



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 2020

Dear caregivers and parents,

Welcome Back! We trust everyone enjoyed the February Recess. We have hit the ground running as you can tell by the calendar of events below. The next six weeks leading up to the April break is the longest uninterrupted instructional block of the school year. This time is very important as we work together to support students meet their academic, social, and emotional goals. Believe it or not, the end of the 2nd trimester is next Friday, March 6th, report cards will be sent home the following week.

The month of March starts out with our yearly Read-a-Thon activity and Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration with an emphasis on literacy and focus on **READING**. We are proud of the work we all do to support students meet grade level reading expectations. I would like to emphasize that there is no replacement for the gift of **TIME**. Here are the facts:

- **By reading with your child(ren) or having your child(ren) read for just 20 minutes a day over a five-year period, your student will have the advantage of 600 hours of read-a-louds. That equates to huge gains in vocabulary, comprehension, and background information.**
- **Exposure to reading is important in developing vocabulary for fluency and comprehension. Students who scored 90% better than their peers on reading tests, read for more than 20 minutes a day, exposing them to 1.8 million words a year**
- **Reading does make you smarter. Our intelligence level goes up when we learn something and reading is a great way to learn. Reading a book enhances our emotional intelligence and comprehension, which helps us make smarter decisions.**

We encourage all families to join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday at the Motivated Moose Assembly this coming Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. After the assembly, we will be continuing the fun with a school-wide reading activity and we'd love everyone to join in.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- **Friday, February 28th Motivated Moose and Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration.**
 - We have an exciting activity planned, please try to attend.
 - We will need volunteers to be guest readers for the "Reading Celebration" starting directly after the assembly. Contact the front office to be a part of the fun!
- **Wednesday, March 4th– School Community Council Meeting**
 - **3:30-4:30pm in library**
- **March 2nd-6th**
 - **MPES Read-a-Thon Week**
- **Friday, March 6th – FAMILY DANCE 5:00-7:00pm**