



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2020

Dear parents and caregivers,

We did it! August, September, October, November and now DECEMBER and still going strong. Congratulations to us all, thank you for doing your part to keep us safe and keeping our schools open for in-person learning. Thinking back to where this all started and all the questions, concerns, and worries that dominated our thinking back then and where we are today, I can only marvel at that journey and at our success.

The holidays are upon us and the McPolin giving moose activity has started. What is the giving moose activity you might ask? This is our yearly activity for supporting all families during the December holiday season. This is when our school, our community outreach coordinator, our PTO, and our community supporters come together to make sure all families have a wonderful holiday season.

Due to the limited number of people who can come into the school at this time, we have moved everything regarding the giving moose online this year. Community members who are interested in participating can email Betsy, bmoscot@pcschoools.us, to be matched with an anonymous family in need. Betsy will share basic information about the family in need and other details including clothing sizes and any specific family requests. The last step is to package, wrap, and then deliver your kind gifts to the school for distribution. For more details, you can visit the McPolin Elementary website at mpes.pcschoools.us.

The giving moose has grown this year more than any other previous year. Already we have 150 individuals needing our support. You would be surprised by the many wonderful families asking for assistance. At McPolin we work with a simple phrase in mind “a servant’s heart.” There are many different ways in which to share your servant’s heart and we here at school have the privilege of seeing such kindness day-to-day and week-to-week.

In the McPolin family spirit of giving, please join the PTO in showing gratitude for our amazing teaching staff, by choosing an ornament from the Holiday tree! These are items our teachers and staff have requested for the classrooms to enrich our students in their learning. Please consider donating a gift from the tree which is located by the front office. Items may be presented to the staff any time before the holiday break!

I will close by reaffirming what defines our McPolin pride. We believe that every one of us matters and has value. We know that our differences are what makes us strong and in truth, we have far more in common than not. Nothing worth doing is easy. In a time when disagreement surrounds us wherever we go, we choose to find agreement. After all the masks are off, and the distancing is forgotten with a hug and the touch of a family member or friend, I trust we will have learned just how important WE ARE. In the words of a most wise Mr. Rogers, “Real strength has to do with helping others.” McPolin is a school of great strength and community.

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important dates and events:

McPolin Giving Moose activity

- Monday November 30th-December 18th
- Contact Ms. Betsy and visit the website for more info.

PTO Holiday Tree for Teachers

- Monday November 30th-December 18th
- Located the McPolin lobby
- Grab an ornament and make a teacher’s day!