



MCVEY STUDENTS GET SMART



Student Council officers Sarah Sjöholm, Alvin Kuruvilla, Tim Daly, and Josh Gershoff, and co-advisors Mike Prisco (left) and Len Minerva (right) stand in front of a mural-in-progress of Mighty Mind and Dr. Distractor.

As part of McVey Elementary School's morning announcements, building administrators, in conjunction with the Student Council, have embarked on a "Get Smart" campaign. With the help of a homegrown superhero called Mighty Mind, the students present biweekly skits over the morning announcements in an effort to encourage behaviors that support the learning process. Fortunately, the evil villain "Dr. Distractor" is never victorious in preventing the McVey students from "getting smart."

The school began airing the skits in January. On the days when a skit is not broadcast, live interviews are held instead with select students. Interviewees are selected as

special guests to the "Get Smart" show by writing an essay about what they have been doing to get smart or by recommendation from their teacher.

Building administrators hope that all of McVey's students will be recommended to be part of the show as they strive to avoid Dr. Distractor during class and while doing homework. Administrators and teachers also look forward to seeing the results as the students continue to put forth the extra effort to show all of their work, check their answers, seek challenges, and "get smart" on days when they are not in school.

"The concept of 'Get Smart' is to motivate children to realize their own potential," stated Principal Kerry Dunne. "Intelligence is not a fixed point in time – you can get smarter."

