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WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - October 15, 2020

Next Week at A Glance

Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23	Weekend
No School <i>Virtual Book Fair</i>	No School <i>Virtual Book Fair</i>	2nd-5th Grade Returns to In-Person Learning at 8:15am <i>Virtual Book Fair</i> <i>Nurse Station</i>	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i> Remote Learning Family Connection Circle (see below)	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i> Friday Fun at 2:00pm (see the Mustang Meets class in Seesaw)	



CORRECTION

There was a mistake in last week's newsletter. We have **No School October 16-20 for all students.** This is Fall Break for students. We apologize for this error.

COUNSELOR



Our School Counselor, Ms. Callahan, has made [this](#) website full of resources for families and [this](#) Bitmoji classroom for students.

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November Meeting - The next meeting will be on November 9 at 6pm via Zoom.

Scholastic Book Fair - The Book Fair will continue through October 12-25 and will be completely online. Remember, every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly. View the online store [here](#).

Contact Us!

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Building Connections

The purpose of our Building Connections section is to provide opportunities for families to connect and get to know one another. It's also just for a little fun!

This week's topic: **Share an idea for a COVID-safe playdate (and maybe connect with one another to make them happen!)**

Share and connect [here](#).



Please remember to fill out SafeAccess **before leaving home**. The link is [here](#) as well as on the **Flyer App**. Instructions for how to access it on Flyer are [here](#). The ID number is your child's lunch number. We highly suggest saving it to your phone or computer.



Arrival and Dismissal



Kiss N' Go - We now offer Kiss N' Go in the mornings only. You may drop off your child at the Kiss N' Go signs along Tennessee. Please make sure they get out on the sidewalk side of the car.

Parking Lot - As a reminder, you are no longer able to enter the parking lot during arrival and dismissal.

Other - If you want your child to walk to meet you somewhere, please let your teacher know.



Save The Date: Back to School Night - We have rescheduled Back to School Night for October 27 from 5-6:15pm. We will follow the original plan [here](#).

Nurse Station - Our nurse will be collecting medications (e.g. inhalers, etc.) **and** the related doctor forms on Wednesday, October 21st. Please bring all medication and forms on this day to drop off.



Letter from Principal Hinman - Please see the letter Principal Hinman sent out on Thursday, October 15th below.

Return to School Information - Please review the [video](#) and [slide show](#) presentation ([عربي](#) and [Español](#)) for information about our return to school plan here at McMeen.

Connecting with Teachers - As we start returning to in-person learning, we want to communicate one change this year that will likely impact how you connect with teachers. Typically teachers have their planning during the day; however, with all the cohorting and social distancing guidelines in place this year due to COVID, teachers now have their planning at the end of the day after dismissal. Due to this, **we kindly ask that you refrain from checking in with your child's teacher after school, unless you have scheduled an appointment to do so in order to protect their already limited planning time.** This absolutely does not mean that we are discouraging you from checking in with your teacher, we just ask that you schedule time to do so



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Letter from Principal Hinman

Dear McMeen Community,

I am coming to you today to say Thank You. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and the grace you have given me and my staff as we navigate school while living through a pandemic. As you know, we had a member of the McMeen community test positive for COVID-19 earlier this week. It is one of my values to keep the community informed in an open and honest way. It is through this value that I write you today to let you know that all of our Kindergarten classes, as well as myself and a few other select staff members, are officially in quarantine until October 26th. Through an abundance of caution and a deep desire to keep the entire community safe, we are engaging in these quarantine measures. We have an amazing staff and school community; I am very confident that will continue the strong educational tradition at McMeen though this time.

Thank you for those who have contacted me with their concerns and questions.

If you still have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out as I would like the opportunity to try to alleviate any anxiety or worry you may have. My email address is andria_hinman@dpsk12.org and I can also be reached at 720 383 4308.

Sincerely,

Principal Hinman