy to have Mr. Garrick at our school. Welcome Mr. Garrick!

Mrs. Soloman is our new sixth grade Math teacher here at the McGinnis School. Her intention was to never become a Math teacher. In 1<sup>st</sup> grade she wanted to be a Gym teacher because she was very athletic and she liked doing exercises and was interested in fitness. Becoming a Math teacher for Ms. Soloman was hard work and a big commitment. She said that she would still like to learn new things about Math. The most important thing a student should learn in Ms. Soloman's class is respect over all the things, and to use math in your everyday life. Her favorite part of teaching is when the students finally understand the topic and the student's Math light bulb turns on! Ms. Soloman's style of teaching is enthusiastic and a lot of energy because she is always pushing the students to work harder to succeed. Her expectations are to make sure that the students are engaged in learning because it's very challenging but she is there to help. Her future goal is to become a Guidance Counselor and she will plans to go back to school to prepare herself. Ms. Soloman was a very interesting person to learn about and I hope the school thinks that too!!

By Deyanira Pratts

Mrs. Tisch is our new Computer Teacher. She always says she loves her students, and one of her major goals is to make sure students learn how to properly use the computer. She also mentioned that one of the most important things a student should learn is to type. This is an important life skill for the future education of the students because when they get to college they need to have the ability of typing for projects, presentations, and reports. Becoming a teacher took a lot of hard work and commitment, and that's why she is an excellent computer teacher. Mrs. Tisch shared some fun facts about herself; she is terrified of snakes. One day Mr. Harning brought "Sue" the snake to show to the students., Mrs. Tisch screamed and ran to the corner of the room! She yelled, "Get that thing out of here!" We understand how you feel Mrs. Tisch because not everybody likes snakes. Also, before our she became Mrs. Tisch she used to be Ms. Vancampenhout, well that was until she got married. She said it was the wedding she always dreamed about since she was a little girl. I enjoyed meeting Mrs. Tisch! Welcome to the McGinnis School! By: Deyanira Pratts

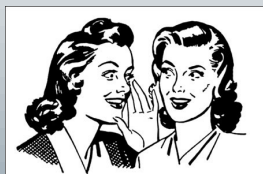
## CADET CORNER



The McGinnis School Junior Leadership Cadet Program is a program that builds self esteem, self control and self pride. They learn many different commands such as relieving and posting the flag. Some of the commands are about face, present arms, left face, parade rest and at ease. The Cadets serve as ushers in school related functions. They work closely with the High School ROTC and are part of the Christmas Day Parade and the Memorial Day Parade. In the past they have visited the U.S.S. Intrepid in New York City. Ms. Trujillo and Mr. Acosta are in charge of the program and are dedicated to the Cadets ! They meet every Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:45 –4:00. If you are interested in joining Cadets you can contact Ms. Trujillo or Mr. Acosta.

"I'm a LEADER FOLLOW ME!

*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up"*  
**Thomas Edison**



Hi, my name is Miss Advice and I am here to help you. I am an 8th grader and I am a hopeless romantic. This column is here to give you advice on issues that you are having a hard time deciding what to do. For example: you can't decide what to get your friend for her birthday and you need advice on some gift ideas. All you have to do write your question to Dear Ms. Advice then leave it in the Guidance Office in the box marked "Miss Advice". You do not need to put your name. In the next issue of the newspaper I will try to answer as many questions as possible.

## CLUB CORNER



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-HELLEN KELLER**

Hi my name is Faith Cabbell and I would like to tell you about the great new clubs we have here at McGinnis School. Dance Club is the new craze! Ms. Hollander is the director the Dance Club. It meets every day during 4th period. They will be doing performances for the school! The McGinnis School now has a Dominoes Club with Mr. Riley. They meet everyday 4th and 5th period. Mr. Riley is challenging any Domino experts to a game! So go check it out! Another great club is the Art Club with Mrs. Wintenburg. She said that there are many talented artists in the Art Club. She said that her favorite artwork is the Sistene Chapel by Micahel Angelo.

## PARENTS CORNER



Hi my name is Vanshelly Buret and I had the pleasure of interviewing Ms. Figueroa. The Parent Room is a brand new addition to the McGinnis School. It is located in Room 139. It is open to Parents on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Ms. Figueroa became a Parent Liason because she wanted parents to feel welcomed into the school and she enjoys helping people. She loves the fact that being a Parent Liason brings parents closer and more connected to the school. She said that the best advice she can give to parents is to keep in constant communication with their child's teacher. She feels that every child can be successful in life! I asked Ms. Figueroa if she was a parent and she happily said yes! Her name is Isabella and she is 2 years old. Please come and visit the Parent Room and utilize all the resources Ms. Figueroa has to offer !