

# #ThisIsMyMcMeen

## WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - December 11, 2020

### Next Week at A Glance

Monday 12/14	Tuesday 12/15	Wednesday 12/16	Thursday 12/17	Friday 12/18	Weekend
PTO Meeting at 6pm		McMeen Eats at Pie Society Pizza 5-9pm (see below for details)	Family Connection Circle at 1:30 or 5:30pm (see below for details)		



### McMeen University

We are hearing loud and clear from families that students need more opportunities to be social with one another and build relationships. To support this, we would really like to start a virtual version of McMeen University and we are looking for adults who are interested in leading a group/club once per week. Please reach out to Lauren Bartsch at [lauren\\_bartsch@dpsk12.org](mailto:lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.org) if you are interested.

#### COUNSELOR



Please see [this](#) website full of resources and [this](#) Bitmoji classroom for students.

**Coats for Kids** - Check out [this](#) great resource and opportunity to donate.

#### MCMEEN ELEMENTARY

### PTO

**December Meeting** - The next meeting will be on December 14 at 6pm via Zoom. Please join via [this](#) Zoom link.

**Fundraising Opportunities** - See [here](#).

**McMeen Eats** - As a reminder, a portion of the proceeds benefits McMeen's PTO. See the flyer [here](#) for more information.

**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](mailto:mcmeenpto@gmail.com)

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

Instagram: [@realstudentsofmcmeen](#)

# Return to School

As DPS shared this week, below is the timeline for our return to school after winter break.

## Jan. 5-8:

- All K-12 students begin the semester in remote learning.
- Discovery Link will provide Remote Learning Support Centers at 30 sites.
- Families can learn more and register [here](#).
- Schools may choose to run Remote Learning Support Centers.

## Jan. 11:

- All ECE-5th grade students, including SPED Centers and Newcomer Center students, return to in-person.
- All secondary SPED Centers and Newcomer Centers return to in-person.
- Other secondary students continue in remote learning.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gift Card Drive** - If you did not get a chance to donate to our gift card drive and would still like to do so, please reach out to Lauren Bartsch at [lauren\\_bartsch@dpsk12.org](mailto:lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.org).

**McMeen Eats** - Join us for our next McMeen eats this **Wednesday, December 16th from 5-9pm at Pie Society Pizza** at 4615 E Mississippi Ave. 25% of proceeds will be donated to the McMeen PTO and will support the teacher grant program. Please see the flyer [here](#) for how to make sure McMeen PTO gets the donation.

**Family Connection Circle** - Please Join Ms. Beth and other members of the Whole Child Team for a bi-monthly Family Connection Circle this Thursday at either 1:30 or 5:30 using [this](#) Zoom link. During these chats everyone will have a chance to voice how they are feeling and share positive strategies and suggestions on how to support ourselves so that we can better support our kids through all these emotions. We will post the topics, dates and times for these meetings in the Mustang Meets Classroom in Seesaw. Please email Ms. Beth ([beth.krieger@dpsk12.net](mailto:beth.krieger@dpsk12.net)) if you have any questions.

**Seesaw Support** - Please see the below links for support with Seesaw.

- [DPS Seesaw Guide for Parents](#) - includes what to do once you have an invite from the teacher.
- [Seesaw Parent/Guardian FAQ](#) is also helpful.

**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](#).

**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.

**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.

