



McPolin Office Updates  
Wednesday, April, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome Back everyone! We trust all of us enjoyed time with family and friends to relax and recharge as we prepare for the end of our 2021-22 school year. YES – believe it or not we have six(6) Fridays until our most amazing, COVID impacted, and “perfect” school year will come to an end. And with the opportunity of “opening up” and being able to work side-by-side again, more than ever we are excited for all the work and fun the end-of year will bring. To help be organized, please view the latest MPES/PTO Moosemail that has an accurate calendar of the end-of-year school events and activities.

To offer some detail, let’s start with the “work” side of things. The month of May has a full calendar of EOY assessments:

- Kindergarten – KEEP assessment (K.indergarten E.ntry and E.xit P.rofile)
- K-5 – iReady End-of-Year assessments in both Literacy and Numeracy
- K-3 – Acadience Literacy and Math assessments (Acadience is the new name for the DIBELS assessment)
- 3-5 – State RISE assessments (R.eadiness, I.mprovement, S.uccess, E.powerment)
  - 3-5 -Literacy
  - 3-5 – Numeracy
  - 5 grade only – writing (the last week of April)

All of these assessments are offer valuable information the school to make informed instructional decisions. In particular, the RISE assessment is the state “high stakes” assessment used to compare and grade all Utah public schools. To get an idea of what our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to do, all families can visit our McPolin website. First “click” and on the “Faculty” button and then the “RISE testing information” tab. When you do you can then “click on the <https://utahrise.org/> tab and you can access practice tests. I challenge our parents to give the practice tests a try on your own. That experience alone should help motivate us all to support our students by making sure they have a health breakfast, a good night’s sleep, and snacks. The school does provide breaks and snacks for all students during the RISE testing. To help ensure the students are able to perform at their best, please contact teachers to be aware of testing days. The biggest challenge is when students are absent and need to ”make-up” testing time. All help is appreciated and more information will be shared in following weeks.

Another important activity that is scheduled for tomorrow (4/21) is the “Kindergarten Orientation”. This is our opportunity to welcome our new and returning families to next year’s (2022-23) kindergarten. On top of meeting school staff and starting the process of learning how we all work together to support students here at McPolin, the required medical documentation and registration information to enroll your student(s) will be presented. The best part is this will be the first “in-person” Kindergarten Orientation since spring of 2019 – WOW!

Two more quick and important pieces of information as we close. First the “Great Utah Shake Out” is an yearly activity to practice and prepare for a possible earthquake. Given our proximity to the Wasatch fault, this drill makes sense. All we ask is for families to talk with your student(s) about the drill. If you learn or hear anything of interest, you are always invited to contact the school to clarify. Second, we are all re-charged and excited for our best and back to a new “normal” end-of-year. So much to do and celebrate. We will continue to encourage everyone to stay informed about all the exciting activities planned for our students. We’ve been waiting for this and now it is here. Looking forward to all that is to come. A quick reminder of “THANKS” to us all. It took all of us . ALL for One and One for ALL–  
We Got This!

Sincerely,  
Bob Edmiston

**Important Dates:**

- Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Safety Drill – GREAT UTAH EARTHQUAKE DRILL 10:15am
- **Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Kindergarten Orientation**
  - **8:30-9:00am session & 6:00-6:30pm session**
  - **IMPORTANT meeting for first introductions and required activities to enroll/register for the upcoming 2022-23 school year**
- **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - and every Friday depending on weather: Rollin’ With McPolin.**
  - Bring your bikes, scooters, skateboards and more to ride in the parking lot during lunch recess.
- **Movie Night at McPolin, Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm:**
  - FREE – pizza and beverages provided while they last
- Time to register and start training for the yearly and most important RWE (R.unning W.ith Ed.ucation) PCEF fundraiser.
  - Never too early to start planning.