



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates
Wednesday, January 6th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome one and all to 2021. We trust everyone had a safe, healthy, and relaxing extended break. We further will confirm our collective excitement as we return to school. These first couple of days have been wonderful getting to see one another, especially the students. A perfect start to our 2021 portion of the school year.

I thought I would share a few reminders and activities we can all do to support students, learning, and getting into our school routines.

- The learning day starts promptly at 8:15am. Students can start entering classrooms at 7:45am. I encourage all students to arrive at school prior 8:00am. The traffic on Kearns as well as the parking lot can become extremely congested after 8:00am. An easy way to remember, **Be in the parking lot by 8:00am or you're late.**
- Laptops and iPads are now required devices to participate in class. **Remember to bring the devices to school and have the devices fully charged.** We are happy to keep the devices at school if necessary – just let your teachers know.
- After the long break, I encourage all parents to contact their teachers to check-in and confirm any questions, concerns, or clarifications.

The other important conversation is that SAFETY continues to be our #1 priority. Important reminders:

- Masks continue to be required for everyone while at school or on property.
- Maintaining a minimum of 6 feet of distance is best.
- Handwashing and sanitizing continue to be a priority.
- If anyone in your household or a student is demonstrating any COVID symptoms – **WHEN IN DOUBT STAY OUT!** The majority of our more challenging situations at school have been created when someone had symptoms and chose to come to school or a family member was tested and students came to school while waiting on the results. **IF ANYONE in the household gets tested, everyone else needs to quarantine until you receive the results.** All help is appreciated and we know EVERYONE is doing their best.

To close I will share a huge thank you and celebrations for all of the individuals and families that donated to the McPolin Giving Moose activity. Over 120 adults and children had a wonderful holiday thanks to your generosity. This sort of caring for all families is the hallmark of McPolin Elementary School. Everyone has times when we require help, and at other times we are in a position to help. We all thank you.

I will add that this very giving mindset and sense of community is an important attitude that represents who we are and what we do at McPolin Elementary School. Recently I enjoyed appreciations for the United Way Change Maker Award. Quite honestly, isn't that what all teachers truly are? All the work and the learning we attempt to share with our students and families create opportunities for change. Thanks to all of us who have learned that we must continue to change, we can always strive to be better, and every one of us has value and matters. This sort of inclusive mindset benefits us all. We are all Change Makers!

Welcome Back! We have a long journey yet ahead. Like never before, One for All and All for ONE. When we stand united anything is possible. Thanks so very much and of course – We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- Schedule reminders:
 - Start time -8:15am
 - Mon-Thrs. end-of-day – 2:50-3:05pm
 - Friday end-of-day – 12:20-12:30pm
- Middle-of-Year Assessments month of January