

## **Principal's Message and Welcome 2017-18 School Year**

Welcome to our 2017-18 school year to everyone!

Another great year is planned at the "best elementary school 'IN' Park City. The running joke of course is that McPolin Elementary School is the "ONLY" elementary school "IN" Park City. We are proud supporters of the entire Park City School District and schools recognizing we are a school system that strives for excellence in all we do:

### **Park City School District**

**The premier school district where academic excellence and innovation meet to ensure student potential is reached. #SAFEHEALTHYPCSD**

McPolin Elementary School is a school-wide, Dual Language Immersion (DLI) school with the target language as Spanish. This decision to be a school-wide DLI School makes sense for many reasons; most importantly because of the support of our community. Additionally, we have created an inclusive school for all students, families, and staff. DLI is who we are and what we do.

McPolin Elementary School is a Title One school with 35-50%\* of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunch based on family income. Demographically, McPolin Elementary is roughly a 50/50 split of Latino to Caucasian. Most families are hard-working "long time" Park City families living in the adjacent Park Meadows or Prospector neighborhoods. At the same time some of the wealthiest families of Park City who live in the Deer Valley area choose to attend our "little school that can." McPolin is an inclusive community school.

Along with our on-going efforts to support all students to acquire the expected UT Core Standards in all content areas using a DLI instructional model, is a focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. With the support of the school district and Park City Education Foundation (PCEF), our local non-profit educational support foundation, Coding is being taught to all students grades K-4 through the 2017-18 school and will expand to 5<sup>th</sup> grade the following 2018-19 school year. Further, we have a one-to-one student to laptop ratio in grades 2-5 starting this school year. The Kindergarten and first grades have no less than 10 iPads per class with a 30 station computer lab available as well. To help support all of this technology is an "Education Technology Coach" also funded by our supportive PCEF. With confidence we can all agree that our McPolin Students are being well prepared for their futures.

We are a community school that welcomes and encourages community and parent involvement. Our goal has been and continues to be; "Every Student, Every Day, No EXCUSES!" By working together we do whatever support students and learning.

Looking forward to making the 2017-18 school year the best year yet!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

\*Fluctuates based on enrollment