



**MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

We are about to end the first ever month of distance-learning. To reflect back about how far we have come in that short of time seems all but impossible. On-going compliments and appreciations to all of us. I have been overwhelmed and inspired by the kindness and strength our MPES community has demonstrated from the students, to staff, and our generous community. Thank you for reminding us all about the power of coming together.

A quick reminder for how to get help for any number of basic needs from medical, housing, food, clothing and more:

- Contact the school directly by phone, (435)645-5630, or email at [ssimmons@pcschoools.us](mailto:ssimmons@pcschoools.us):
  - Our amazing Mrs. Simmons is monitoring the front office phone and will put you in touch with the appropriate person.
- Contact our fantastic Outreach Coordinator, Belsy Moscoso using the school phone or her email at [bmoscosot@pcschoools.us](mailto:bmoscosot@pcschoools.us):
  - Belsy is in direct contact with all of the community resources that can offer help.
- Contact either our counselor, Heidi Gwinn or our Social Worker, Amanda Wissler. They too have direct contact with community resources and can further offer suggestions and/or help in regard to social/emotional questions and help.
  - Counselor, Heidi Gwinn can be reached at [hgwinn@pcschoools.us](mailto:hgwinn@pcschoools.us)
  - Social Worker, Amanda Wissler can be reached at [awissler@pcschoools.us](mailto:awissler@pcschoools.us)

Added to community wrap around resources is a specific McPolin Elementary community resource being championed by our PTO. With the generosity of several McPolin community members, a fund has been created to financially support our MPES families. It is apparent this challenging situation will continue long past the end of the 2019-20 school year and the many burdens including financial will continue. This fund will continue indefinitely until it is no longer necessary and is meant for our families. The generosity is “over the top” fantastic and a reminder that at McPolin everyone is considered family.

As we move forward we are working on and planning for the various end of year activities as best we can. In the near future, as we get ourselves organized, we will be forwarding that information and offering an opportunity for feedback as best we can prior to making final decisions. The challenges and changes created by this situation are on-going and no less easy to manage as we safely distance ourselves. We are doing our best. Thanks to everyone and for staying positive and patient.

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston