



## MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Dear Parents and caregivers,

It is official, we have entered October 2021, always a busy and exciting time of the year culminating in Halloween activities and fun. October proves to be a transitional month of the year in a number of ways. We say goodbye to our gorgeous warm days and transition to our cooler winter weather. Our beginning of year assessments and first round of Parent/Teacher Conferences are nearing an end. Our school year is moving forward and we are starting to hit our stride.

We had our second informative and in-person PTO meeting this past week. Without a doubt, this year's PTO is making a powerful difference for the better. Here are a few of the ways they are providing support:

- The new McPolin Moose t-shirts paid for and distributed to every student and staff member. Remember to send students to school EVERY FRIDAY wearing red!
- Funding for instructional materials, including additional support for new teachers
- Lunches being provided to the entire staff during this second week of Parent/Teacher Conferences
- On-going fundraisers through MOD Pizza, J-Crew, and Amazon Smile
- Virtual Fall Festival Fundraiser and on-line auction
- Implementing the take home Baggie Book program for kindergarten
- The green recycling team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in PCEF Beat-the-Call fundraiser

The support from our PTO is appreciated by the entire McPolin Community. We can say with confidence that our PTO embodies our motto of "All for ONE and ONE for ALL".

I want to be sure that parents and students understand that phones are not allowed to be handled or used by students during the school day. When a student brings a phone to school they are required to give it to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

A friendly reminder that we do go outside in more or less all weather. Only heavy rain and lightning will keep us inside. Be prepared to have outer wear for colder days including snow on hand. If the weather gurus are right, the need for good warm, dry clothing is right around the corner.

Finally, I want to recognize everyone's efforts to keep our school safe and open for in-person learning. Thank you for keeping your students home when they are not feeling well. Today is the 32<sup>nd</sup> perfect day of consecutive in-person learning. Thanks to all of us – We Got This!

### Important Dates:

- October 1<sup>st</sup> and every Friday as long as weather cooperates:
  - Rollin at McPolin
  - Students can ride their wheels at lunch recess.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> and every first Weds. of the month (YES – TODAY)
  - School Community Council meeting
  - Library or weather permitting outside 3:30-4:30pm
- REMINDER – FALL BREAK next week
  - NO SCHOOL next Thurs., 10/14 & Fri., 10/15