



**MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

As we are in the very first days of our re-opening, an overwhelming undertaking like never before, we can share unlimited celebrations and successes. I have been observing on the playground, in classrooms, out front during arrival and departure, helping with lunch delivery and I can share with absolute confidence that other than our face coverings and distancing layouts, school feels and sound like any other year. Such a calm feeling of normalcy does not happen without a lot of hard work from staff, students, and our families. One for All and All for One is our motto this year, thank you is not enough.

Our work this year is just starting. As in any journey, the first few steps are the easiest. As we move forward our collective efforts need to maintain the same urgency and compliance. To confirm what is going well:

- All the layered mitigation routines; face coverings, hand washing, maintaining distancing, and completing daily symptoms monitoring at home.
- Honoring the arrival and departure routines has been fantastic. I will continue to encourage families to drop and go. Please find areas other than school to visit and socialize.
- Patience and communication with the school and staff:
  - If you have not received at least one contact by our school and/or the grade level, please send a kind reminder to your teachers.
- Please walk bikes, scooters, skateboards along the sidewalk in front of the school.
  - Thank you for wearing helmets!
- Parents are welcome to enter the playground and assist their children with bikes and other modes of transportation. Continue to honor distancing whenever possible.
- We have collapsed the departure times and routines due to everyone being so compliant and supportive.

All in all, our start of the year has been a grand success. So much so that we have already started our Beginning of the Year assessments, which include:

- DIBELS grades K-3 with a limited number of students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- iReady assessments in both Reading/Literacy and Numeracy grades K-5
- Writing assessments grades K-5
- KEEP – a state required assessment for all kindergarten students

I will close by sharing just what a joy it is to have our students back to school. I will further add what a bright spot their resilience and positive attitudes have brought all of us. It really has been amazing!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates and Information:**

- **Arrival time confirmations: (Mon.-Fri.)**
  - Arrival – we open the entrances for all students at 7:45am to allow students to safely enter their classrooms as they arrive
- **Departure time confirmations: (MON.-THURS.)**
  - 2:50pm – Release “Bus riders” and After-School students
  - 2:50pm - Release all students with last names starting with letters A-M
  - 3:00pm – Release all other students.
- **Departure time confirmations: (Fri. ONLY)**
  - 12:15pm – Release “Bus riders” and After-School students
  - 12:20pm - Release all students with last names starting with letters A-M
  - 12:25pm – Release all other students.

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MIÉRCOLES, 26 DE AGOSTO DE 2020