



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

Thank you to all of our McPolin community. Yesterday's Open House was the first time, first school-wide activity since March 13th, 2020 that we were all able to come together as a community in school and in person. WOW- it was so fun! To hear and see the outpouring of support and willingness to do whatever we can to have schools safely open was undeniable. It gave me complete confidence that we will have a successful year regardless of whatever comes our way. I will be honest to the point of being vulnerable and share that McPolin is not just a brick and mortar building or place, to the contrary, it is an attitude of inclusivity and kindness in actions more than words. THANK YOU! Our ALL for One and ONE for ALL attitude was seen, heard, and felt.

With the confidence of last night's activity, I can continue to share important information to start our year:

- **Confirmation:** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THIS COMING MONDAY – August 23rd for all students.
- **Confirmation:** Student are REQUIRED to give their cell phones to teachers to be safely secured during the school day. Please contact Mr. Edmiston with any questions. This decision is meant to keep everyone safe.
- **Confirmation:** School Schedule:
 - **7:30-8:05am** – All students can enter the cafeteria through the doors towards the back of the playground for breakfast. THANKS to the state, ALL students will can enjoy a free breakfast and/or lunch for the 2021-22 school year
 - **8:10am** - The bell will sound at signaling to everyone school is starting and to head to class. Teachers will have a set routine for entering the classroom safely through their outside doors other than Kindergarten. Kinder' has a routine appropriate for their corner of the school.
 - **2:55-3:05pm** – Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be released
 - **3:05pm** – the bell will signal the end of the school day and grades Kinder', 1st and 2nd will be released. We release the older students first to give them time to go to their younger sibling's classroom to help.

I will close with one more confirmation. As our principal, I commit to communicating, consistently and timely in reference to information involving safety and COVID 19. I will further confirm by continuing to work together as we have since this whole pandemic started, our schools are safe. This year will be more of the same as we continue to honor our agreements that include:

- Priority number one, two, and three - safety
- Open and consistent communication
- Safe and trusting relationships
- One for All and All for one

We can't wait to get this year started. See you on Monday everybody. We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- **FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON SCHOOL - MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2021**
- **SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**
 - Breakfast served 7:40-8:00am
 - Start of day – 8:15am
 - **Dismissal – 3:05 AND we will continue to have a staggered release for safety starting at 2:55-3:05pm**
- **YES – Before School Program (7:00am-8:00am) After-School Program (3:05pm-6:00pm) both offered Monday-Friday**
 - **BOTH programs starting Monday, August 23rd**

****The After-School Program will be offered this coming Friday, August 20th from 12:30-6:00pm to support our community.**