

# #ThisIsMyMcMeen

## WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - December 18, 2020

### Next Week at A Glance

Monday 12/21	Tuesday 12/22	Wednesday 12/23	Thursday 12/24	Friday 12/25	Weekend
<b>Winter Break</b>					
Monday 12/28	Tuesday 12/29	Wednesday 12/30	Thursday 12/31	Friday 1/1	Weekend
<b>Winter Break</b>					
Monday 1/4	Tuesday 1/5	Wednesday 1/6	Thursday 1/7	Friday 1/8	Weekend
<b>No School - Teacher Plan Day</b>	<b>Remote Learning Resumes</b>				



### Food Distribution Over Break

The district will be distributing food boxes over break. Please see the flyer [here](#) for details.

**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

**January Meeting** - The next meeting will be on January 11 at 6pm via Zoom. Please join via [this](#) Zoom link.

**Fundraising Opportunities** - See [here](#). Don't forget to encourage your family members to sign-up for the King Soopers rewards.

**McMeen Eats** - Save the date for January 14th at Noodles & Co.

**Contact Us!**  
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# 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.

## Here are some more details:

- The commitment would be 1 hour/week on a day of your choosing.
- The time will be after school, likely 3:30-4:30.
- We are looking at doing two 8 week sessions in the Spring. One February-March. The other April-May.

We are planning on ironing out more details when we return in January and will keep you updated. If you are interested in helping to plan the details, please let Lauren Bartsch know.



## Read-A-Thon

It's time for our annual McMeen Read-A-Thon. Please see below for more details. Here are the documents you will need for the Read-A-Thon: [Calendar](#), [Prizes](#), [Sponsorship Form](#), and [Google Forms to Log Minutes Read](#). We will also be pushing out the Google Forms via Flyer each week of the Read-A-Thon.

### How the McMeen Read-a-Thon works:

- Read every day! All reading counts! You can read in any language and count all types of reading done at school and home, such as reading with a parent or reading programs, such as iStation, Epic, Sora, or Reading A-Z.
- If you want, you can ask your family, friends, or neighbors to sponsor your reading! They can pledge per minute or make a flat donation. You do not have to fundraise to participate!
- Track your reading minutes every day on this calendar or your own.
- Submit your reading minutes daily or weekly through the link sent by your teacher in Seesaw or turn in this reading calendar by January 22nd to your teacher.
- Credit Card donations can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/mcmeenreads> or turn donations into your teacher (cash or checks payable to McMeen Elementary PTO)
- Collect your prizes!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Art Show** - Our students have art displayed at the Winter Youth Exhibition at the Redline Gallery through tomorrow December 18th. Sign up for a time slot to view student's artwork [here](#).

**Congratulations Ms. Crewe** - Ms. Crewe was awarded the Culturally Sustaining Collections Grant. The goal of the grant is to advance asset-based cultural and linguistic responsive practices by increasing representation of historically marginalized groups in school library collections. We look forward to being able to engage with these new resources.

**Tour Video** - We want to share our new [tour video](#) we created in preparation for School Choice. Please support McMeen by sharing it with potential families.

**Science in 2021** - Science will be taught by classroom teachers when we return from break. This means the current Science Specials will be changing over to Media Tech in Seesaw.

**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.