



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDS., 7/15/2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

We all say "Hello" to our parents, students, and McPolin Elementary School community. We trust all of you are able to enjoy these summer months as best as can be expected. Most important, we hope all of you are safe and well.

We are starting the weekly "McPolin Office Updates" a bit early this year. Given the circumstances, starting a communication routine makes sense. All of us are wondering and worrying about what the 2020-21 school year will look like. I assure you that all of us here at McPolin, and at Park City School District have been hard at work to get ready. The problem continues to be - "get ready" for what?

I recommend and encourage everyone to check the Park City School District website on a regular basis. The district webpage has the accurate and most current information. I will be repeating and emphasizing that same information with these pre-school year "Updates", while including certain McPolin Elementary School details.

The district sent a letter to all families earlier this month. If you did not receive a copy by email or regular mail, I recommend calling the school district office at (435)645-5600. If you did not receive the letter indicates our records need to be updated and confirmed.

Given the content and the fact that the information included in the letter is specific and detailed about the upcoming 2020-21 school year, I copied the letter intact on the next page of this letter to ensure accuracy of the information. Please keep looking for these "McPolin Office Updates" as you receive them: on the MPES website, through email, Classroom DoJo, or other platform.

Continue to be safe and well,

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Dear Park City Community,

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many aspects of our schools, community and world when schools were closed on March 13, 2020. The expectation school will resume safely and responsibly this fall is accompanied by numerous opinions and theories about how to best do so. As expected, viewpoints are as varied as each person's unique experience and circumstance. Reopening school in August will be complex due to many unknown and uncertain variables. And, we will be re-opening to in person learning this Fall.

With so many unknowns, students, parents and staff have understandable and legitimate concerns. Everyone desires and expects a safe emotional and physical environment in which to learn and work. Park City School District and districts throughout Utah are planning a return to in person learning with a start date for students of August 20, 2020. We will do so safely and in alignment with current knowledge of best practice to mitigate risks of contagious illness.

In the event that you have specific and individual needs for your student or family, we will provide the option for parents to indicate whether they want their child to return to school remotely via online learning, or physically return to the building, understanding there will be what feel to be extensive changes to the school environment including socially distanced entry, limitation of visitors and reduced field trips for Fall 2020.

In addition to preparing for operational shifts to air filtering, sanitation and hygiene, several task forces of teachers, educational support personnel, community members and administrators have identified strategies that will assist in a smooth return. The health and safety of staff and students are paramount in the recommendations. Six task forces studied the following topics:

Instructional Continuity Planning Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments Elementary Learning Environment Secondary Learning Environment Wellness Vulnerable Populations Student Considerations

The information these teams provided assisted the development of an essential return to school plan that suggests how we will safely re-engage students and employees in the 2020-21 school year based on current constraints and considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional information about the return to school plan as well as welcome information will be available in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to seeing each of you and welcoming new students and families to Park City School District for what will be an outstanding year.

Yours for excellence in education,

Dr. Jill Gildea Superintendent of Schools Park City School District

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