

Snow Day Lunch and Fun



McGary Middle School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE

McGary Middle School is located on the southeast side of Evansville, IN. McGary is an urban middle school with 350 students. 88% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch. We serve African Americans, White, Latino, and Multi-Racial students.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

At McGary Middle School, we know that when school is cancelled because of snow, many of our students do not have access to a nutritious lunch nor exercise. In the event that school is cancelled, teachers and staff volunteer to open our school for our kids. Through a partnership with the Dream Center in Evansville, we are able to provide a healthy lunch to our students and their siblings. Students are able to play in the gym and we show movies at different locations in the school. Staff members are able to bring in their own children. Having us all together on these otherwise dreary days gives our staff members and our students a unique opportunity to connect outside of the classroom.

OUR STEPS

Our students often talk about how they do not like “snow days.” Most of our students are home alone on snow days and miss being at school. We decided last year to pilot a two hour “open gym” concept to give our students an opportunity to get out of the house and come to a safe and warm place to play. Typical attendance to this program is approximately 50 students and growing.

OUR SOURCES We have partnered with the Dream Center in Evansville to provide nutritious lunches for our students and their siblings. The Dream Center is a non-profit organization where children can come to feed not only their bodies, but their mind and spirit. Their participation as a partner in our open-gym program helps to extend their mission of nutritional, educational, and recreational programs into the lives of our McGary family. Our vision is to touch the lives of children and help to influence them in a positive way.

For more information about our school or corporation, email: dale.naylor@evsc.k12.in.us or visit our website: http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/McGary_Middle_School