



Important Dates:

- [Tues., 11/30 – YEA!! All 1st graders got their very own “Baggie Book” to take home.](#)
 - [Our team of parents - Kelly, Megan, and Amanda ROCK!](#)
- [Weds., 12/1 – School Community Council meeting](#)
 - [3:30-4:30pm in school library](#)
- [Tues., 12/7 – PTO meeting](#)
 - [8:15-9:15am in school library](#)
 - [Presentation by PCCAPS](#)

MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

Weds., 12/1/2021

Dear Parents and caregivers,

A most sincere and enthusiastic “Welcome Back” to everyone from Thanksgiving Break. We trust everyone had a chance to enjoy time with family and friends. It was great seeing everyone on Mon. as we get these next three weeks started prior the extended December Holiday break. In the meantime, much to do.

We returned to school with a Motivated Moose Assembly. Given the circumstances of maintaining distance, we continue to use ZOOM. Monday’s assembly was the best yet. We were able to celebrate those students and staff that demonstrated our “R.O.C.K. rules. These assemblies are an important part of our PBIS work for supporting all students – P. ositive B. ehavior I. nterventions and S. upport plan. Though for the 1st time the state now requires all schools to implement such plans, at McPolin we have made a “whole student” learning approach a priority for years. Our PBIS plan that includes “Motivated Moose” assemblies, Classroom DoJo, our R.O.C.K. rules, 5th grade “Kindness Tie” leaders, and more has been in place for well over 10 years. We recognized and learned long ago the fundamental need to have an organized strategy for student behaviors that includes positive supports and restorative practices. The foundation is our R.O.C.K rules that are:

- [R. espect](#)
- [O. rganization](#)
- [C. ooperation](#)
- [K. indness](#)

A simple phrase and belief that our school “Rocks” as evolved into a highly effective, school-wide strategy to support all students. With the addition of Classroom DoJo points and the assemblies that recognize/identify grade level/classroom Moose of the Month students, and strong support from all of our families, we have created a most positive and welcoming school environment. As COVID would have it, social/emotional learning has taken on new meaning and importance. Fortunately, having created a well communicated and articulated PBIS approach, McPolin is well prepared for making the appropriate adjustments and increase emphasis on students’ well-being and an open mind set during this on-going pandemic. And one last “thank you” to our PTO for the new 2021-22 McPolin Moose T-shirts. A worthwhile investment when you see all the students and staff wearing the red on Fridays!

Another success created by our community is the undeniable fact that schools continue to be open for “in-person” learning. No easy task! As I viewed the MPES dashboard on Tues. night, we have “NO” new COVID cases and the school number is now at one(1). Let us all continue to monitor symptoms at home and reflect on our on-going activities that may expose any of us to a COVID contact. On top of all the on-going activities of repeated disinfecting, limiting student interactions, reminding students/families choosing to wear masks to cover both the nose and mouth, and more, **monitoring symptoms and outside activities while at home are the most important choices we all can make.** The latest COVID 19 news makes clear this journey is long from over. “Resilience” is managing the ever-changing circumstances and situations to which we have no control with patience, common sense and determination. All qualities we emphasize and encourage at McPolin each and every day. As long as we lean on each other and continue to honor our theme of ONE for All and All for ONE, with confidence – We Got This!

Sincerely,
-Bob Edmiston

