



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates Wednesday, May 19th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

As the weather warms so do our spirits. More than ever, this particular end of school year has us all excited! Here is a rundown of some of the exciting end of year activities that are coming up.

Running With Ed is this coming Saturday, May 22nd starting around 8:00am and going throughout the day. We have seven staff teams participating and with the help of our Outreach Coordinator, Betsy Moscoso, and our Social Worker, Amanda Wissler, 36 students are joining the fun. Here is how you can help:

- Matt Genter and Chip DuRoss are supervising the exchange and could use some help!
 - There is a Sign-Up Genius created by the PTO where you can sign up to volunteer. If you can smile and fill cups with water for the runners you are well qualified.
 - Everyone can still donate and no donation is too small. EVERY dollar counts.
 - Currently, McPolin is in the top three schools for participation and we can win between \$2,000 to the top prize of \$5,000.

I personally have participated since the first RWE and each year it keeps getting better! This is the most important fundraiser of the year for the Park City Education Foundation (PCEF). Only with the support of our community through PCEF do our students enjoy programs including Art, After-School, PACE, as well as mini-grants for teachers that directly impact the classroom. The list is long, I encourage us all to support the PCEF.

This Friday is Bring your Bike to School Day. For this COVID year, we are not hosting our normal bike to school activity and instead encourage everyone to bring their bikes to school on Friday. We will be using the front parking lot to supervise students riding during lunch. Helmets are required, and always recommended.

If you are a family with a current first or fourth grader, please look for a note that was sent home today with all students or look for that note in an email. The note is confirming we will continue to “loop” teachers with their students from first grade to second and fourth grade to fifth. Given the nature of our year, we will be reviewing the class lists to make some adjustments. Also, there are some changes to the teachers. All of this information is detailed in the notes that have been sent home.

All laptops and iPads will be collected this year on Tuesday, June 1st. Be prepared to send your child’s school **computer/iPad, charger, and case to school on Tuesday, June 1st, 2021.** We are collecting, cleaning, and storing iPads, computers, and chargers here at school. There is a charge for replacing lost or damaged parts. Contact us directly with any questions or clarifications.

That is a short list of upcoming events to help us all plan accordingly and more to come including fifth grade promotion on Tuesday, June 2nd at 2:00pm. We will continue to do our best to keep everyone informed to make this particular end-of-the-year especially memorable.

I will continue to emphasize that for all of us who work here at McPolin, wearing masks, handwashing, and social distancing, will continue for the duration of the year. We are well aware of the changes announced starting June 1st and respect everyone’s ability to make safe decisions for themselves. I will share that we are one of the few school district’s that has successfully been open for the entire 2020-2021 school year for both in-person and remote learning. As a district, our choice is to stay the course with the strategies that have worked to keep us all safe during this Covid school year.

Another theme that has worked well for us is ALL for One and One for ALL! I have learned how powerful an inclusive and united approach has on everything we do. We have learned that consistent and accurate communication is powerful. Respect for everyone improves relationships and creates trust. We might not agree on everything and at times courageous conversations are required. In the end, when we commit to communication and trust we are all better for it. Best of all, our students succeed. We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- **Testing Continues 5/17 – 5/21**
 - **Final week for RISE and iReady**
 - **Make-ups next week**
- **Friday, May 21st**
 - **Bring-a-Bike to School Day**
- **Monday, May 24th**
 - **5th Grade Maturation Presentation**
 - **Opt IN forms must be returned to school no later than Friday, May 21st**
 - **Forms MUST be RETURNED to school for students to participate.**