



McMEEN
ELEMENTARY

McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

December 6- December 10, 2021

Weekly Happenings:

Monday, December 6th

Tuesday, December 7th
NO CHOIR TODAY

Wednesday, December 8th

11:00- 9:00 PM- MCMeen Eats- Pizzeria Locale, 9th & Colorado Blvd
If supporter orders in person
3:30- 4:45 Frisbee Golf (5th Grade)
3:20-5:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 9th

Friday, December 10th

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Upcoming Event

DECEMBER

Dec 14- Choir rehearsal
3:20-5:00pm
Dec 14- CSC, 6 pm
Dec 14-PTO Meeting, 6 pm
Dec 15- Choir Rehearsal Record
Virtual Concert 3:20-5:00
Dec 16- Virtual Winter Concert
Dec 17- Jan 21- Read -A-Thon
Window
Dec 17-Jan 3 Winter Holiday

JANUARY

Jan 4- Students Return
Jan 17-Dr. MLK Day, No School

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. 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

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

DAC site or call 720-423-2040.

Choir Update:

This Tuesday: 12/7 there will be no choir. In order to better prepare for our Winter Performance, choir practice will be the following days and times:

Wednesday: 12/8 from 3:20-5PM,
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- Malcolm Cruz for showing kindness to everyone in the classroom every day.

1st Grade- Avery Perkins, Avery has mastered a Level A text in Spanish!

2nd Grade- Keon Bell-Mock, Keon has mastered a conversation in Spanish in which he can greet and introduce himself to another person.

3rd Grade- Jacob Ybarra Lara , Jacob es un estudiante excelente tanto a nivel disciplinario como a nivel académico. El está siempre atento a participar en clase, seguir las reglas en clase y respeta a sus compañeros, FELICITACIONES POR SU DEDICACIÓN Y EXCELENTE DESEMPEÑO.

4th Grade- Josthin Castillo, Josthin is an excellent leader who always contributes to the class positively. He helps in different ways to his teachers and partners, and he is very responsible, respectful and eager to learn everyday. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

NEWS From the Classrooms

ECE- In ECE, we use play not only for language and social emotional development by taking turns, sharing and working together, we also learn foundational skills such as writing, identifying shapes, counting and much much more, all while having fun!
~ Chris Hughes

ECE DL- In our ECE DL class we celebrate Alanna Peko for being a kind and respectful student with friends and teachers. She

uses her words and good manners and she is always ready to help others. We are happy to have Alanna in our McMeen School!

En nuestra clase de preescolar de lenguaje dual nosotros celebramos a Alanna Peko por ser una alumna amable y respetuosa. Ella se expresa con palabras y buenos modales y siempre esta dispuesta para ayudar a otros. ¡Nosotros estamos muy contentos de tener a Alanna en nuestra escuela McMeen! ~Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Erica.

Kindergarten- Ms. Blair's kindergarten classroom is making a collaborative book about feelings. During morning meetings, children pick and discuss a "feeling of the day." Children's quotes from the morning discussion will be transformed into a classroom book and children, themselves, will be able to illustrate the book by modeling different feelings with photographs and drawings. ~Charlotte Blair

Kindergarten- Kindergarten is working on learning all about the five senses and taking part in activities related to this topic. We will be celebrating holidays around the world before Winter break. We will also be making gingerbread houses and reading The Polar Express. ~ Gretchen Mena

1st Grade -This month we will be learning about different winter holidays. We will start with the origin story of Hanukkah and discuss how the Maccabees practiced perseverance. We will also learn how to play dreidel. Then we will learn about the 7 principles of Kwanzaa to help us think about our daily goal-setting and what it means to be a community. We will make Christmas decorations to donate to a nearby long-term care facility. Finally, we will celebrate the New Year with our own ball drop and the Mexican tradition of eating 12 grapes at midnight. We are excited to learn about different traditions and celebrate together all month long! ~Natalie Jacobs

2nd Grade- We had over 50 students from all grade levels earn a Caught Being A Superhero the day before break! Jenna Johns

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.

[2021-22 Holiday Resource Guide](#),

[December Seasonal Community Resources ENGLISH](#),

[Recursos comunitarios estacionales de diciembre](#)

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.