



McPolin Elementary Office Updates
Wednesday, February 9th, 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

We need to continue to share our appreciations and celebrations more than ever as our Covid impacted year continues. Thank you to everyone for being a part of this amazing and successful year of in-person learning, regardless of the distractions added to the strain created by COVID 19.

We trust the Parent/Teacher conferences have been successful. Thank you for making the time to meet with one another. The real work starts now to honor and act on the information shared. We need to share a sincere THANK YOU to our PTO volunteers for all of the meals and snacks offered over the last two weeks during conferences. Taking the time to deliver all of the food is a lot of work and the staff truly appreciates the effort made. We should add to this appreciation, the on-going SNACK PROGRAM funded and managed by the PTO. Good things happen when we all work together for the benefit of the group – ALL for One and One for ALL!

I can add some detail to the mention of Kindness Week all next week here at McPolin. Our counselor, Loryn Hills has taken the lead to create a week to focus on Kindness and remind everyone about the school R.O.C.K. rules and school wide behavior expectations. We have learned more than ever during the pandemic, we all need to feel safe and supported to be at our best. In order for our students to be able to engage in learning means making sure they are heard, have a voice, and feel safe. This week will be a fun way to reinforce our expectations for creating a safe and welcoming school for ALL:

- Monday, 2/14 – **POWERED through Kindness – Superhero shirt or attire day**
- Tuesday, 2/15 – **CRAZY for Kindness – Crazy, sock, hair, hat day**
- Wednesday, 2/16 – **PEACE, LOVE, Kindness – Wear tie-dyed shirts or neon colored attire Day**
- Thursday, 2/17 – **KINDNESS to Self – Pajama Day**
- Friday, 2/18 – **SPEAK with KINDNESS – wear your McPolin T-shirt day**

Please contact teachers with any questions or clarifications.

I do have a couple of reminders and requests for our families. The reminder is in regard to electronic devices. We continue to support students bringing cell phones including the wrist watch style electronic devices to school. If a phone or watch is lost or damaged, we will do our best to help support the situation but take no responsibility for such loss or damage. Most important we have asked the following:

- Give the phone/electronic devices to the teachers during the school day for safety is best
- Permission from your teacher is required before using the electronic device. This includes parents/caregivers should never contact a student directly using one of these electronic devices during the school day (8:15am-3:05pm). Using before and after school to stay in touch with your children is appropriate.

These rules and expectations are for everyone's safety. There are unlimited challenges involving inappropriate use of these devices including privacy, as well as an unnecessary distraction to learning. This reminder is based on staff observations that more of these devices are appearing and have created some challenges that we can avoid all together. We have plenty of phones available at school for students' to use with the appropriate permission. Please contact the front office directly with any questions or clarifications.

Another reminder regarding early pick-up. Please contact the front office at the start of the school day if you need to pick up your student(s) early. You can call 435-645-5630, email (ssimmons@pcschoools.us or khubbell@pcschoools.us) or send a note in with your student to get the message to the front office. We appreciate your cooperation.

To close, we continue to be amazing. Every day we stay safe and open is one more perfect day for our students and community. We continue to rely on one another for our success and for the support of our students. In the end, as always and with much gratitude – We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **KINDNESS WEEK – February 14th-18th**

ONGOING - COVID INFORMATION:

- **STAY HOME UNTIL YOU RECEIVE COVID TEST RESULTS. Finding out about a positive test after continuing to attend school is problematic.**
- **WE WILL CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE ANY SITUATIONS BY LETTER.**