

# #ThisIsMyMcMeen

## WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - October 9, 2020

### Next Week at A Glance

Monday 10/12	Tuesday 10/13	Wednesday 10/14	Thursday 10/15	Friday 10/16	Weekend
1st Grade Returns to In-Person Learning at 8:15am  <i>Virtual Book Fair</i>  Parent/Teacher (PTO) Meeting@6pm	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i>  <b>Conferences</b>	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i>	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i>  Remote Learning Family Connection Circle (see below)  <b>Conferences</b>	<i>Virtual Book Fair</i>  Friday Fun at 2:00pm (see the Mustang Meets class in Seesaw)	



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.

#### COUNSELOR



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



**October Meeting** - The next meeting will be on October 12 at 6pm via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2270809914?pwd=TIE4K1JVWjFZMVJOMTh3b3hBKzN3Zz09>  
 Meeting ID: 227 080 9914    Passcode: 290261

**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](#).

#### 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](#).



**Start Times** - Both Kindergarten and 1st Grade start at 8:15. Please plan accordingly.

**Virtual Art Show** - See all the amazing work students submitted last week to our virtual art show [here](#).

**Parking Lot and Arrival** - Starting Monday, you will not be able to park in the school parking lot. We have too many people driving as children are walking and it is not safe.

**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 Gifted and Talented (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](mailto:jennifer_cessar@dpsk12.org). If your child is in Kindergarten or 2nd, you do not need to sign your child up for this testing. These students will take the NNAT (a nonverbal, cognitive test) this Fall.

**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](#).



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