



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates
Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

With wholehearted enthusiasm, I share a warm welcome to the month of May. With our united efforts we are entering the last full month of school for the 2020-21 school year. Thinking back to how we started in August, it seemed unimaginable that we would be starting a tenth consecutive month of uninterrupted learning, and yet here we are. An undeniable affirmation that when we come together, everything is possible.

With the start of May comes the start of a busy month with a list of End of Year (EOY) activities.

EOY TESTING:

- May 3rd-7th: 4th and 5th grades completing RISE ELA assessment and iReady Math assessments
- May 10th-14th: 3rd grade completing RISE ELA assessment and iReady Math assessments
 - 4th and 5th grades completing RISE Science assessments
- May 17th-21st: 3rd grade completing RISE Math assessment and iReady ELA assessment
 - 4th and 5th grades completing iReady ELA assessments and RISE Math assessments
 - Grades K-2nd grades completing EOY DIBELS assessments
- May 24th-28th: Complete all make up testing including 4th and 5th grade DIBELS

You can all help:

- Talk to your student(s) about testing.
 - Remind them these assessments are meant to give us feedback as a school on how well we are supporting them. All help in keeping students enthusiastic and calm is encouraged. Contact teachers or the school with any questions or clarifications.
- Being well rested and making sure students eat a breakfast, as well as bring water and a snack is also encouraged. We do provide both water and snacks to all students.
- Contact teachers immediately if you have any planned absences, so alternative plans can be made to complete the testing as easily as possible and as time allows.

This testing is a valuable opportunity for all of us. The results are used to evaluate how well WE are doing as a school to support student learning. Given we did not have EOY testing last year, the process this year is that much more important. We appreciate everyone's support. I will share that if you have strong concerns or clarifications to contact the school.

I need to share a huge thank you and appreciation for the kind treats being shared during teacher appreciation week. The coffee, pastries, pizza and flowers mean more than you know. The effort and commitment of the staff is undeniable and on full display each and every day. All for One and One for ALL. We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- May 5th – School Community Council meeting:
 - Today at 3:30-4:30pm
 - Meeting outside on chairs wearing masks and practicing safe, social distancing.
- 4th & 5th grade state RISE ELA and District Math iReady Testing May 3rd-May 7th
- Class Placement Forms:
 - Located in front office area
 - Return to front office area by Friday, May 14th