



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2020

Another week to celebrate for so many reasons, most of all we continue to be safe and open. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make safe decisions at home and for doing your part to keep schools open. Though the news outside the school seems overwhelming at times, do know that here at school we are moving forward one perfect day after another with enthusiasm and confidence – We Got This!

Let me add a Happy Veterans' Day to everyone! We celebrated and shared information with students about Veteran's Day and the importance of this day during announcements this morning. A short presentation was prepared about the origins and how this day has evolved over the years. What hasn't changed is the need to remind us all that our freedom comes with a price and to honor those who have served to protect those very freedoms. We have the presentation posted on the school website.

As we end the first trimester a few reminders whether you're staying in the current in-person or remote-learning placement or making a change:

- Safety first – If you or a family member is presenting symptoms, please make the safe choice and stay home. This is a very different message than in previous year's regarding attendance and we could not be clearer; when in doubt – stay out!
- Communication – With the before mentioned change in attendance, knowing how to contact your teachers or the school is more important than ever:
 - Teacher contact:
 - All families should have a Classroom DoJo account with their teacher(s).
 - Every week grade level teams send home an electronic Weekly Newsletter.
 - Email or call the the teacher to set-up a phone call or ZOOM meeting.
 - Front office and general school contact:
 - Every Wednesday the electronic Office Update is distributed and posted on the school website.
 - Every Thursday the McPolin Moment video is posted on the school website.
 - The PTO electronically distributes the Moosemail with school and community updates. Moosemail is also posted on the school website.

Having a safe and trusting relationship with your teachers and the school is the foundation of student success. There is no better way to support your student(s) and to have a best learning experience than being connected with the school and the teachers. When we all work together we all benefit. Nothing could be more important this year in particular than communication and relationships.

I will end with a couple of appreciations. First of all, thank you to everyone for the kind support of our United Way Change-Maker award last week. This award belongs to everyone in the McPolin community as much as it does to me. Also, thank you for the support during last week's Live PC/Give PC donation drive. Our community's kind donations will become part of the McPolin Family Support Fund (MFSF) that was created through the foresight and caring of our PTO and our wonderful families back when the pandemic started. McPolin is a school of support and kindness for all families. This fund supports OUR families with financial support for basic needs. This is another perfect example of One for ALL and ALL for One. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and generosity. As always – WE Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates and Information:

- [End of Trimester #1 – this Friday, November 13th, WOOT! WOOT!! Still Strong](#)
 - [Report cards sent home on Monday, November 23rd](#)
- [2nd Trimester starts on Monday, November 16th](#)
 - We welcome families from remote learning to in-person learning.
 - For those families transitioning to remote-learning contact us if you need any help or information.
- [Thanksgiving Holiday](#)
 - [No school Wednesday, November 25th-Friday, November 27th](#)
 - [We return on Monday, November 30th](#)