



## MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to August! We are a very short 15 days from the first day of in-person learning and I can say with confidence that we are ready. The opportunities this year has to offer are unlimited. We have full control over how we use this new Covid environment to be creative with the ways we learn, communicate, and interact. Once again, we will be required to put some of our individual wants aside for the good of all our students and families. We will build on last year's success to open our school safely and productively academically, socially, and emotionally. The biggest lesson we have learned, is that when putting aside differences for the benefit of all we can make anything happen. All for one and one for all!

Let's get to the nitty-gritty. As of today, the plan for the upcoming school year is a work in progress. We are still in process of confirming what in person learning looks like this year. As it stands now:

- The district will not be providing a structured remote learning option, and instead focusing on in-person learning.
- In-person Open House– Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm.
- First day of in-person learning is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- SAFETY continues to our first, second, and third priority. We are waiting for direction from the Summit County Health Department, the school district, and state/federal guidelines. For now:
  - TO GET STARTED – EVERYONE will be **encouraged** to wear face coverings.
    - Planned and routine face covering breaks will be built into the schedule.
  - TO GET STARTED - We will build on last years' experience and build a schedule that keeps students in cohorts all day. They will be together in the classroom, at lunch, and stay together to limit interactions and allow for us to contract trace if positive COVID situations occur.
  - TO GET STARTED – Students and staff will be using the library, the gym, and leaving their classroom for specialist classes.
  - TO GET STARTED – Students will enjoy outdoor recess with their grade level.

What we confirm today, may very well be different tomorrow. I realize you will have many questions, concerns, and clarifications. We will continue to share as we confirm and are confident the information is accurate and reliable. Let me assure you, no different than last year, we are confident we can successfully manage everything and anything yet to come in this on-going COVID pandemic. Our confidence is born from our many years of working with all of you and of each other. Together WE GOT THIS! Our kids and our community are counting on us.

Continue to be safe and well,  
Bob Edmiston

### Important Dates:

- On-Line registration for returning and new students – OPEN
- Open House, Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 2:00-3:30pm
- First Day of School, Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, In-Person
- SCHOOL SCHEDULE:
  - Breakfast served 7:40-8:00am
  - Start of academic day – 8:15am
  - Dismissal – 3:05- We will continue to have a staggered release for safety starting at 2:50-3:05
- Before (7:00am-8:00am) & After-School Program (3:05pm-6:00pm offered Monday-Friday
  - First day for BOTH programs – Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>