

# #ThisIsMyMcMeen

## WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - August 27, 2021

### Next Week at A Glance

Monday 8/30	Tuesday 8/31	Wednesday 9/1	Thursday 9/2	Friday 9/3	Weekend
	Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting @5pm				



### Back to School Night Bingo Card Winner

We have drawn the winner for our Bingo Card raffle from Back to School Night! The winner will receive a phone call from Ms. Hinman early next week. **Thank you everyone for attending and making our first in-person event such a success!**



### Open Positions

We are still looking to hire a School Counselor, Librarian, and Paraprofessionals. If you know anyone who is interested in any of these positions, please have them contact Andria Hinman at [andria\\_hinman@dpsk12.org](mailto:andria_hinman@dpsk12.org).

MCMEEN ELEMENTARY

# PTO

**Next Meeting** - We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 6pm. You can join via Zoom [here](#). **\*Note that this is a change in date.**

**Meetings this Year** - We have changed PTO meetings to be on the **second Tuesday of the month**. They will continue to be held on the same days as Collaborative School Committee (CSC) meetings. CSC will take place at 5pm and PTO will immediately follow at 6pm. Meetings will start out virtual and we hope to shift to in-person meetings later in the year.

**Fundraising Opportunities** - Please continue to support the PTO's fundraising efforts. For information, see [here](#).

#### Contact Us!

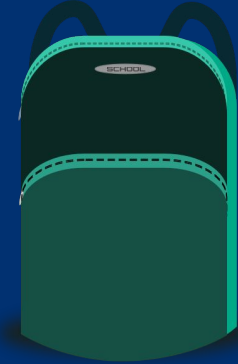
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# Backpacks

We have an amazing donor who donated a bunch of backpacks filled with school supplies to our school. If you are interested in getting one for your child, we will have them out on the playground during arrival and dismissal this week. Please call the office with any questions you have.



## IMPORTANT - Calendar for 2021-2022

As you may know, we often have extra teacher planning days throughout the year to allow our teachers more time to plan intentional lessons and supports for students. We just found out this week that our request for additional planning days has been approved. Therefore, our calendar for the year will be adjusted to include the following days as with no school. Please call the office if you have any questions.

September 24, October 19, November 12, February 11, March 18, and May 6



## Kindness and Grace

We ask that all members of our community continue to show kindness and grace throughout the various parts of the day. Please know that if it is taking our office staff a little while to respond to phone calls or parents at the door, it is because they are likely supporting students who we know always come first here at McMeen. Please also extend this same courtesy to other parents during the arrival and dismissal processes. We have a truly amazing community and trust that everyone is doing their best to support one another.



## Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Here are a few reminders about our new arrival and dismissal procedures this year:

- **Time** - Our playground opens at 8:05am. No supervision will be provided before this.
- **Kiss-and-Go** will be in the McMeen parking lot from 8:05-8:25. **Please utilize this option as opposed to dropping students off on the street.**



## American Furniture Warehouse Fundraiser

Did you know that purchases at American Furniture Warehouse help our school fund field trips? **On September 10-19, AFW is hosting a 10 -Day Store Rally where they will donate 2-4% of proceeds directly to McMeen!** PLUS, you might win a \$500 gift card. All you have to do is mention McMeen or our ID **MCMN71** at checkout and they will donate to the school.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Masks** - Please make sure you send your child with a mask to school each day. We strongly recommend students wearing disposable masks as they seem to fit a little better and be a little more comfortable for them. Unfortunately, we are limited in how many student masks we can obtain from the district this year and we are **looking for donations of disposable children's masks**. If you are willing and able to donate masks, please drop them off with the front office.

**Music Teacher** - We are very excited to welcome our new Music Teacher, Kahlea Qualls to McMeen! You can learn more about her on our website. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

**Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting** - Our first meeting will be August 31st at 5pm, as needs to be completed within the first two weeks of school. Going forward, CSC meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 5pm prior to our monthly Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings which begin at 6pm. CSC meetings will be held via ZOOM. Below you will find the agenda. You can join the meeting using [this Zoom link](#).

We will discuss the following topics:

- Overview of CSC responsibilities
- Review of roles

**Early Student Pickups** - As a reminder, our school day ends at 3:20 this year. If you need to pick your child up early, please do so before 3:00pm as otherwise things get very hectic between 3-3:20pm. We will not be able to accommodate early pickups after 3:00.

**Parent/Teacher Home Visits** - This week is the kickoff to Parent/Teacher Home Visits. You should get more information from your child's teacher. If you have questions, please reach out to them.

**Gifted and Talented** - If you would like to have your child test for Magnet Eligibility please follow [this link](#). Only 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are eligible to take this cognitive assessment. Kindergarten and 2nd grade will be taking the NNAT in October and November. You must register your student by 10/14 using the link above. I will receive a list of students and your student will take the assessment at McMeen in November. If you have any questions please reach out to me at [jennifer\\_cessar@dpsk12.org](mailto:jennifer_cessar@dpsk12.org). Thanks - Jenni Cessar enrichment/GT

**REMINDER Chromebooks** - Students will continue to use Chromebooks as part of their instruction this year. Please make sure you send your child's Chromebook and charger with them to school.

**REMINDER Parent Volunteers** - We are looking forward to the possibility of welcoming parent volunteers back into the building this year. We are currently waiting to hear the exact process from the district, but do know that all volunteers will be required to show proof of COVID vaccination.