

# #ThisIsMyMcMeen

## WEEKLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER - September 24, 2021

### Next Week at A Glance

Monday 9/27	Tuesday 9/28	Wednesday 9/29	Thursday 9/30	Friday 10/1	Weekend
<b>No School</b> (District-wide Professional Development)					



### Community Clean-up

We are excited to host a Community Clean-up Day on October 17th from 8-11am. We are looking for some families that would be interested in helping to prepare for the day (planning what will be cleaned up and what materials we may need to get ahead of time). If you are interested in supporting with this, please reach out to Lauren Bartsch at [lauren\\_bartsch@dpsk12.org](mailto:lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.org).



### Dogs on School Grounds

Due to the fact that we do have several students who are extremely afraid of dogs, we ask that you keep your pets at home and do not bring them to school during arrival or dismissal. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MCMEEN ELEMENTARY

PTO

**Next Meeting** - Our next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting will be **this Tuesday, October 12th at 6pm** via [this Zoom link](#).

**PTO is On Flyer!** - Please join the PTO group on Flyer. To do so, select the group icon at the bottom (it looks like 3 people), click "Update Groups" then select "Parent Teacher Organization." This will make sure you stay updated with everything happening with PTO!

**Fundraising Opportunities** - For opportunities, see [here](#).

**Contact Us!**

Email: [mcmeenpto@gmail.com](mailto:mcmeenpto@gmail.com)

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

Instagram: [@realstudentsofmcmeen](#)

# Buses



We have received lots of questions from families about buses. We have had buses running late every single day and often multiple buses. We are working with transportation to give them this feedback and urge them to create a plan that eliminates this issue as we know it is hard for families when their children are arriving home late. **If you have questions or concerns regarding buses, please reach out to the transportation department at 720-423-4624.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID Protocol Update** - Thank you families for supporting with the new *no toy policy* this week. This has really helped to eliminate issues with toys and toy sharing throughout the day! Please continue to reinforce this with students. In an effort to continue making plans for what is best for our students, we have also decided to **close all water fountains in the building**. We have been noticing students really struggling to keep their mouths off the fountains, again raising the issue of germs being transferred. We are making sure teachers have cups in their classrooms for students to use instead of the fountains. **Please feel free to send a water bottle with students to school, just like we did last year.**

**COVID Testing** - Did you know that COVID Check Colorado now offers free saliva testing? Learn more about free COVID testing on DPS's website [here](#).

**Multilingual Education Districtwide Advisory Committee (MLE DAC)** - DPS is excited to invite families of Multilingual Learners to a virtual Multilingual Education Districtwide Advisory Committee (MLE DAC) meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 5-6:30 p.m.

At this session, families will meet Superintendent Dr. Alex Marrero and receive important information about: Multilingual Education programs, Instruction, Parent Advisory Committees, Translation and interpretation services, Family and Community Engagement Centers, and Parent-Teacher Home Visits program.

Families can register [here](#) and join the meeting via [this Zoom link](#). For more information, visit [MLE DAC page](#) or call 720-423-2040.

**REMINDER 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 Pumpkin Harvest Festival at 4 Mile Historic Park** - This year's Pumpkin Harvest Festival at 4 Mile Historic Park will be held October 1-3. The Pumpkin Harvest Festival is a family friendly event that has been reimagined from the traditional format of the last 10 years to bring in some pieces that allow for a safe environment and new experiences. The entire event is outdoors and will be featuring timed entries with limited capacities. **Use code McMeen2021 for \$5 off Gold VIP tickets. Find more information [here](#).**