



McMEEN
ELEMENTARY

McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

January 3-January 7, 2022

Weekly Happenings:

Monday, January 3rd- NO SCHOOL, Teacher PD/Planning Day

Tuesday, January 4th-

No Choir- Choir starts next week

Wednesday, January 5th

3:30- 4:45 Frisbee Golf (5th Grade)

Thursday, January 6th -

Friday, January 7th-

McMeen Winter Read-a-Thon

December 20, 2021 - January 20, 2022

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!** See attached sponsorship form.
- Track your reading minutes every day on this calendar or your own. See the attached calendar!
- Submit your reading minutes by turning in this reading calendar by **January 24th** 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!

If you don't have a printer or would like to keep track of this digitally, please send it to mcmeenpto@gmail.com

Please email mcmeenpto@gmail.com with any questions.

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Upcoming Event

JANUARY

Jan 17-Dr. MLK Day, No School

FEBRUARY

Feb 11- Teacher Planning Day-No School

Feb 21- President's Day- No School

Feb 22- Teacher Professional Development Day- No School

News from McMeen PTO

Check out the link to [PTO NEWSLETTER](#)

Next Meeting - Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 11th at 6pm** via [this Zoom link](#).

Contact Us!

Email: mcmeenpto@gmail.com

Facebook :

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

Instagram:

[@realstudentsofmcmeen](https://www.instagram.com/realstudentsofmcmeen)

Messages from McMeen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Covid Protocols-

Due to the recent outbreaks of Covid-19, McMeen will continue to adhere to DPS protocols for health and safety. Students will continue to be required to wear well fitting masks at all times and we will be adhering to strict hand washing protocols. Please remind your students of these expectations.

We ask that you inform the school if your child tests positive for Covid-19 by calling the office. As information becomes available from DPS, we will pass it along to families.

School Start Time- Please remember that school starts promptly at 8:20. The first part of the day is very important as it is our time to support the Socio-Emotional Learning for each student. Please drop off your students with enough time that they are in line and ready to enter the building with their class at 8:20. If your student will be tardy, you must have them enter from the front of the building. Once the back parking lot is blocked with cones, your student must enter through the front.

From Discovery Link-

Hello McMeen Families!

Although it is months away, this warm December weather has us thinking about next summer.

For Summer 2022, Extended Learning and Community Schools will offer traditional Discovery Link summer camps, as well as the return of Enrichment Exploration Camps.

Discovery Link summer camps will run from 6/13/22 - 8/5/22, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00am - 5:30pm (with no camp on 7/4/22).

Summer camp will be hosted at Bradley International School for McMeen this summer!

Enrichment Exploration Camps will run the same dates from 7:30am - 5:30pm.

Registration for camp will open in late January/early February - you will receive more information in the following weeks.

We can't wait to spend Summer in the City with you!

-Candace Hoffmann

Program Supervisor for Discovery Link at McMeen

Dual Language Program: Hola padres de familia! Hello parents!

The Dual Language Program continues to flourish! We appreciate the books, the support and we especially appreciate your children! As our winter break draws close,

our teachers are taking time to assess the growth of all students, including our Dual Language students.

As you know, DL teachers are continually monitoring the growth of our DL students using IStation. It's important to know that Dual Language students are assessed at the beginning of the school year, again at mid-year and at the end of the school year in both English and Spanish and are also assessed in the language of instruction at other times during the school year. If you have any questions about your DL child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you again for your support of our DL program and of McMeen Elementary - we appreciate you!

~Dra. Hernandez, Dual Language Program Director

Student Shout Outs!!

Shout out ECE for an outstanding review by the Colorado Department of Education

ECE, Ryan Bouwkamp~ *Ryan always comes to school excited to learn and play. He is kind to his friends and is very helpful around the classroom Ryan always has a great attitude and is a joy to have in our class. Great job Ryan!!*

ECE, Ivanna Carballo-Sandoval~*She is a good role model using her good manners at school with teachers and friends.*
1st Grade Ms. Jacobs' WHOLE Class- *They have done amazing work adding and subtracting on the number line this month. Students caught on quickly to the concept and have been able to teach each other to help master the strategy!*

2nd Grade, Keon Thomas- *Keon loves learning Spanish! He's a fast learner because he's always practicing with friends and with adults. Fantastico!*

3rd Grade, Hazel Hanson- *Hazel did an amazing job writing her What is Culture paragraph and uploaded a picture she drew to support her writing.*

3rd Grade, Brody Cole- *Brody advocated for a change in the classroom to support this learning environment*

4th Grade, Calista Rivera- *Thank you for always having a great attitude and being ready to learn. We are so lucky to have you in our class, Calista!*

4th Grade, Austin Alcantar-Garcia- *I am shouting Austin out because he is a leader in the classroom, always tries his best, and he's always looking to improve his athleticism in specifically soccer talent. Austin is already a very talented athlete, but the way he puts in extra effort really makes him special. On top of that, he is a great teammate to his peers and doesn't let his extreme talent get in the way of kindness and respect for others. Austin is the ideal PE student for all the reasons above, but he is an even better friend to his peers and shows true leadership through his kindness and altruism for others.*

4th Grade, Damien Gunn-*Damien has been brave in asking questions to further his learning! I admire his leadership as well as his ability to work hard inside and outside of the classroom.*

NEWS From the Classrooms

Last Newsletter we highlighted 2nd & 3rd Grade, this week 4th grade, next we will hear from 5th:

4th graders celebrated the season of giving with the George Washington High School students! Thanks to some incredible donors, all 4th grade students were able to receive a bag of gifts to play with over winter break. Students were very thankful and cannot wait to continue learning leadership skills from GWHS students next semester! ~Banner Goolsby

Resources from DPS

Covid-19 Vaccination INFORMATION

Our Denver Health School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are now offering vaccinations for free at [18 locations](#) across the city. SBHCs offer a quick and convenient way to get vaccinated. Please see this flier (in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) with dates and locations of these free SBHC vaccination clinics. More information about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine for children can also be found in this [fact sheet from Denver Health](#). Families can register for the vaccine online with their Denver Health MyChart account [here](#), or can call 303-602-8958 to schedule an appointment.