



**MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

We could not be more excited to be writing to everyone still in person in mid-October. So much for all of us to be celebrating:

- Appreciations and congratulations for taking advantage of the virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- BEAT-the CALL!! McPolin had the highest percentage of participation in the PCEF fund drive earning us \$9,000. The staff will be working with the PTO to utilize the funds to better support students, staff, and learning. A perfect example of “All for One and One for ALL!”
- If it’s October, Halloween is coming and YES! we will be dressing up in costumes and celebrating on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be creating a virtual plan/presentation to best include our parents, caregivers, and surrounding community.
  - Given recent increased positive test cases, staying distant and safe only makes sense.
  - Details and information on costumes and how we will enjoy the day together will be shared next week.
- 39 days of school and going strong. THANK YOU one and all.

As we continue to stay open, we get to remind everyone of certain traditional, pre-Covid routines and expectations as the seasons and weather change:

- If you are NOT in the parking lot by 8:00am you are late! A simple rule to help be on time to school as the mornings get darker, colder, and the traffic on Kearns Blvd gets more congested.
- ALL students need appropriate warm clothing to go outside for recess and mask breaks. WE GO OUTSIDE in pretty much all weather regardless of temperature with an exception for lightning and rain.
- PHONES and WRIST PHONES – students are required to ask permission to use a phone during school hours. This includes parents calling their student(s). A school staff member will be a part of all phone calls during school hours. If there is an urgent communication need, please go through the front office during regular school hours.
- READ – make reading and talking about reading a daily practice.
  - Re-reading a favorite book is highly recommended.
  - If at all possible, read hard copies of books not just a book on a screen.
- MATH FLUENCY – make practicing math facts and problem-solving a daily practice.
  - As simple as asking questions like “What is one more than 12?”.
  - Name the major geometric shapes in English and Spanish. Flip-flop roles and have your student TEACH YOU some words in another language.

I will close as I began, it is SO wonderful that we continue to enjoy “in-person” learning. In order to continue our successful COVID year, we must take advantage of and remember our “Communication Plan”:

- Contact teachers first as you have questions, concerns, ideas of feedback.
  - Teachers are using Classroom DoJo and send home a weekly grade level newsletter.
  - You can schedule “virtual” meetings with teachers through email, Classroom DoJo, or calling the front office.
- The front office sends home weekly office updates on Wednesdays. On Thursdays, the McPolin moment videos are sent home via email and they can also found on the McPolin website and our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and YouTube) thanks to the help of our wonderful parent volunteer, Jodey Fey.

We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing Fall Break!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates and Information:**

- Fall Break
  - Friday, October 16th