



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

We started this journey on Thursday, August 20th with a lot of passion, hard-work, and unknown. Thanks to all of us, students, parents and teachers, we are about to complete our second of three trimesters without missing one day of school. That deserves a celebration!

We need to further celebrate and recognize the hard work and willingness of our remote learning students as well. Different than the in-person learning journey, where we were adjusting a well-established way of learning, our remote learners have created a whole new approach to large scale learning for elementary students. Talk about building the plane while flying at the same time!

I will share a third shout-out for our School Community Council. The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month starting in September. The committee comprised of parents and staff members discuss all things McPolin, ranging from instruction, holiday celebrations, and behavior, to academic achievement. The Council also decides how Land Trust funds, given to us by the state, are spent based on school needs and achievement data. Each year we look for new members to join the Council. We do ask for a two-year commitment to keep continuity within the membership. Call the school if you are interested or have any questions. Everyone is welcome!

One last celebration is for the McPolin PTO. What a challenging year for our wonderful PTO members and officers with no access to the school. However, regardless of our situation, the PTO continues to offer support for our school and students. A short and incomplete list of the PTO's impact and support includes:

- **\$1,000 to each grade level team and department to supplement the district and state funding.**
- **Mandolins for our students**
- **Over \$2,500 to fund leveled books/magazines for all students**
- **Continued financial support for all families through the McPolin Family Support Fund.**
- **YEARBOOK!!!**
 - The yearbook is a huge undertaking championed by our own Tania Bodnar. Right now, she is working on getting photos of students and school activities with the help of teachers and staff.

This is such an important time for teaching and learning. We are well into the year and have gotten to know each other. By now, parents and students in collaboration with the teachers should have a clear picture on what each student's strengths are and what areas need improvement. Believe it or not, there are only 4 weeks left until Spring Break in April. I share this to ask that more than ever, attendance, staying connected with the teachers through DoJo, and making sure students are getting enough rest each night is a priority. Your help and support is always important and welcomed. As we have demonstrated this year, anything is possible when we all work together.

The only thing left to add is our continued appreciation to all our families and community support for students and our school. We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- Trimester 2 ends this Friday, March 5th
 - Report cards sent home Tuesday, March 16th
- No School for students – Monday, March 15th
 - Teacher professional learning and preparation day
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