



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Dear caregivers and parents,

Hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the first trimester, Friday, November 15th as a matter of fact. A full one-third of the school year has come and gone and it feels like we just got here. Much has been accomplished and much more yet to come.

We are enjoying the Book Fair all week, we'd love to have you come visit! Many current and exciting book selections are available for students of all ages. A great chance to get some early holiday presents checked off your list. Thanks to our PTO and the leadership of Kim Nicol for making the Book Fair a success.

Reading is a foundational skill for everyone. Much of our work is to help all students become strong and enthusiastic readers. One undeniable activity that benefits all readers is time and words on the page. Research confirms that reading 20 minutes a day is equivalent to reading 1,800,000 words per year. Our teachers have various ideas to make reading everyday fun for all students. I encourage all of us to find the time and commitment to engage all students in daily reading.

In an effort to build relationships with all families and provide the latest health information from the People's Health Clinic, we are hosting a Family Meal Night on Wednesday, November 20th from 5:00-7:30pm. Along with flu vaccinations for adults, we will have a leading expert on latex allergy, Dr. Kelly presenting information. He tours the country speaking on all he has learned. Also, our local physician, Dr. Eileen Gallagher will be here to share information on asthma. Our local restaurant, Teriyaki Grill, will be providing food starting at 5:00pm. It will be first come, first serve and we will serve until we run out.

It was great to have so many parents and family members attend our annual Veterans' Day Assembly. This was our new Music Teacher, Emily Hick's, first large scale performance with our students. Also, a big thank you to Pablo Rojas for accompanying the students on the piano.

If you attended the assembly you may have noticed our newly installed projector and screen. We will be using the new equipment at our Movie Night this coming Friday, November 15th, from 6:00-8:00pm in the gym. This is meant to be a student drop off activity, we will supervise the students at the movie while parents/caregivers can enjoy a couple of hours free on a Friday night. We plan on offering an additional Movie Night later in the school year as well.

Please check the lost and found bins, they are very full. All items will be bagged up and donated over the Thanksgiving break.

Thanks to everyone for being such a wonderful and supportive community. We will continue to encourage all families to maintain an on-going relationship with the school. Working together and creating a safe, sustainable relationship between the school and home continues to be a priority.

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- **Week of November 11-15** BOOK FAIR before and after school all week!
- **Thursday, November 14th**- PTO Meeting 8:15am
- **Friday, November 15-** Family Movie Night 6:00-8:00pm in the school gym
- **Wednesday, November 20-** Family Meal and People's Health Clinic 5:00-7:30pm
- **Monday, November 25-** Report Cards Home