



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

Dear Parents,

The first full week of school for 2019 is here. The first day back was a successful restart for everyone. Much of the day was spent revisiting our R.O.C.K. rules and expectations. We had a fun and exciting day and based on our students positive behaviors the activities were successful and worthwhile. I encourage everyone to talk to your student about the day and our R.O.C.K. rules.

January is that time in the middle of the year that we complete important assessments in all grades K-5 in all subject and content areas. This student feedback is important for us to use to make adjustments and instructional decisions for all students. If you have not already received information from your teachers about the MOY (Middle of Year) assessments, please contact us for ideas and information to help support your student.

Tonight, I am convening a Data Talk meeting for parents to help start a conversation about assessments and data. The majority of the night will be used explain the word data and the many means and types of data used to inform our work. I will be sharing examples of practice SAGE/RISE state test questions to expose parents to the actual types of questions students are required to complete during these state assessment activities. This meeting will be a general overview of the data, specific student information will not be available.

One important reminder I would like to share are the parking lot expectations. As winter weather returns (YEA!!) our parking lot and the traffic become more challenging. We are doing our best to keep all students, parents, and staff safe. The easiest way to help is to come early and go **SLOW**. Please see the attachment and **THANKS** for complying! We understand how busy morning time is for everyone. Elementary years are the best time to support and make routine healthy, timely, and respectful morning behaviors for your children.

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday, January 9th, 5:30-7:00PM, DATA Night - Informational activity about school data structures. ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**
- **Tuesday, January 15TH 8:15-9:15AM, PTO MEETING - PC READS will be presenting.**
- **Middle-of-Year Assessments have begun for all the grades - be sure to contact your teacher and be looking for important information about these important activities.**