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WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - October 2, 2020

Next Week at A Glance

Monday 10/5	Tuesday 10/6	Wednesday 10/7	Thursday 10/8	Friday 10/9	Weekend
Kindergarten Returns to In-Person Learning <i>Students upload work for virtual art show</i>	 <i>Students upload work for virtual art show</i>	 <i>Students upload work for virtual art show</i>	Remote Learning Family Connection Circle (see below) <i>Students upload work for virtual art show</i>	Friday Fun at 2:00pm (see the Mustang Meets class in Seesaw) <i>Students upload work for virtual art show</i>	



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Look at some of the writing 5th students did as part of their studies during Hispanic Heritage Month: [Adalyn](#) and [Amara](#) (responses to the book *Esperanza Rising*). Also, here is an amazing [presentation](#) made by Isabella and Gio Casillas-Rodriguez and their family.

COUNSELOR



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

MCMEEN ELEMENTARY PTO

October Meeting - The next meeting will be on October 12 at 6pm via Zoom.

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

Fundraising Opportunities - Please see [this document](#) for current PTO fundraising opportunities.

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](#).

Welcome Our New Secretary - Jennifer Watters started as our new Secretary and we are very happy to have her! Learn more about her [here](#) and be sure to say hi if you see or talk to her.

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. We look forward to welcoming back Kindergartners on Monday, October 5th, followed by 1st Grade on the 12th and 2nd-5th Grades on the 21st of October.

Arrival - Please plan on arriving as close to your child's arrival time as possible (times are listed in the above presentation). At 8:15, all classes will enter the building and anyone arriving after that time will need to come to the main entrance off Holly.

SafeAccess - This is the program we will use for at-home health screenings. Please visit the [Student Safe Access COVID-19 screening tool](#) to complete the health screening. The ID number is your child's lunch number. ***This screening must be completed each day before your child enters the building.*** We highly suggest saving it to your phone or computer.

Crossing Guards - We are having to use all staff members to support with health guardrails this year. Unfortunately, this means we do not have staff for Crossing Guard duties and are looking for parent volunteers. Please sign-up [here](#) if you are interested in helping us out. We need 3 people each day from 7:55-8:15 and 2:30-2:50. Reach out to lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.org with any questions.

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

From Art - Please see [this](#) letter from our Art Teacher, Ms. Claypool.

From GT - If you would like your student to test for Magnet eligibility please visit [this](#) website and sign your child up for the COGAT test. On the website, look under the headline "Interested in Magnet Testing" and nominate your child. This must be completed by 10/14. If you have further questions please email jennifer_cessar@dpsk12.org.

Family Connection Circle - Join members of our Whole-Child Team and other families to discuss some of the challenges we are experiencing right now. This is intended to be a time to connect with others. There are two times on Thursdays (2:00 and 5:30), you do not need to attend both in order to participate. Join via Zoom [here](#).

REMINDER, SAVE THE DATE: Parent Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be the evenings of October 13th and 15th this year. Your teacher will reach out with how to sign-up for conferences.
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