



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

Congratulations to us all. Thanks to everyone's best efforts, schools are still open as we enter the 4<sup>th</sup> month of the 2020-21 COVID school year. We are confident, based on our collective efforts to self-monitor symptoms, follow safety protocols, and making safe choices outside of school, we can stay open indefinitely. It is up to all of us.

As this year has provided many challenges that are on-going, many of us have found opportunities to share welcomed and well needed kindness and support.

- Thanks to the PCEF! What would we do without the Park City Education Foundation?! The PCEF has supported all of us with funding for many of our programs for many years from the After-School program to our P.A.C.E. Specialist, Liis Rametta, and everything in between. This year we earned the Beat-the-Call top prize of \$9,000 and just the other day they provided the staff with hot coffee and snacks.
  - We do need to thank our McPolin PCEF Ambassadors for all they do to support our school including Beat-the-Call.
- Thanks to our PTO. They have provided each teacher with no less than \$250 for supplies and classroom needs. They have also honored just about any teacher or school request for funds to better support our students. They too surprised and brought smiles to our teachers with a sweet treat the other day.
  - The PTO created the MFSF (McPolin Family Support Fund) last spring that provided over 60 families financial support for basic needs. I know the PTO is proactively planning to offer the same support if as needed in the coming months.
- It was great to see all of the smiling faces enjoying the Halloween decorations done by our parent volunteer, Leslie Reese. The pumpkin patch was a hit with all of our students.
- Nurse Kirsten Brotherson is amazing! We have all worked hard to keep our students, our school, and each other safe but no one has worked harder or felt more responsibility than Ms. Kirsten. Her expertise and meticulous attention to detail has made a huge difference for the better. As a result of her work, we are confident we are prepared each and every day.

Finally, I must continue to encourage and thank everyone for all we are doing to honor our number one priority, keep everyone safe and keep our schools open. Thinking back to when this school year started, I can honestly share I had a glimmer of confidence that we would still be strong without interruption this far into the school year. Now that we are here and have learned so much, I am loudly confident we will enjoy a full year of in-person learning as long as we all continue to do our part and stay safe at home.

What do I mean by do our part? We need to limit who we interact with outside of school. As hard as this distancing is, continuing to limit our social interactions must be a collective priority, even during holidays. We have also learned there is minimal spreading of infections occurring during the school day between students or between adults and students at school. This is attributed to mask wearing and social distancing. As hard as maintaining our urgency for safety can be and Covid fatigue can occur, imagine if our schools close? We have proven to ourselves that we can open and stay open if everyone stays safe. The challenge we all face is making every day count, making every choice to stay safe a priority, making sure each and every one of us chooses to stay safe and thereby keeping our schools open.

WE GOT THIS EVERYBODY!!

-Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates and Information:**

- [HERE COMES WINTER!!](#)
  - Be sure you students have appropriate clothing to go outside for recess and mask breaks. WE GO OUTSIDE as much as possible
- [End of Trimester #1 – Fri., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> WOOT! WOOT!! Still Strong.](#)