



# McMeen Elementary

*Family Weekly Newsletter*

March 14-18, 2022

## Weekly Happenings

**Monday, March 14**

**Tuesday, March 15**

3:30 - Choir

**Wednesday, March 16**

2:30 - GW Uplift Program with 4th and 5th Grade

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

4:00-8:00pm - McMeen Eats at Noodles & Co (4590 Leetsdale Dr)

**Thursday, March 17**

**Friday, March 18**

**No School - McMeen Planning Day**

**Saturday, March 19**

**Community Clean-up Day 10am - 12pm**

**Community Playdate 12pm - 1pm**

## Upcoming Events

MARCH



March 24 - Freedom Concert

March 25 - COVID Vaccination Clinic at McMeen

March 28-April 1 - Spring Break

We left out a Super Citizen photo last week. Sorry Brennan Cantu!



## *News from McMeen PTO*

[PTO Newsletter](#)

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm via [this Zoom link](#).

**PTO is looking for a Photographer** willing to donate their time. Email [mcmeenpto@gmail.com](mailto:mcmeenpto@gmail.com) if you are interested or know someone who would be!

### Contact Us!

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

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Instagram: @realstudentsofmcmeen



## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Interested in Supporting McMeen?**

We are still always looking for volunteers to support with the following:

- **Morning and Recess Monitoring** - One area we are really finding we have a need in is

monitoring the playground during both the mornings and recess. In the mornings, we need help from 8:05-8:30 and during recess we need help 10:45-12:45. **We would love any time you can support during these blocks and on any days. It's totally fine if you can just do 30 minutes one day per week.** If this is something you are interested in, please complete the process in the next bullet AND contact Lauren Bartsch ([lauren\\_bartsch@dpsk12.net](mailto:lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.net)) to set up a schedule. You can also sign up on the [McMeen volunteer calendar](#). **We are currently working on putting together some support/guidance for parents who choose to volunteer.**

- **Volunteer** - Apply for a background check on the [Volunteer Background Portal](#).
- **Apply to be a Substitute** - Did you know you can make \$200/day as a substitute in DPS? AND that you can pick where and when you sub? The district (and McMeen) is always in need of substitutes. Learn more and apply on the [DPS website for guest teachers](#).

## Announcements

### School Store

Our school store is now open. Get all of your Mustang gear today!! The ordering window will be open until March 27th. It will take 2-3 weeks to ship the orders once the ordering window is closed. You will be able to pick up your orders right here at McMeen. Please add your child's name as the customer so that we can easily get the orders out once they arrive. Shop here:

<https://denverathletic.chippoly.com/mcmeenems/>

### Recruitment Support

It is currently School Choice season and we would love your support with recruiting new families for McMeen! Please reach out to your networks and let them know how amazing McMeen is. We are bringing back School Tours starting next week. You can learn more and sign up for a tour on our website at <https://mcmeen.dpsk12.org/enroll/school-tours/>.

### CMAS Schedule Change

We had to make a change to the CMAS schedule and move Science to the end of April. Please review the changes on the schedule below and reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. **As a reminder, attendance for students during testing is very important.**

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	No School		NO TESTING			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		3rd-5th Grade Literacy				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		3rd-5th Grade Math				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		5th Grade Science				

### Cultural Learning Opportunities

Below are some learning opportunities and/or resources centered on various cultures.

- **The Denver March Powwow** will be held in person this year from March 18-20 at the [Denver Coliseum](#). Admission is free for students 6 years old and under. For all others, tickets are available for purchase at the door at \$7 per day. Last year, the event was held virtually, and we heard from DPS community members about their [connections to the](#)

[Denver March Powoww](#). Denver March Powwow [passes will be provided to Native American Culture and Education students](#) in DPS for free from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 at the Denver Indian Center located at 4407 Morrison Rd, Denver, CO 80219. To receive a Denver March Powwow pass, students must be enrolled through Denver Public Schools and have a 506 form on file with the NACE office. Blank 506 forms will be available at the distribution for completion.

- **March is [Women's History Month](#)**, which celebrates the contributions women have made to the United States and recognizes the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields according to the [official website](#). **Visit [The Commons](#) to access resources for teaching about cultural moments**. We are also seeking shout outs: tell us about a woman in DPS who has made a positive impact on your life. Think teachers, supervisors, bus drivers, office support — any woman in DPS you'd like to celebrate! We'll share your shout-outs toward the end of the month. [Share your shout out's here](#).
- **The African American Young Ladies Summit Program is hosting a virtual Journey Through The Decades of Black Excellence Showcase Fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22**. The event will feature an annual fashion showcase scholarship opportunity and a Uganda fundraiser. All are welcome! Space is limited, so [confirm your ticket purchase today](#). Contact Dr. Plashan McCune at [plashan.mccune@higherlearningu.org](mailto:plashan.mccune@higherlearningu.org) or Deanna Pierrie at [deanna\\_pierrie@dpsk12.net](mailto:deanna_pierrie@dpsk12.net) for more information.

### **[A Really Heart Warming Resource](#)**

Thank you Jenni Cessar for passing this on. We encourage you all to call the number listed as it will put a smile on your face!

<https://www.npr.org/2022/03/06/1084800784/peptoc-hotline-kindergarteners>

### **REMINDER [Women's History Month](#)**

March is Women's History Month. Find resources [here](#).

This is the link to Adeline Gray who was raised in Denver and was a DPS student. She is the most decorated wrestler (male or female) in history. [Adeline Gray](#)

### **REMINDER [I Matter Mental Health Resource for Youth](#)**

Colorado [House Bill 21-1258](#) established this temporary behavioral health services program to provide access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth, including addressing needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is open to youth 18 years of age or younger or 21 years of age or younger if receiving special education services. Learn more and sign-up on their [website](#).

### **REMINDER [Discounted Avalanche Tickets](#)**

The DPS Foundation is offering discounted tickets to three separate Avalanche Games: Sunday March 14, Wednesday March 23, and Thursday March 31. To learn more, check out these flyers in [Spanish](#) and [English](#) or visit the [DPS Foundation website](#).

### **REMINDER [Freedom Concert](#)**

We are excited about our first in-person concert since the start of the pandemic. Our Freedom Concert has been scheduled for March 24 4-5:30pm. More details will be coming soon!

### **REMINDER [COVID Vaccination Clinic at McMeen](#)**

We are excited to offer a free vaccination clinic here at McMeen on March 25th and May 6th (**note**,

**this is a change in date)** from 3:15-5:15. Pfizer vaccines will be available for students, and there may be some for DPS families and staff.

## Student Shout Outs

**Caught in the Act Winners** - Congratulations to our Caught In the Act winners this week: Peace ~ Ms Painter, Cameron ~ Ms Durkin Respect, Calista ~ Ms Keli Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Perseverance, Marshall ~ Ms Holm Responsibility, Pilot ~ Ms Mena Achievement, Joshua ~ Guevara, Keon ~ Ms Johns Responsibility, Violet ~ Ms Eron Responsibility, Isaiah ~ Ms Hillis Responsibility, Achievement, and Liam ~ Ms. Jaramillo Responsibility

**5th Grade Role Models** - Mia Turley, Cris Mendez, Londyn Turner, Albert Miranda, Zoe Morales, and Dylan McArdle

**Top Banana Class** -The class with the most Caught in the Acts this week: Ms. Caldwell's Class!

**3rd Grade, Lyla Chu** - Lyla has shown compassion and respect by forming groups during think partner work time in the classroom.

**5th Grade, Londyn Turner** - She is always positive around her classmates and is such a kind and caring person! - Ms. Jaramillo

**3rd Grade, Brody Cole** - Brody has shown respect and responsibility in supporting our class during math and explaining his thinking.

**5th Grade, Abdo Almajadobi** - Abdo always comes in with a big smile and is happy to be at school! He is always willing to help his classmates out with anything. - Ms. Zaleski

**3rd Grade, Vera Henry** - Vera is such a rockstar! She has had such an amazing year so far in 3rd grade. She works extremely hard on all of her classwork and she is always happy to help others. She is one of the most positive and kind students I know and I am so proud of her for continuing to be herself!

**3rd Grade, Caiyah Stevens** - Caiyah comes into school each day, ready to work hard to learn each day! She has such a growth mindset and asks thoughtful questions! - Mrs. Hillis

**3rd Grade, Gio Casillas-Rodriguez** - Gio is always ready to lend a helping hand in our classroom! Whether it is helping a student who has a question about a math problem, or cheering up a friend who is sad, Gio is willing to do his part for our classroom family. - Mrs. Hillis

**4th Grade, Aaliyah Elias** - Aaliyah took the time to write something nice about ALL of her classmates and share that in front of the whole class. Her kindness and compassion are contagious and we feel so lucky to have her in our class! - Ms. Goolsby

**2nd Grade, Jasmin Sobirjonova Husenovna** - She is always respectful in the classroom. She will work with any student. All the students want her as their friend. She is just an all around kind girl! Keep working hard and doing the best that you can do! You are a rockstar! - Mrs. Homberg

**1st Grade, Olivia Waas** - Olivia es la estudiante que siempre está sobresaliendo en todas las materias. Ella siempre está poniendo todo su esfuerzo para lograr todas las metas y ser la mejor que ella puede ser. - Sr. Guevara

**Kindergarten, Rhona Dickinson** - Ella ha sido un placer de tener en nuestra clase. Es una buena amiga con todos y muy respetuosa. She has been a pleasure to have in our class. She is a great friend to everyone and is very respectful. - Sra. Zaragoza

**Kindergarten, Andrea Cruz-Cruz** - Ella ha estado trabajando muy duro en su lectura. También, ella es una buena amiga y siempre quiere ayudar a sus compañeros. - Sra. Zaragoza

**3rd Grade, Abdijabar Igal** - Abdijabar is one incredible student! He shows up to class everyday ready to learn and always asking questions about what we are going to learn that day and how he can challenge himself. He has also been working hard in GT with Mrs. Cessar on his 3D project!

**The girls of Room 203** - I am shouting out the girls of Room 203 for the Restorative conversations they had to become better friends.

**ECE, Serenity Sires** - Serenity, I am SO proud of you! You have shown so much dedication and hard work with your learning in Spanish in the classroom. - Sra. Aldaz.

**ECE, Jade Nowlen** - Jade loves showing off her creativity and her love for Art in her ECE class. She is a great helper around the classroom and likes teaching her friends how to do different things with the art materials. She gets so excited to take her masterpieces home to her Mom and sisters. Keep being creative Jade! - Mr. Hughes

**Kindergarten Isaac Williams** - Isaac has been working so hard on learning how to decompose numbers to 10! He has become a pro at filling out number bonds and writing equations to match. He always does his best and has grown so much this year. Great job Isaac! -Ms. Mena

**Kindergarten, Jana Suliman** - Jana is a wonderful student! She always tries her personal best and is a great role model and leader. She is also extremely kind and supportive to her classmates! - Ms. Blair

**Kindergarten, Dominick Skelton** - Dominick has been working SO HARD at school! He jumped a tier on iStation during our past assessment cycle- way to go Dominick! - Mrs. McReynolds

**Kindergarten, Hind MohamedOsman** - Hind is a wonderfully kind student! She cares about those around her and always makes sure that everyone is included during recess play. Hind is also an excellent writer who uses her writing to express her great ideas! - Mrs. McReynolds

**Kindergarten, Jorge Espinoza Vasquez** - ¡Jorge siempre está listo para aprender! También, Jorge le gusta dibujar mucho y es muy creativo! Estoy muy orgulloso con Jorge porque él siempre trabaja duro y el le gusta aprender todas las cosas! ¡Bien hecho, Jorge! - Sra. Painter

**Kindergarten, Josephine Lintz** - Josephine is always helping out other students with expectations! She is a great role model to those around her working so hard and always doing the right thing! I love seeing the creative things Josephine creates every day! I am so proud of you, Josephine! - Sra. Painter

# News from Classrooms

**5th graders** are working very hard with their research on an African American activist, scientist, or inventor. Through their independent research the students are discovering many interesting facts and are making connections. There are 3 students who have the same birthday as the African American which they chose to do their research. One student discovered that their "person" actually died last week. This truly has had an effect on her and she dove even deeper to discover more.

**5th graders** are working hard on partner reading! The book is called *Drinking Cleopatra's Tears*. They are learning about how all the water that has ever been on Earth is recycled over and over again. They have even gotten to do some science experiments with water evaporation! We love to see them collaborating and working hard. Keep it up 5th grade!



**5th Graders** worked with High School Volunteers this week to play a game about the importance of communication!



## Resources from DPS

### **REMINDER** 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.



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