



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Dear Parents and caregivers,

This week's update starts with Covid which is currently our most pressing topic. We are focused on safety, and keeping our schools open for in-person learning. I will remind us of what has worked all along, **ALL** for one and **One** for **ALL**. We have proven that we can collectively work together in the best interest of our students and school. Keeping schools safe and open must be our priority.

Our school nor PCSD create public health orders, and we are charged with the responsibility to adhere to orders. ALL students must wear a face covering. There are three(3) options for students at this time:

- Wear a face covering at school and any school-related programming and/or activities.
- Remain at home
- Complete and provide the medical exemption for signed by a qualified medical professional.

Questions related to the Public Health Order or to share concerns about mandated face coverings should be directed to Summit County Health Dept. Officials including Phil Bondourant (435)333-1584.

We will continue to support our students required to stay home due to quarantine. If you are staying home due to a positive test (PCR or home test), due to a family members illness, or staying home with symptoms the school will offer:

- Teachers will post on average one learning activity per content area through the SeaSaw platform grades (K-2) or CANVAS grades (3-5)
- Teachers will offer on average 30 minutes per week of direct contact time. That can be all at once on a Friday or intermittently during the week through electronic communication including Classroom DoJo or a phone call. Apparently ZOOM meetings will be back in fashion and we are happy to arrange such meetings.
 - This communication plan needs to be developed with the classroom teachers.

If you voluntarily choose to keep your students at home for an extended time, no learning services will be provided to your student. This language is different than what I shared at the start of the week with some families. This decision is a district-wide decision, which I support. Expecting teachers to offer a large amount of remote/distance learning while continuing to be responsible for in-person learning is an overwhelming expectation. Feel free to contact the front office as needed to clarify, ask questions, or share concerns.

Now back to where I started, we have got this if we work together. We worked together spring of 2020 when we were all sent home without warning. We worked together all of last year, not one day of in-person learning was impacted by COVID. We continue to work together this year and as of today we have enjoyed 87 perfect, consecutive days of in-person learning.

We cannot guess what will happen next. Based on all that has happened what I know is, "When all this is over, all that will really matter is how we treated each other." How we do that will have more impact on our students and our community than anything else. The R.O.C.K. rules are more important than ever: Respect, Organization, Cooperation, and Kindness. As always, We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION:

1. **STAY HOME UNTIL YOU RECEIVE COVID TEST RESULTS.** We have a number of situations when families tested and kept coming to school to only learn later they are positive, creating a number of challenging situations
2. **WE WILL NO LONGER BE CALLING HOME ABOUT COVID. We will send notes and always welcome your feedback.**

Important Dates: (Dist. Meeting Info. available on Dist. Website)

- **IMPORTANT - District meetings Weds., Jan. 12th - TONIGHT!**
 - State of the District meeting all families ZOOM/7:00-8:00pm
 - <https://pcschoools-us.zoom.us/j/87502022624>
- **IMPORTANT - District DLI meeting for Kindergarten families, Weds., Jan. 12th - TONIGHT!**
 - ZOOM ONLY - link available on District website
 - Kinder/or In-Coming 1st graders 5:30-6:00pm ENGLISH
 - Kinder/or In-Coming 1st graders 6:00-6:30pm SPANISH
- **Fri., 1/14 - Second Day of GOAP:**
 - Best to arrive at school early to help students with equipment:
 - CANYONS/alpine riders - go to stage in the gym
 - UOP riders - go to the Music room
 - Woodward riders - go to the Library
 - X-country athletes - go to the "lost and found" side of the front lobby area