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WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - January 8, 2021

Next Week at A Glance

Monday 1/11	Tuesday 1/12	Wednesday 1/13	Thursday 1/14	Friday 1/15	Weekend
<p>In-Person Learning Resumes for ECE-5th Grade</p> <p>Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting at 6pm</p>	<p>Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Budget Training 5:00-6:30 (email Andria Hinman for details)</p>		<p>Family Connection Circle at 1:30 or 5:30</p> <p>McMeen Eats 4-8pm at Noodles & Co on Leetsdale and Cherry</p> <p>Virtual Dinner for students 6-7pm</p>		



Calendar Change

We originally were not going to have school on January 19th for ACCESS testing; however, with changes to the way we administer the test this year due to COVID, **January 19th will be a normal school day.** You can see McMeen's updated calendar [here](#).

COUNSELOR



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

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 - Our next McMeen Eats is this January 14th at Noodles & Co. on Leetsdale and Cherry (4590 Leetsdale Dr). Mention McMeen or show this flyer in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Contact Us!

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From Principal Hinman

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 20-21 school year. We have overcome challenge after challenge when trying to navigate what school looks like during a pandemic. We have also experienced history in the making as events around us unfold. Our priority has and always will be putting students first. As we open our doors to welcome in-person learners back into the building, we are prepared with the appropriate safety protocols in place.

If you are a family that is returning to in-person learning, please be sure to take note of your child's arrival and dismissal time by reviewing the safety protocol presentation below or reaching out to your child's teacher. These staggered times are in place to limit the amount of adult interaction on the playground. It is also for this reason that we must continue to reiterate that our playground is not open before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support of McMeen. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Return to School - We are very excited to be returning to school with all grades on Monday, January 11th. In preparation for our return, please review the following information.

- **Safety Protocols** - please review this presentation from the beginning of the year with your child so they know what to expect when they return. You can find it in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Arabic](#).
- **Safe Access Health Screenings** - don't forget to complete your child's health screening **daily** using the Safe Access app. For your convenience, we have put a link to it on the website and Flyer app.

PTO Fundraising Update - Next week is the last week for the Read-a-Thon! We are impressed with how many students have been reading over winter break and into 2021! The last day to track your Read-a-Thon minutes will be Friday, January 15th, and the last day to submit your reading minutes and Read-a-Thon donations will be Friday, January 22nd.

We are excited to announce that a gracious community member has offered to match donations up to \$5,000! So far, we have received \$850. Although fundraising is not the main goal of Read-a-Thon (we want to foster a love of reading), our fundraising efforts will allow us to support the purchase of classroom materials for McMeen, such as interactive whiteboards that cost around \$4,000 each.

Credit card donations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/mcmeenreads> or donations can be turned into classroom teachers when students are back in person.

ACCESS Testing - ACCESS is the assessment we use to track English Language Learners' (ELLs) English acquisition. Testing will begin on January 19th for students who are ELLs. Please see [this](#) letter for more information.

Free COVID Testing for Students - DPS continues to expand their partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado. You can register for a test [here](#) and find information about testing sites [here](#).

McMeen University - We are still looking for people to lead classes for McMeen University. Please reach out to Lauren Bartsch at lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.org if you are interested or with any questions you have.

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Budget Training - The district is providing budget training for all CSC members on Tuesday, January 12 from 5-6:30pm via Zoom. Please email Principal Hinman for details at andria_hinman@dpsk12.org.

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) if you have any questions.