



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed the winter break. As we return, the students continue to be our motivation and our role models. They continue to demonstrate resilience and enthusiasm as if this year is no different than previous years. Truth be told, the students are on to something. Though some of our circumstances have changed, our mission and goals have not: Every Student, Every Day, NO Excuses.

If you didn't see McPolin Moment #24, I will offer a short summary. Any conversations happening about learning loss is inaccurate for our students. Instead, based on the recent middle of year (MOY) assessments, your students performed as well or stronger when compared to the previous two school years:

	iReady				DIBELS	
School year	Math		Reading			
	BOY –MOY Proficiency comparisons		BOY –MOY Proficiency comparisons		BOY –MOY Proficiency comparisons	
	BOY	MOY	BOY	MOY	BOY	MOY
2018-19	28%	54%	35%	52%	55%	61%
2019-20	20%	42%	32%	49%	56%	59%
2020-21	37%	57%	37%	57%	42%	56%

I realize this is very limited information but the points of the messages I would like to get across are twofold. The first message is regarding our students. During the Covid-19 pandemic and after missing one third of in-person learning the previous spring, our students are consistently out performing other school years. The second message is our students grow and learn when attending school and experiencing the high-quality instruction offered by our teachers and staff. The need and urgency to continue to learn and improve how to best meet the needs of all students is never-ending. This message is to compliment our district for recognizing the importance of in-person learning. Given all of the disruptions over the past year, thank you to all of us and most especially our students and staff. Our students have enjoyed a rich and successful year of learning.

We also remind everyone the reason we can celebrate our students and continue to enjoy in-person learning is by maintaining our #1 priority of SAFETY. As we return to school, a reminder to continue self-monitoring symptoms at home, wearing masks, social distancing, handwashing, and when in doubt, stay out. An even more important celebration than my data summary is our collective efforts. As difficult and tedious as it might seem at times, to put our students and our neighbors first, all for one and one for all.

In closing, next Tuesday will be our Motivated Moose assembly to recognize our students and staff modeling our R.O.C.K. rules. We chose this day to combine with Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration. We invite everyone, staff and students, to dress-up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. We will also be having fun with reading activities throughout the day including a favorite Dr. Seuss story or two.

Sincerely,
 Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- **Tuesday, March 2nd 8:30am-9:30am**-Motivated Moose assembly- Dr. Seuss Birthday style! Everyone is invited to dress-up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character