



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th 2019
Patriot Day - Let us never forget the gift of "FREEDOM"

Dear caregivers and parents,

We are well into September and the 2019-20 school year. You can already feel the crisp fall air, especially in the mornings. Last week I emphasized reading and how we can work together to best support all students. This week I want to talk about math, a subject that is just as important.

We are implementing a new Math program this year called Ready Math. We actually have been piloting the program here at McPolin for the past year and this year it will be rolled out district wide. Below I have listed a few of the benefits of the Ready Math program.

- All elementary schools will use the same program, which aligns Math instruction for all the elementary students as they enter Ecker Hill.
- The program directly connects to our I-Ready software making our ability to use student data more efficiently.
- The program uses a CMI approach, **C**onceptual **M**ath **I**nvestigation. This is a double opportunity for our school!
 - A CMI lesson demands students use their current math understanding to solve new problems and ideas, which allows them to connect their previous understanding to new learning.
 - Students are required to make their thinking visible through representation or explanation. This is a perfect fit here since we are a school-wide dual immersion school.
- Here is an article with more information about the program:
<https://www.edreports.org/reports/overview/ready-2017>.
- Here is just one of the many websites with ideas for parents:
<https://www.the74million.org/article/3-ways-parents-can-support-their-childrens-math-development-and-soothe-their-own-math-anxiety/>

In the mornings in the cafeteria our new **P**ACE teacher (**P**.rogram for **A**.cademic **C**.hallenge and **E**.nrichment), Liis Rametta is offering math activities and everyone is welcome to join in! There is also a math "problem of the week" posted on the bulletin board by the Music room. Stop by and check it out, it's a great way to engage in learning with your student.

I will repeat my encouragement to talk to your teachers if you have any questions. Your students will greatly benefit when you understand what they are doing at school.

We continue to do our best to keep McPolin Elementary School a place where all are safe and welcome.

Sincerely,

Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, September 11th– 5:30-7:00pm After School Program Meal Program
- Monday, September 23rd– 2:00-3:00pm Motivated Moose Assembly with "Bofo" from REAL Salt Lake
- Friday, September 27th - 4:00-7:00pm FALL FESTIVAL