



# McFALL MONTHLY

## January 2012



### A Note From Mr. Washburn:

Welcome back and happy New Year! We've had an outstanding first half of the year, and I know the second half will be just as great! It was wonderful this morning seeing all the smiling faces and excitement as we welcomed our students back. As always, please feel free to stop in or call if you have any questions.



### PTO NEWS

**SPARTAN LABEL COLLECTION CONTEST**  
...starts this month. Labels should be sent in baggies labeled with the student's name and the teacher's name, including M/W or T/TH for Kindergarten and Young Five's.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**  
We're starting a new contest which will start February 1. Look for the collection sheets soon!

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser Night:  
Wednesday, January 18**



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**January 16** is a professional development day for TK staff so there is **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** that day. This means there will not be any TK Daycare that day, as well.

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### **First Grade BANANA SPLITS COUNSELING GROUP INVITATION** *(for children in the first grade who have experienced divorce or separation)*

As part of our school's developmental guidance program, students are invited to participate in small group counseling sessions. Children who share a common concern meet together with the school counselor to talk and share. The next group being offered is the "Banana Splits" group. This group is held to benefit children from families that have experienced divorce or separation. If, after reading the description, you feel your child might benefit from participation in this Group, please contact the elementary school counselor at [mholwerda@tkschools.org](mailto:mholwerda@tkschools.org) or (269) 795-7944, ext 4546. If you are interested, you will be provided with a letter explaining the group in more detail along with a consent form to allow your student to participate.

#### Description:

The groups usually consist of five to ten children who have had similar feelings and experiences. The group will meet once a week during the regular school day for approximately forty minutes. There will be a total of six sessions. We will cover issues such as changes in the family that occur as a result of a divorce or separation, living in two houses, difficult feelings, stepfamilies, and much more. Students are encouraged to ask questions, clarify conflicts, and share feelings regarding changes in their families.

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### **UPCOMING YOUNG 5's and KINDERGARTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE:**

January 6 M/W Class in Session  
January 13 T/TH Class in Session  
January 16 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**  
January 20 M/W Class in Session  
January 27 T/TH Class in Session

February 3 M/W Class in Session  
February 10 T/TH Class in Session  
February 17 M/W Class in Session  
February 20 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**  
February 24 T/TH Class in Session