McMillan Magnet Center invites you to attend “Discuss & Dine” on **Monday, August 11, from 4:30-7:00 pm**. You will receive a ticket for a piece of Godfather’s Pizza, healthy snack, and a drink after you hear very important information from the Principal, Dr. Talbott, regarding important components you will be encouraged to do at home to help with your child’s success in middle school. You will also have an opportunity to discuss student academics, athletics, after school programs, and activities for your students with McMillan Staff throughout the evening as you move through the building visiting your child’s classrooms. Student Information Forms, Lunch Applications, Insurance Forms, Physicals, and PTO Membership Forms will also be turned in at this event. You will have an opportunity to pre-pay school lunches and purchase activity cards, McMillan Spiritwear, PTO bake sale items, and general necessary supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils) for your student’s educational success. We will also ask for donations for student planners, which will be used in every class, everyday, with every student and will be a valuable communication tool between parents and the school. The school nurse will be available for questions as well as a representative from the transportation department.

**Important dates:**
- Garage Sale/Bake Sale, Saturday, August 9, 8am-2pm
- Back to School “Discuss & Dine”, Monday, August 11, 4:30-7pm
- First Day of School, Wednesday, August 13, 7:40am-2:40pm
- PTO Meeting, Monday, August 18, McMillan Library, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Labor Day, NO SCHOOL Monday, September 1
- Open House, Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-8:30pm
- PTO Meeting, Monday, September 15, McMillan Library, 6:30-7:30pm
- Coffee, Conversation, & Curriculum Tuesday, September 30, McMillan Library, 7-8:30am
- PTO Meeting, Monday, October 13, McMillan Library, 6:30-7:30pm
- Quarter 2 Begins Monday, October 20
- Student 1/2 day until 11:00am Thursday, October 30
- Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, October 30, 12:30-7:30pm
- No School Friday, October 31

Parents make assumptions that you do not need to remain as involved after elementary school. It is quite the opposite. Your involvement is absolutely necessary and key to your child’s success not only now, but in high school. Poor habits are developed during the early teenage adolescent years; attendance, sleep habits, eating habits, studying habits, and technology use are just a few areas where behavior changes can be noticed and difficult to change later. Your involvement during this critical time is important.

All PTO Meetings will be held at 6:30-7:30pm in the McMillan Library unless otherwise communicated. The scheduled dates are below:

- **Monday, August 18** (Support your student)
- **Monday, October 13** (Special programs)
- **Monday, December 8** (Registration15-16)
- **Monday, February 9** (Testing importance)
- **Monday, April 13** (Community connections)

- **Monday, September 15** (Internet safety)
- **Monday, November 10** (Project Fair)
- **Monday, January 12** (Motivation & Mindset)
- **Monday, March 16** (Wellness)
- **Monday, May 11** (Evaluate & Re-organize)

The meetings will include a specific focus by the building leadership team, including some presentations by students, and regular PTO business and idea discussions. Refreshments will be provided.
McMillan students competed rigorously at the Middle Level National Pentathlon Competition in Omaha Nebraska at the end of May. Mitch Kellogg won a Gold medal in Math and the Top Scorer from Nebraska was Hannah Davis.

The team did very well throughout the year, posting 1st place Regional, 1st place State, and 7th place overall Nationally.

On Wednesday, June 4, McMillan Magnet students presented their research projects to groups of teachers and other students at the Peter Kiewit Institute, Scott Data Conference Center on the UNO Campus. The Kiewit Corporation has partnered with the University in an effort to provide math, science and engineering K-12 teachers with real world projects, career pathway information, and to serve as an ongoing resource. In addition to learning from the Kiewit engineers, teachers led K12 Engineering Education Showcase sessions. The sessions involved 10-minute demos of classroom activities that they engaged their students in with the goal of teaching them about engineering. McMillan teachers who attended were Mr. Jelken, Mr. Mayberger, and Mr. Huber who teach the Project Lead the Way courses at McMillan.

Three McMillan teachers were trained this summer at various locations in the United States in the most advanced techniques and strategies to support Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes in engineering, robotics, and science. All three teachers took time at the end of the year and during the summer to extend their learning so McMillan students get the most advanced training and support.

Mr. Mayberger will use his training to support Green Architecture, Mr. Huber will use his training to support Medical Detectives, and Mr. Jelken will use his training to support Tech and Electronics and Vex Robotics.

McMillan has hired a consultant, Mr. Thom Markham, to support instruction in the classroom using Project Based Learning strategies infused with 21st Century Skills (collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking).

Students will continue to get solid foundational instruction via the content standards. The teachers will then help students take that knowledge and begin to use it in a meaningful way by “creating” projects to support what they have learned.
McMillan staff, students, and parents want the school environment to be safe. In our efforts to support safety, we know that learning to respect is a key. Our 1st Semester theme is “Building a Respectful Community” and our 2nd Semester theme is “Designing a Safer World”. You will be noticing signs of these two themes as students work on projects and activities in classrooms.

Rotary Honor Roll

The 2013-2014 Rotary Luncheon was held at the Century Link Center on Wednesday May 7, 2014. Participants included: Lydia Borelli, Johanna Bustamente-Salgado, Trevor Davis, Jeffrey Froiland, Jenna Hutchinson, Madeline Kane, Nicholas Koehler-Hurt, Jordan McLucas, Isaac Regier, Jenna Reynard, Micah Sessions, Anna Kay Sitzman, Hallie Uhlig, and Nickthaniel Wells. Two students were in a drawing and each won a free iPad Mini. This opportunity all came because students took their education seriously while at McMillan.

Athletic Physicals

Athletic/school physicals must be attained before a student participates in an athletic practice. Please contact your general practitioner, a School Based Health Center (SBHC) or any number of locations throughout the city to ensure your child is ready to participate by August 13. Below are some SBHC locations and phone numbers:

- **Belvedere Elementary**: 402-932-1232
- **King Science Center**: 402-502-5644
- **Kellom Elementary**: 402-505-5451
- **Northwest High School**: 402-916-5964

The above facilities will be open August 4 for school physical appointments.

We HIGHLY encourage your child’s participation in athletics and your support in their participation. We are a proud supporter of athletics and have proven to compete well in all sporting events.

We do provide transportation for those that ride a bus to school in addition to supporting academics through our Lion’s Pride and tutoring after practices.

New Coaches

Lori Danner has been hired as the new McMillan Volleyball Coach. She comes with a wealth of knowledge in volleyball. She was formerly Varsity Volleyball Coach for both North High and Burke High School and currently coaches club volleyball for 12-14 year olds.

Dejuan Reddick has been hired as the new McMillan Girl’s Basketball Coach. Many of you may know him as our Lion’s Pride Director. He also comes with a wealth of knowledge in basketball. He recently worked with the Millard North Girl’s Basketball program.

We welcome both Lori and Dejuan to the Monarch Coaching Staff and will keep you informed of opportunities for volleyball and basketball athletes. We know how important skills are in the middle level to support high school success.
Congratulations to the African American History Challenge team who finished as National Runner-Up in the National Competition.

Team members Jeffrey Froiland, Cassie Jorgenson, and Shayla Jorgenson enjoyed an all expenses paid trip to Florida for the National competition June 12-15.

“Thank you” to 100 Black Men for providing the opportunity and supporting their trip expenses.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 13. School begins everyday, promptly at 7:40 am. Parents and guardians are asked to have students here no later than 7:30 am if at all possible. If parents and guardians are interested in their student eating breakfast at McMillan, it is provided free from 7:10-7:30 am. After 7:30 am, breakfast is no longer provided.

It is imperative that students are on time to start the day, and to every class throughout the day. Please support our effort in helping your child learn good habits for their future in school and career by getting them to McMillan on time. We know it is a necessary skill for success in life.

Join the McMillan PTO!
School Year 2014-2015

McMillan PTO Annual Dues: $5.00 a year per family

PTO dues help support our PTO events throughout the year

Added benefit: 10% discount on Spirit Wear clothing

50% discount on Spirit Wear August 11, IF donating $25 or more to McMillan Direct Fundraising Campaign

Checks payable to: McMillan Magnet PTO

(Please print clearly)

Name: ____________________________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________________@____________________

Student name: ________________________________

Student grade: ______ Phone #: __________________

Please add my e-mail to the McVolunteer List* (circle one) yes/no

*Requests for McVolunteer help are sent via e-mail unless otherwise requested.
McMillan Magnet Center will host a Garage and Bake Sale to support technology and teachers on Saturday, August 9, 8:00am-2:00pm at McMillan, 3802 Redick Ave.

Please donate working small appliances, furniture, clothing, and/or other quality garage sale items to McMillan during the hours of 7:30am—3:30pm now through August 7. Please join us Saturday, August 9, for great deals and great treats!
SCHOOL DRESS

We are asking for your help and support regarding student dress. Please review your child’s clothing prior to school attendance to reduce unnecessary phone contacts and/or visits to school regarding the following inappropriate dress:

* Shirts revealing any type of cleavage (we will be able to provide a shirt to wear in some cases)
* Skin tight leggings or yoga pants WITHOUT a skirt or shorts (we will be able to provide shorts in some cases)
* Sagging pants (if no belt we will provide string)

Please know the above is not an “exhaustive” list, but it is three key areas where students seem to have the most difficulty with appropriate school dress. Please refer to the “McMillan Code of Conduct” for the entire list and description.

We all know there is a certain dress supporting the school environment that would be different than dress for attendance at some social events or parties. In order for us to provide an educational environment that does not cause distractions for students during the hormonal changes of adolescence, we ask for your support and “thank you” in advance for your support.

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