



McMEEN
ELEMENTARY

McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

December 13- December 17, 2021

Weekly Happenings:

Monday, December 13th

Tuesday, December 14th

3:20-4:30- Choir Rehearsal

5:00 CSC Meeting use this [CSC Zoom Link](#)

6:00 PTO Meeting use this [PTO Zoom link](#).

Wednesday, December 15th

3:20-5:30 Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, December 16th -Virtual Winter Concert during Specials

2:30-3:10-McMeen IStation Celebration*** see information below

Friday, December 17th Last day before break!

Pajama Day

December 18th- January 3rd - Holiday Break- No School

Read A Thon- December 20th -Jan 21st

Messages from McMeen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

McMeen Celebration- [McMeen will be having I-station celebrations on December 16th](#) from 2:30-3:10. We want to ensure students are celebrated for their hard work in reading! The "Tier Jumper" celebration will be a parade through the school that will end outside in the amphitheater (weather permitting) where parents are welcome to hear a special message to our students.

Families of Multilingual Learners Invited to Dec. 15 MLE DAC Meeting

Families of Multilingual Learners are invited to join the DPS community at a virtual Multilingual Education Districtwide Advisory Committee (MLE DAC) meeting on Dec. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.

At this session, families will have the opportunity to learn more about DPS Board members.

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Upcoming Event

JANUARY

Jan 4- Students Return

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, December 14

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)

Families will also receive important information and resources about SchoolChoice, the enrollment process and ACCESS Testing.

Families can register here and join the meeting via Zoom. For more information, visit the MLE DAC site or call 720-423-2040.

Choir Update:

In order to better prepare for our Winter Performance, choir practice will be the following days and times:

Tuesday, 12/14 from 3:20-4:30, and

Wednesday: 12/15 from 3:20-5:30.

***It is an expectation that all musicians stay for the duration of practice.

Please plan accordingly, and please make sure that if anyone other than yourself/spouse is picking up your child that you inform me via text, email, phone call. Anyone picking up musicians must show proper form of identification, unless they are the guardian.

On Wednesday, 12/15/21 we will record our choir performance, so please make sure that your child is dressed in performance attire wearing black and a color of your choice. Musicians should be in either a dress, skirt, nice slacks, suit, etc. During all of our dress rehearsals, please ensure that your child brings a snack and water. If your family will be out of town, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Masks- McMeen is handing out several hundred masks per week. Help the school use these funds elsewhere and please send your child with a mask and a backup each day.

Student Shout Outs!!

ECE, Clayton Mast ~Clayton Mast has persevered forming and writing letters of his name. We are proud of you Clayton! Keep up persevering!

Clayton Mast ha perseverado formando y escribiendo las letras de su nombre. ¡Nosotras estamos muy orgullosas de ti Clayton! ¡Sigue esforzándote! ~Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Erica

1st Grade, Jonibek Sobirjonov ~*I caught him being an extra great friend in the cafeteria to someone who was feeling sad.*

1st Grade~Avery and Jr Perkins and Sanchez Growth in Dual Language Spanish!

2nd Grade, Liana Henry ~ *She ALWAYS has a positive attitude and encourages her classmates to be the best they can be too!*

2nd Grade, Isreal Chambliss ~*Because he is hard at work showing his leadership skills!*

3rd Grade, Owen Lindgren ~ *for completing his literacy stations every week.*

3rd grade, Taraji in Ms. Caldwell's class has been working incredibly hard on all her classwork. Taraji you are one amazing student this school year!

3rd Grade, Ms. Caldwell's Class ~*Ms. Caldwell's mathematicians are doing an amazing job explaining their thinking and using math vocabulary about fractions during their turn and talks!!*

3rd Grade, Lisandro Becerra-Garay~ He is always on task and showing respect. He has made so much progress this year!

3rd Grade, Carlo Thomas ~Shout out to Carlo for showing improvement in his behavior. He has been working hard lately and he has been paying attention to class attentively and he has been following instructions and rules in the classroom and out of the classroom. Congratulations Carlo and keep up the good work.

4th Grade, Zanaya Schlotthauer ~*She has worked so hard in math and has helped others excel as well.*

4th Grade Donovan Mohatt~"I'm shouting Donovan because he has showed dedication and hard work in class. He is always following directions, paying attention to class and helping his partners with technology. In addition, I want to recognize his achievement in one of his favorite hobbies: swimming. He was the swimmer of the week in his swimming club ""Swim Dogs".

5th Grade, Mohamed Ashmaig ~*He has worked so hard all year in 5th grade! He always has a smile on his face and makes sure to be kind to his classmates!*

5th Grade, Brennan Cantu ~*Brennan is a fun and caring student. He always comes into class with a positive attitude and is always excited about learning!*

NEWS From the Classrooms

Last Week we highlighted ECE, Kdg and 1st Grade, this week 2nd and 3rd grades:

2nd Grade- We are delving into personalized learning and writing our own personal narratives. Students are writing about celebrations and losses, giving them the freedom to explore and express feelings of major events in their lives in a safe and loving environment. They are learning how to edit their own writing as well as peers writing. Our second graders are learning how to give constructive and respectful feedback, highlighting their social emotional growth. ~Jenna Johns

My class is doing a great job including each other and working on problem solving for themselves. All of them have been encouraging and celebrating each other for taking chances and trying in class.~ Brittany Homberg

My class is about to earn extra recess for showing positive behavior in the hallway after lunch 25 times! ~ Lauren Candee

3rd Grade- Third grade ELA-E is focusing on culture and traditions and how they relate to our community. Third grade also started fractions. We are also working on ecosystems in ELD and in art the kids are working on creating an art piece called the "Eye of God" activity made out of yarn and sticks. ~Rebeka Reeves-Toney, Ali Caldwell, Jamie Hawkins

Resources from DPS

Information and Links:

Family Resource Guides-

Please see the family resource guide provided by DPS and Denver Human Services for resources regarding holiday gifts and meals.



DPS Approved Communication to Families

At Home Oral Health Survey 21-22

Nursing and Student Health Services, SEO

Dear McMeen Families:

DPS cares about the health of your child. To support our efforts to identify health issues that may impact your child's success and ability to learn, we are resuming our health screening program with in-person vision and hearing screenings at school.

Due to the impacts of the pandemic, we will be unable to provide in-person oral health screenings this year. Since good oral health is so important for concentration, we are asking that you please complete the [Oral Health Screening At Home survey on the Parent Portal](#). A few minutes and a flashlight or good light source is all you need to complete the screening!

Along with the vision and hearing data, the information collected through the online oral health survey will help us connect you and your students to any health resources you may need.

Please complete the survey electronically within three weeks from today. Although the data is most accessible electronically, if there is a need to complete a paper copy, please contact the school's health or front office, then return the document within 3 weeks of this message.

Click for further instructions on a [Smartphone/tablet](#) or further instructions on your [laptop/desktop](#). At this time surveys in Burmese and Arabic languages are only available in a printed format obtainable from your school Nurse or Leadership Office.

Thank you!

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.