



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

Dear Parents and caregivers,

Fantastic, amazing, tremendous! We are concluding our second month of in-person learning and as of today, 27 perfect, consecutive days of in-person learning. A quick fact, we are in the 4th semester impacted by COVID19. None of us ever imagined how long this pandemic would be lasting. As we keep reminding ourselves, All for ONE and One for All.

Let's talk about end of day pick up plans and early check out. Please be sure your student knows the pick-up plan before they are dropped off at school in the morning. Whether taking the bus, riding a bike home or a parent picking them up, this is an important life skill involving planning and communication. By including students even in the youngest grades, we are empowering them to be a part of the plan.

I will add to this conversation the undeniable importance of instructional time. Data and research is clear, students who are in school more, learn more and are more successful. ALL students being present for the entire school day is the goal. We ask that you try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments after 3pm. If you do have to pick up your student early, please contact the front desk the morning of at 435-645-5630 or you can send an email to Sara or Kristen at, ssimmons@pcschoools.us or khubbell@pcschoools.us. A reminder that part of the district safety plan includes bringing your ID when checking out a student early. Safety is always a top priority.

Now it's time to celebrate some wonderful accomplishments!

- Our McPolin PTO is amazing and going strong. Here is all they have accomplished so far this year.
 - NEW t-shirts for all staff and students. Wear the red McPolin t-shirt **EVERY FRIDAY** and for **MOTIVATED MOOSE** assemblies, which are held the last Monday of every month.
 - **BEAT THE CALL** – still waiting on numbers but the early projections are strong.
 - **ON-LINE AUCTION** - this is OUR MPES fundraiser. No easy task on-line. Nothing can stop our PTO!
 - **Our Kindergarten Baggie Book program** is closer to getting restarted thanks to this amazing team of parents, Meagan Coates, Amanda Davis and Kelly Urankar.
 - Once ready the teachers will share the details with families.
- **NEW PLAYGROND EQUIPMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS** – Thanks to a PCEF Express Grant, our Mr. Nate Brown, P.E. teacher extraordinaire, organized and purchased all sorts of equipment.
- The PTO funded **SNACK program** is up and running. Muchas Gracias'
- A reminder – **BEFORE** (7:00-8:00am) and **AFTER-School Program(s)** (3:05-6:00pm) are in full swing.

Every time we move on to a new month is well worth celebrating. This COVID environment is the hardest challenge I have enjoyed in my short 30+ years of public education. Make no doubt the word enjoyed was carefully chosen. At McPolin we do hard things. Using challenges as opportunities is a life skill and a required skill for a productive and successful life. I never would have dreamed of having the opportunity to be the principal of our amazing McPolin. Undeniably I had help to go along with a hard work ethic and a strong desire to join the PCSD in this most wonderful place I get to call home. As hard as this COVID challenge is, this lifetime opportunity to come together in the best interest of your/our students is a blessing. And I will share a secret, the people being offered the most opportunity for learning, resiliency and more is us - the adults. The students are watching and are counting on us. I cannot be more thrilled for what we will accomplish when this is all over. Thanks for reading – We Got This!

Sincerely - Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- **ON GOING AND SUPER IMPORTANT**
 - **PTO - Virtual on-line auction – our yearly fundraiser:**
 - The items will WENT live Sept. 24TH and ENDS Fri., Oct. 1st
- **Sept 27th – Oct. 8th - Parent/Teacher Confs:**
 - Look for more information to be shared by teachers and in next week's "Office Updates"
- **Oct. 1st and every Fri. as long as weather cooperates:**
 - Rollin at McPolin
 - Students can ride their "wheels" at lunch recess.