



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

Dear caregivers and parents,

A Happy Halloween everyone! I am confident we will once again have a fun and “boo”-tacular day thanks to all of the staff and help from our families.

After the parade we held a meeting to communicate important information about our school. McPolin Elementary continues to be a “Targeted” Title 1 School. The term “targeted” refers to our percentage of families that are eligible for free/reduced lunch. Our actual percentage of free/reduced eligible families over the past three years is:

- 2015-16 / 42%
- 2016-17 – 44%
- 2017-18 – 36%

Because our numbers are less than 50%, instead of being a school-wide Title 1 school we are considered targeted. By being a targeted school we receive less federal funds than a school-wide Title 1 school. Students that receive support through our Title 1 plan are identified based on need.

Our plan focuses on literacy and reading. Our standardized assessment data identifies literacy as our primary need for improvement:

Years	SAGE (3-5) % proficient ELA / MATH	DIBELS % proficient K/ 1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd	Galileo (3-5) % proficient ELA / MATH
2015-16	37% / 41%	98% / 65% / 70% / 81%	58% / 56%
2016-17	47% / 52%	84% / 80% / 55% / 72%	49% / 75%
2017-18	40% / 46%	74% / 64% / 77% / 64%	61% / 61%

The plan involves identifying students receiving additional time and support for reading during our Moose 30 intervention time, before and after school, as well as during Specialist time for 30-45 minutes based on need. Our plan includes using best programs for decoding and fluency improvement based on research; Orton Gillingham or Wilson Language are used depending on the needs of each student.

An important part of the plan included our Parent-School Learning Compact that has been developed and revised over the years. A copy of the most recent compact was sent home at the Title 1 meeting that was held earlier today. If you are interested in reading it we will have it posted on the McPolin website and additional copies available in the front office.

We trust this information is helpful. At McPolin we welcome all families and know our diversity is our strength. Please contact the front office with any questions, concerns, or clarifications.

Sincerely
 Bob Edmiston

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Live PC/Give PC - a weeklong time for giving. Please contact The PTO with any questions.
- Veteran’s Day Assembly- Friday, Nov. 9th in