



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2018

Dear caregivers and parents,

Happy December to everyone! I trust we are all enjoying the outdoors and all of the fun now that the snow is here.

I wanted to review instructional priorities with you. We continue to work with urgency to support all of our students, "Every Student, Every Day, NO Excuses!" In reference to reading we are confident and excited to have created a clearly defined tiered reading program for grades K-5. With the additional "Interventionist" certified teaching position this year at McPolin supported by the district and Board of Education, we are able to consistently teach, observe, and adjust instructional reading activities for all students, including "Tier 3" instruction for those students who are in most need of additional support.

This reading journey will only help with the same process for Math as we implement a new Math curriculum (Ready Math) district-wide in the elementary schools next year (2019-20). We are already initiating that process here at MPES in nearly all the grades. Our goal is to have a similar, consistent, and well-communicated system of supports for all students in the area of Math. To be sure plenty is occurring already, creating a school-wide well-communicated system is the goal including social and emotional learning as well.

Did I mention snow earlier? With the snow and winter comes more traffic on Kearns Blvd. We are noticing an increase in students arriving tardy to school. We appreciate everyone's best efforts to get to school on time. The bottom line is, with snow it takes longer to get to school. Please adjust your morning routines to have students to school on time and to be in their classroom ready to learn at 8:15am sharp. Late students impact everyone!

Speaking of winter and weather, making sure students are wearing appropriate clothing for the conditions is so important. Students continue to enjoy outdoor recess in the wintertime, however when the weather drops below 10 degrees we will limit the time accordingly. Also, if you are in need of winter clothing including gloves, hats, snow pants, or boots please contact Betsy Moscoso in the front office.

Another reminder as we enter the holiday season is bringing food into the school and classrooms. As we prepare for celebrations please review the "MPES Food Policy" letter located on the McPolin homepage. We appreciate families wanting to share treats with students, but we also need to be aware that there are students with food allergies and their safety to consider. The best solution is to talk with your teachers before bringing anything into the classroom.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the front office.

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Thursday, December 6th- K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be attending a performance at the Egyptian Theater of "James and the Giant Peach."**
- **Tuesday, December 11th, 8:15am-9:00am- PTO Meeting with visit from Diego Zegarra with Solomon Fund**
- **Tuesday, December 11th, 2:00-3:00pm – Park City Dance Nutcracker performance**
 - **Wednesday, December 12th- 3:15pm- Geography Bee activity for 4th and 5th Grades**