



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates  
Wednesday, March 17th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

This COVID year of in person learning continues and only gets better, one perfect day after another. We have had so much success that we have had 8 students return from remote and 5 new students start in person school with us over the past two weeks. Having so many new students so late in a school year is new experience for us. We welcome everyone! This offers the opportunity to remind everyone why and how McPolin continues to be the BEST elementary school “in” Park City.

We are a Targeted Title One school and one of two school-wide DLI public schools in the state. Different than a charter or magnet school, no need to apply. If you live in the McPolin boundary you are automatically enrolled and offered the amazing opportunity of a DLI education, no lottery or application required. We are a right-sized, majority/minority school. What does that mean? It means we are a school of roughly 450 students, grades pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>, where no one demographic or label defines our school. Approximately 50% of our families are eligible for free/reduced lunch, with the other 50% being a mix of blue collar, middle-class families and some of the most affluent families in Park City. We believe our differences and diversity are our strength. We are a welcoming, neighborhood school that honors and believes in our R.O.C.K. rules:

- Respect, Organization, Cooperation, and Kindness

This year more than ever we all support one another and continue to work together to do our best for all families and students: “Every Student, Every Day, NO Excuses!”

With that as an introduction, a reminder that quite simply, our PTO and all the volunteers are invaluable to the success of our school. A short list of some of wonderful programs the PTO funds are:

- School field trips – The district funding for field trips is limited. Our PTO has helped to ensure each grade level has the opportunity for at least one field trip a year.
- Classroom materials and supplies – Our PTO has supplemented the district and state legislative funding for teachers and classrooms to the tune of \$1,000 per grade level. This funding is invaluable for our school.
- Our December Sing-Along and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Performance Palooza performed at the Eccles.  
\*\*Unfortunately, we have needed to cancel these events for the 2020-21 COVID school year.
- McPolin Family Support Fund (MFSF) – this program continues to be funded by our school community through community donations and in cooperation with the PCEF (Park City Education Foundation). So far over \$20,000 has been distributed to our families through \$100-\$200 gift cards for basic essentials during the Pandemic.
  - We are an inclusive school that will not allow cost to limit any family’s/student’s participation. The PTO has helped and supported our commitment.
- Only with the help of PTO volunteers are we able to have exciting and successful school activities including; our December Sing-Along, our classroom holiday celebrations (i.e.; Halloween, Thanksgiving, and more), Field Day, and the list goes on. Only with the help and support of PTO can we provide these fun and important celebrations.
- Fall Festival, FALL Festival, and FALL FESTIVAL – this is our annual fundraiser that supports all of the activities and more listed above. All help welcomed and needed given the amount of work and time necessary for this important fundraiser to be successful.

As we near the end of the 2020-21 COVID school year, preparing for next year demands a well-supported PTO. Please visit our website for contact information and then reach out to the current PTO officers. As you get involved you will benefit from learning more about the school, get to know other families, and enjoy knowing you are making a positive difference for our school.

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- Spring Break – April 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>