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WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - March 19, 2021

Next Week at A Glance

Monday 3/22	Tuesday 3/23	Wednesday 3/24	Thursday 3/25	Friday 3/26	Weekend
	CMAS Testing for 3rd-5th Grade In-Person Students				
		Superintendent Search Community Gathering at 5:30 Multilingual Spelling Bee at 5:45	English Language Acquisition Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 5:00 Family Connection Circle at 1:30 or 5:30	Spirit Friday: Colorado Sports Day (see below) No School for ECE	Spring Break Starts!



District Feedback Opportunities

Wellbeing Survey - All families should have received an email from DPS with a link to a wellbeing survey. Please fill this out as it provides valuable feedback for both the district and McMeen. The due date is March 26th.

Superintendent Search Community Gathering - Please mark your calendar for upcoming opportunities to participate in regional conversations with Denver Board of Education members about the superintendent search. We will send more information once we have it.

COUNSELOR



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

MCMEEN ELEMENTARY

PTO

March Meeting - The next meeting will be on April 12 at 6pm via Zoom. [here](#).

Fundraising Opportunities - See [here](#).

McMeen Yard Signs are HERE! Email us to arrange to get your yard sign! We are giving these out for free. If you would like to give a donation for the signs, please use this link <https://mcmeenpto.square.site/> (\$10 suggested donation)

Contact Us!

Email: mcmeenpto@gmail.com

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

Instagram: [@realstudentsofmcmeen](#)

CMAS Testing for 3rd-5th Grade

Our annual state standardized testing of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) will begin on March 22nd. Please see the below schedule for testing days.

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		3rd and 5th Grade Literacy & 4th Grade Math				
April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	No School				All 3rd-5th Grade Virtual Students Test Literacy (8am-3pm) All in-person students in 3rd-5th have asynchronous learning	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		3rd and 5th Grade Math and 4th Grade Literacy			All 3rd-5th Grade Virtual Students Test Math (8am-3pm) All in-person students in 3rd-5th have asynchronous learning	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Science			All 5th Grade Virtual Students Test Science (8am-3pm) All in-person students in 5th Grade ONLY have asynchronous learning	

What to Expect

- It is very important that students **arrive on time to school on days they are testing.**
- Please know that all electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, smart watches, etc.) will be collected from students during testing time. They will be locked away and returned as soon as testing is completed.
- Students will use a DPS device we have on hand specifically for testing purposes.
- Students will not be allowed to have any food or drink during the testing period, but will be provided with both before and after testing.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Link Summer Camp - Discovery Link is offering summer camp this summer at several sites close to McMeen! Check out these flyers to learn more in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

English Language Acquisition Parent Advisory Committee Meeting - Our next ELA PAC meeting will be this Wednesday, March 24 at 5:00pm. Please join us via Zoom using [this](#) link.

Multilingual Spelling Bee - **Students in 3rd and 5th grade who are participating in the Pathways to the Seal of Biliteracy Program will participate in our multilingual spelling bee on Wednesday, March 24 at 5:45.** It will take place on Google Meet and the code is: McMeenBee. We are excited for each round of competition. Students will participate in English as well as in Spanish or Arabic. We will have a winner from each bee as well as an overall winner

Multicultural Night - May 7th - Save the Date! We are pleased to announce that McMeen Multicultural Night will be happening this spring! It will look a little different than in the past but we will be incorporating as much as we can given the unique challenges of this year. Students will have a fashion show and each class will choose a country that they will research and then apply their learning to decorate our outside fence for the whole community to enjoy. And new this year: families and staff will have an opportunity to contribute to an online cookbook that will represent the cuisine from all the wonderful cultures that come together to make our extraordinary McMeen community. So mark Friday, May 7th on your calendars and stay tuned for additional details after spring break!