



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Dear Parents and caregivers,

Welcome Back from the Labor Day Weekend. We trust everyone had a relaxing time with family and friends. We continue to share our appreciations for everyone's efforts to start the year so positive and safe.

As a reminder as we settle in for the 2021-22 school year, here at McPolin Elementary School we have learned a lot in the past few years and have become much more aware of the types of food being brought into our building and offered to our students. Our goal of modeling healthy food and activity choices while respecting students living with dietary restrictions has evolved as well. Given the impact COVID continues to have on our circumstances, monitoring what comes into the school has an added importance.

We need your help! I must ask for your understanding and support of the following expectation. **To offer some context, in the past, one of the greatest hurdles we have faced has been birthday celebrations.** I know this has created a level of disappointment to our many fine dessert chefs, and everyone else who enjoys a birthday cookie or cupcake as much as I do. However, with over 400 birthdays to celebrate in the course of a year, there are simply too many opportunities for our students to eat unplanned and unhealthy foods.

Further, in prior year's we have encouraged non-food options. Something as simple as a pencil or eraser to share with each student was exciting and fun for the birthday star. The act of sharing always offered the most fun.

Unfortunately, for this year until a solution to the COVID virus is discovered, we will not be able to have any sort of food items brought to school to share with other students regardless of the reason. I will repeat our on-going priority of safety, as well as our theme of One for All and All for One.

We thank you for your understanding and patience. If or as you have any questions, concerns, or clarifications, contact the front office.

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- Friday, September 10th, 2021- BRING-Bike-to-School Day #2