



McMEEN
ELEMENTARY

McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

January 24-January 28, 2022

Weekly Happenings:

Monday, January 24th-

McMeen Read-A Thon- Submit your reading minutes by turning in the reading calendar in the [READ A THON PACKET](#) by **January 24th** to your teacher.

Tuesday, January 25th-

3:20- 4:30 Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 26th-

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

Thursday, January 27th-

Friday, January 28th-

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

FEBRUARY

Feb 8 - Collaborative School Committee (CSC) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meetings

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, February 8th 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.

Volunteers- We are very sad that we need to pause on having volunteers in the building due to COVID-19. We will keep you posted as we see this opening up again.

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.

ACCESS TESTING

ACCESS testing will begin on January 18th and will go through February 11th. If your student receives MLL services they will take the assessment on their assigned grade level day. Please make sure your student is present on the day of their grade level test to avoid make up testing. Here are the grade level testing days:

5th Grade: January 18th and 19th
4th Grade: January 20th and 21st
3rd Grade: January 24th and 25th
2nd Grade: January 26th and 27th
1st Grade: January 28th and 31st

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

Student Shout Outs!!

ECE- Read-Aloud Volunteers, I want to share a Special Shout- Out to all my families that participated in our Read-Thon, sharing their Read Aloud videos with the classroom. My students enjoyed seeing their families and their friends' families reading to us. Gracias

ECE- Paula Urena Calderon, Paula viene a la escuela lista para jugar y aprender. Juega y se relaciona con sus compañeros de manera positiva y usa sus buenos modales. Tambien muestra interes y curiosidad por aprender y le gusta intercambiar sus ideas y relaciones de aprendizaje. ¡Nos sentimos contentas y orgullosas de tener a Paula en nuestra clase de lenguaje dual ¡Sigue así Paula!

ECE- Lake Miller, Lake always comes to school excited to learn and play. She enjoys learning Spanish and is always practicing.

Kindergarten Raul Jr. Marquez-Morales- Raul Jr. siempre esta emocionado para ir a la escuela! Cada dia, el tiene una sonrisa en la cara! El quiere compartir y jugar con muchos amigos en la escuela!

Kindergarten-Sybil Wright, Sybil es siempre muy responsable y ayuda a sus compañeros hacer buenas decisiones. Sybil is always very responsible and helps her classmates make good choices.

Kindergarten- Ian Wright, Ian a estado trabajando muy duro en usar más su español y en su escritura! Ian has been working really hard in using his Spanish more and in his writing!"

2nd Grade- Mariana Diaz, She is so passionate when she talks about inequity and injustice during our Black History Month lessons! She is going to be a strong leader when she grows up!

2nd Grade-Noah Vaughn, He NEVER gives up! He remains focused and he ALWAYS participates. He takes so much pride in his education. Even if he gets the answer wrong, he re-evaluates, finds evidence, and comes back stronger! So proud of him!

2nd Grade- Eythyn Nygren, He is showing incredible growth! He tackles tasks with a positive attitude and doesn't quit. When he sets his mind to something, nothing can stop him! Way to go buddy, I am so proud of you!

3rd Grade- Caiyah Stevens, She is curious and ready to learn everyday . Caiyah takes on leadership roles of helping other students in the studio. I admire her patience and positivity!

3rd Grade- Julianne Fernandez, Julianne has been really trying to challenge herself this school year. She just recently started reading a book series called "The Mysterious Benedict Society" that she got from Mrs. Hillis and she can't wait to start reading them this week!

3rd Grade- Dillan Dodder, Dillan has been kind to her peers.

3rd Grade- Dylan Lightfoot, Dylan has shown great progress in our class.

3rd Grade- Caiyah Stevens, Caiyah, I am giving you this shout out for being an amazing daughter, being a very hard worker and being super helpful! Keep up the good work!!!

NEWS From the Classrooms

ECE- In ECE, we have been working on sorting objects into groups and then learning how to make patterns from the groups. The students are getting really good at not only making patterns, but pointing them out in the environment.

~Chris Hughes

ECE- Dual Language- In our ECE Dual Language classrooms we are learning about Community Helpers. This week we started to learn about The Mailman. Our students are making real life connections with this unit of study. The study of the Mailman will enrich the learning of our students by writing letters to their family and friends.

We will also focus on Friendships and how to be a SUPER FRIEND!

In mathematics our students are learning to sort objects into groups by attributes, then to regroup them using a different attribute and explain their reasoning. Our students are also learning to create and describe patterns.

~ECE DL classrooms # 103 / 114.

Kindergarten- In kindergarten, our students are currently focusing on identifying story elements and retelling when listening to stories read aloud. We have read familiar stories including The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will also read several stories that students may not have been exposed to, such as Momotaro, Peach Boy and The Bremen Town Musicians.

In phonics, we are focusing on letter sounds and reading short passages with decodable words. ~ Sarah McReynolds

Kindergarten- In Literacy we have been working in identifying story elements. This week we focused on identifying the problem of a story. ~Ms. Zaragoza

Kindergarten DL- In Kindergarten Dual Language, we are learning about 'uno mas' and we are beginning the concept of 'uno menos'! Ask your students about the 'osito' who is climbing up the stairs and going down the stairs!

~ Ms. Painter

Resources from DPS

Bringing Back Delayed Starts for Inclement Weather

Due to changing needs, DPS is bringing back delayed starts as an option instead of going remote during inclement weather. Please read [this flier](#) for updated information on how the district will handle delays, cancelations or going remote because of weather conditions.

Invite Families to the Jan. 26 MLE DAC Meeting

Invite families to join an upcoming virtual Multilingual Education Districtwide Advisory Committee (MLE DAC) meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 5-6:30 p.m.

At this session, families will have the opportunity to learn more about DPS Board members as well as receive important information and resources about:

- The Early Literacy curriculum adoption
- DPS resources related to discrimination, harassment and language access
- Newcomer Centers
- Youth Work Centers

Register [here](#) and join the meeting via [Zoom](#). For more information, please visit the [MLE DAC website](#) or call 720-423-2040.

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.