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WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - November 20, 2020

Next Week at A Glance

Monday 11/23	Tuesday 11/24	Wednesday 11/25	Thursday 11/26	Friday 11/27	Weekend
No School - November Break					
Monday 11/30	Tuesday 12/1	Wednesday 12/2	Thursday 12/3	Friday 12/4	Weekend
Remote Learning Starts Materials Pick-up 7:00am-3:30pm	Materials Pick-up 7:00am-3:30pm	Materials Pick-up 7:00am-3:30pm Collaborative School Committee (CSC) at 5pm	Family Connection Circle at 1:30 or 5:30 (see below)		



Materials Pick-Up

We will be offering **materials pick-up and technology support** Monday-Wednesday the week of November 30th between **7:00am-3:30pm**. Please check with your child's teacher to see if they have materials for you to pick-up. If you need technology support, please feel free to stop by.

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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December Meeting - The next meeting will be on December 14 at 6pm via Zoom.

Fundraising Opportunities - See [here](#).

Supporting Families - If you would like to donate money to support families over the holiday season, please visit the [McMeen PTO Donation Page](#)

Prizes for Read-A-Thon - PTO is in need of prizes. Please email us at the email address below if you can donate a prize.

Contact Us!

Email: mcmeenpto@gmail.com

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/McMeenElementary>

Instagram: @realstudentsofmcmeen

New Outdoor Classroom Space

We have a new outdoor classroom space thanks to money provided by a Mill Levy. As part of this, we have received new paint on the asphalt in the corner between the mobile “learning cottages” and Door 12 to the building. We also received a whiteboard on wheels for learning to take place in this outside space.

Our hope is that this will be a fun learning and playing area, where students can contribute using chalk.



Letter of Gratitude - Please see the very end of this newsletter for a letter from our Principal and Assistant Principal.

Discovery Link Remote Learning Support Camp - Discovery Link will continue running their remote learning support camp from 7am-4pm throughout December. They have 30 spots for students. Please register using your School Care Works Account or reach out to Emily Langston with questions at emily_langston@dpsk12.org.

Remote Learning vs. In-Person Option - As you may recall, the decision to have your child participate in school in-person or remotely was only through Quarter 2 (end of December). **You will be able to change your option the week of November 30th through December 6th.** More information will be coming once we return from break.

Internet - If you need Internet during remote learning, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

FREE COVID 19 Testing - COVID Check Colorado is now offering free COVID testing to all DPS Community Members. Sign-up for testing [here](#).

Flu Shots - Getting a flu shot is even more important this year than ever. Find a place to get a flu shot [here](#).

Family Resources - This is a very challenging time. We have put together some resources for families to support them during this time. You can see the resources [here](#) as well as a new resource for a [mobile food pantry](#). Please reach out if you need anything at all as we are here to support.

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting - Please join us on December 2nd at 5pm for our next CSC Meeting. We will meet via Zoom [here](#).

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 (1:30 and 5:30), you do not need to attend both in order to participate. Join via Zoom [here](#).

Picture Orders - We have had some families asking for the McMeen Lifetouch code to order pictures: **EVTR22FW7**.

McMeen Calendar - McMeen follows a slightly different calendar than the District. Please see the calendar [here](#) for all dates that are different here at McMeen.

Denver Public Library (DPL) Curbside Service - DPL is offering [Curbside Holds Pickup](#) service-- families can place holds on titles online and pick up curbside, or request a [Curbside Library Bundle](#) (a DPL librarian selects of up to 10 books based on students' favorite authors, books, and/or special interests).



Dear McMeen Families,

We wanted to take a moment to send our deepest gratitude to each of you for all the love and support you have provided not only students, but our McMeen staff over the past several months. This year has been nothing short of difficult, as you all know. The love you have shown our community has been amazing and an integral part of what makes McMeen such a wonderful place to be.

We also wanted to send all of our love and support to you as we prepare for this transition back to remote learning. We recognize that this is and will be difficult for both students and families. It is truly sad that we have to continue to be apart during these times; however, we cannot imagine a better community to weather this storm with. We often remark on how fortunate we feel to work alongside such amazing people. There is no doubt in our mind that we will make it through together and come out the other side a stronger and more united community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything at all. We will continue to be here to offer support throughout December. We hope you are all able to find time to relax and connect over the break.

In partnership,

Andria Hinman and Lauren Bartsch