



**MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES**  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

Dear Parents and caregivers,

How is it the middle of December, already?! Believe it or not, we have enjoyed 72 perfect days or 18 consecutive weeks of in person learning while managing Delta, Omicron, and a world-wide COVID19 pandemic. An undeniably overwhelming accomplishment for so many reasons that demands recognition and a celebration for a community coming together, doing our part, and putting students and learning first. Thank you to all of us for staying McPolin strong and for honoring our theme of All for One, One for ALL.

I wanted to use this update to clarify and inform everyone about a number of procedural topics, starting with some winter topics, even though the weather is anything but frightful out right now. Let's begin with snow days. There have only been a total of two snow days in twenty years, my experience since 2016 is that we keep schools open for learning. However, if there were to be a snow day you would receive a direct message from the school district announcing a school closure or delay by 6:00-6:30am. Other good sources for information are KPCW, The Park Record and the school district webpage.

Another reminder is having appropriate outdoor clothing for winter weather. We go outside every day unless there are thunderstorms or heavy rain. If temperatures dip below 10 degrees, we will offer alternative choices for students who do not want to go outside. Most students who have the appropriate clothing want to go outside and have fun in the snow. We have warm clothing available in the front office for anyone who may need it.

If your student is missing any items of clothing you might find it in the lost and found bins located at the front of the school. We will be donating all of the clothing in the lost and found bins to the Christian Center during the holiday break. We will lay out the clothing next week to make the process of finding your lost articles somewhat easier, the collection grows daily.

As a reminder, during morning drop off please use the curb for a quick drive-up and drop off. If you need to take more time, please use one of the parking spaces so we can keep the traffic along the curb moving. Different at drop-off, where we have parents park along the curb due to lack of parking spaces, please pull up and make room for others. One suggestion is to park in the Treasure Mountain parking lot and walk over. I am not sure if using that strategy will save time or not, but it may be worth a try. In the end, let us all be patient, drive slow, and be safe.

If you have appointments and need to pick-up your student early, please contact the front office first thing in the morning to let them know. Given the fact that we are a dual immersion school and students have two different teachers during the day, along with enrichment classes and specialist classes, locating students in the moment can prove difficult. If we know you are coming, we can all be more successful and efficient. This is a reminder to create some awareness and to support our amazing front office team. Sara, Kristen, Kirsten, and Betsy are amazing, organized, and patient with an endless list of work to be accomplished every day. Please honor their work and time with calls in advance whenever possible.

Finally, in the spirit of December and giving a handful of appreciations and celebrations:

- **The McPolin Giving Moose** – talk about an example of a servant's heart
- **The Teacher Wish List** – Thank you to our community for your generosity and support
- **Baggie Books** – Already distributing books to our Kinder' AND 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Appreciations to Amanda, Jennifer, Joanna H, Jennifer H, Kelly U, Meagan C, Molly R, Stephanie P, and Theresa H – just amazing!
- **PCHS NHS (National Honor Society) Food Drive** – We will be collecting dry goods in front of the school all next week to be donated to the Christian Center with the help of the NHS students.

- Thanks also to Brynn BL for her kind book donation – you make us better.

With kindness all around us – We Got This!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates:**

- **MPES Holiday Sing-Along and Motivated Moose Assembly**
  - 8:30-9:00am, Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>