



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

WOW! My count is that we are on day 36 of this new distance learning approach. I believe that deserves a HUGE celebration! No one would have ever imagined that on May 13th, 2020, we would be discussing how everything is going at home with online learning. The truth is I have an endless list of celebrations to share.

- We have all learned how to Google Meet.
- We have maintained our relationships and connections as best we can.
- Teachers continue to learn and create new approaches for supporting students and on-line/distance learning.
- As is the case in a classroom – some students and families are thriving in this new environment that offers flexibility like never before.
- WE have all come together by staying apart for now.
- A better understanding about the importance of social/emotional learning has been discovered by us all – even Mr. Ed'!
- RECESS is a most important and required part of learning.

As well, we have received positive, critical feedback. Going forward finding more creative and successful strategies for:

- Aligning our scheduling grade to grade to support the home.
- Teaching and modeling appropriate on-line etiquette.
- Expectations for how much time is needed to accomplish activities is much different in this at-home learning environment than when we are in a classroom together.
- NOT new and even more important than ever – communication

Speaking of communication. **Next week I will be using the Office Update (as well as other platforms) to inform everyone of plans for end of year activities.** We know it will look different than in years past and we have no control over that, what we do have control of is how we use this opportunity to make memories. Knowing this year will be an unforgettable one, we have a plan for McPolin to R.O.C.K. and model rule number one more than ever, KINDNESS.

As I muddle through one day to the next, I continue to be inspired by everyone's courage during this very difficult time. Our collective efforts to make the best of it is evident and for all this and more I say, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston