



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

March 28 - April 1

Spring Break, No School

Monday, April 4

No School - Teacher Planning Day

Tuesday, April 5

3:30 - Choir

Wednesday, April 6

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

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

Thursday, April 7

Friday, April 8

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 11-29 - CMAS Testing

April 12 - Collaborative School Committee and Parent Teacher Organization meetings

April 15 - Super Citizen Assembly

April 18 - Uplift Literacy Day

April 25-26 - Balarat for 5th Graders

April 30 - Community Playdate and Día del Niño Celebration

DEAR FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 30

PLEASE COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE DIA DEL NIÑO
(DAY OF THE CHILD) WITH OUR MCMEEEN COMMUNITY,
MORE INFO TO COME SOON.

QUERIDA FAMILIAS.

APARTE EL DIA: ABRIL 30

ACOMPANENOS A CELEBRAR EL DIA DEL NIÑO CON
NUESTRA COMUNIDAD DE MCMEEEN. MAS
INFORMACION SERA COMPARTIDA PRONTO.

We had a great Read-a-Thon Celebration with Bernie, the Aves mascot.



Thank you to Ms. Q for such a great music performance this week!



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 if you are interested or know someone who would be!

Contact Us!

Email: mcmeenpto@gmail.com

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

Instagram: @realstudentsofmcmeen

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Supporting McMeen?

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

- **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](#).

Thank you to all of our parent and student volunteers who came out for our monthly community clean-up day this past Saturday. They were able to pick up a lot of the trash and help keep our school clean!

Announcements

Square I Art Fundraiser

Welcome to our school's Square I Art fundraiser! Your child has created an amazing artwork that you may purchase on quality products as keepsakes and gifts! Wouldn't you love to share your child's artwork with family and friends? Every order profits our school!

To view your child's art & order:

Click on [Art Search](#), and enter state, school name, and your child's name. Your child's art and art code will then appear. Just click on your child's art, and you may order products!

Order Deadline is: 4/14/2022

Thank you for supporting our school, and your child's creativity!

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/>

Read-a-Thon Winners

Below are all the winners from our Read-a-Thon this winter!

Overall Top Reader	3rd	Reeves-Toney	Brody
Overall Top Fundraiser	2nd	Dickinson	Banks
ECE	Top Reader	Rivera	Oscar
ECE	Top Fundraiser	Hughes	Ryan
KG	Top Reader	Zaragoza	Caleb
KG	Top Fundraiser	Zaragoza	Phillip
1st	Top Reader	Bordeaux	Ola
1st	Top Fundraiser	Guevara	Rose
2nd	Top Reader	Candee	Luke
2nd	Top Fundraiser	Dickinson	Banks
3rd	Top Reader	Reeves-Toney	Brody
3rd	Top Fundraiser	Caldwell	Clinton
4th	Top Reader	Goolsby	Delilah
4th	Top Fundraiser	Zaleski	Brennan
5th	Top Reader	Goolsby	Quincy
5th	Top Fundraiser	Jaramillo	Albert

Ms. Homberg's Class is the top Reading Class!! They read a total of 27,190 minutes and had 100% participation both in class and from home!!

ECE and 2nd Grade had 100% full grade participation!!

Winners of the 100% class participation are Ms. Reeves-Toney's class
The classroom teacher who achieved 100% participation raffle winner is Mr. Hughes

We hit all of our Mustang Goals and we are so excited to celebrate later today with everyone who participated and our special surprise guest!

Summer Camp Options

There have been some questions about the difference between Discovery Link Summer Camp and Exploration Summer Camps. Our Discovery Link Coordinator, Candace Hoffmann has provided us with the following information comparing the two. Please reach out to her with any questions at 720-766-1645.

Discovery Link Summer Camp	Exploration summer Camps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kids who attend McMeen can choose to attend ANY summer camp from ANY school.● It was just announced that Bradley is going under construction this summer, and will not host McMeen kids at that school anymore. A new location is being discussed by senior supervisors for who will host children from McMeen.● Schedule: 7am to 5:30pm from June 13th through August 5th (no camp July 4th)● State licensed: that means we have certain state requirements like a 1:15 ratio of children● Provided for ages 5 to 12 years.● Prices: \$45/ daily● Childcare provided, parents pack their children their own snacks for the day. However, parents can sign their children up to receive breakfast and lunch from the school, or pack their lunches from home.● Offers a structured schedule (typically breakfast, outside time, morning snack, 2 lesson or activities a day (AM and PM), an afternoon snack, and afternoon outside time.● Themed weeks (STEM, art, water week, space week, carnival week, decades week.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Schedule: 8:30 am to 4pm● 8:15am drop off, Dates to be determined soon by senior supervisors, locations TBD by senior supervisors● Not state licensed- means the ratio of children:adults depend on provider preferences (sometimes 1:10, sometimes 1:20 or 1:30)● Senior Supervisors TBD the fee structure for Exploration camps because this depends on what classes are offered, and a schedule for offered classes is still being discussed.● Childcare provided, but no breakfast/ lunch/snacks will be offered by the program.● Also enrichment providers from outside of the school come in to provide special classes for a fee (examples: cooking class, dance class, chess class,etc)● No themed weeks

REMINDER Free Tickets to Dinos and Dragons Stroll

This family-fun event is something that all ages will enjoy, especially elementary and middle school kiddos. Check out the event at DinoAndDragonStroll.com. The DINO & DRAGON STROLL will be open Saturday, April 2nd from 10am-4pm with a special Sensory friendly hour from 8:30am-9:45am and Sunday, April 3rd from 10am-3pm. Our Sensory Friendly Hour will allow students with special needs, such as autism, the ability to enjoy our event in a more subdued setting (no flashing lights, limited sound, limited movement from the dinos & dragons). **They are offering FREE TICKETS for all students under the age of 17.** You must redeem your tickets online using the discount code **DENVER**. Learn more on their website or [this flier](#).

REMINDER | 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](#).

Student Shout Outs

Caught in the Act Winners - Congratulations to our Caught In the Act winners this week: Rataj ~ Ms Bordeaux Respect and Responsibility, Elianna ~ Mrs. Holm Achievement, Jonibek ~ Mrs. Holm Compassion, Respect, and Achievement, Benetta ~ Ms Blaiir Responsibility, Hazel ~ Mrs. Tony Achievement, Renee ~ Ms. Zaleski Achievement, Amaraught ~ Ms. Painter, Utahna ~ Mrs. Hillis, and Michael ~ Compassion Ms. Jaramillo

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

Monthly Winners - The students with the most Caught In the Acts this month: 5th Grade ~ Abdu, Tykese, Ariaah, 4th Grade ~ PyChann, Prince, Dino, Eden, 3rd Grade ~ Poet, Jayce, Eileen, 2nd Grade ~ Leo, Asmaa, Ayoub, Wren, 1st Grade ~ Natalie, Angel, Berkeley, and Kindergarten ~ Andrea, Abigayle, Valentina

2nd Grade, Anna Batjargal - Anna is always willing to help support her classmates. She is kind and compassionate! She will work with anyone, and will answer questions for other classmates. She is such an amazing student to watch grow this year in my classroom. Keep up being the sweetest, kindest, and helpful girl that you are! - Ms. Homberg

1st Grade, Mr. Guevara's class - Super shout out to Mr. Guevara's class for being such loving, respectful and responsible students! The compliments you get throughout the school during recess, lunch and specials classes are endless. Los quiero mucho! - Ms. Rodriguez

1st Grade, Ms. Jacob's class - Shout out to Ms. Jacob's class for being awesome big helpers to their new classmate this week. He felt so safe and welcomed at Mcmeen because of you! Xoxo Ms. Rodriguez

ECE, Cecelia Tyner - Cece has been a huge helper as we have been moving through our Animal unit. She has an amazing knowledge of all kinds of animals and loves sharing it with all of her classmates. We are all learning so much from her! Thank you Cece, keep up the great work!

Kindergarten, Kenia Villegas Hernandez - Kenia siempre tiene una sonrisa en la cara! ¡Ella le encanta aprender y le encanta a jugar con los amigos! ¡Me encanta escuchar a ella reindo y jugando! - Sra. Painter

4th Grade, Noah Peterson - He did an amazing job practicing reading his lines and performing as the giant in our class play! I am so proud of the dedication and courage that he demonstrated. - Ms. Goolsby

Kindergarten, Lukas Coss - Lukas has done a fantastic job working so hard and learning so much! He has done a good job helping his friends follow the expectations and helping them learn! - Sra.

Painter

3rd Grade, Sedra Elmagdobi - Sedra is kind to all students. Sedra also has shown academic achievement by completing all her assignments with attention to detail and grade level expectations. - Mrs. Toney

3rd Grade, Hazel Hanson - Hazel had a challenge to push through her frustrations to complete her classwork in the afternoon. Hazel has taken the challenge and has been very successful completing her classwork. - Mrs. Toney

Kindergarten, Sofia Corona-Montilla - Sofia a estado trabajando muy duro en su trabajo y siempre esta haciendo buenas decisiones. - Sra. Zaragoza

4th Grade, Taliyah Hendrix - You are amazing! Thank you for always being so kind, generous, funny, and hardworking. - Ms. Keli

5th Grade, Ahamed Ali - Always showing up with a positive attitude and truly loves to LEARN! - Ms. Jaramillo

5th Grade, Myrunmayee Aurangabdkar - For stepping up as a leader in 5th grade this week! We love to see that! - Ms. Jaramillo

News from Classrooms

2nd Grade - Second grade is excited to start a new knowledge unit on insects. This pairs nicely with our cycles in nature unit that we just finished and our upcoming field trip to the Botanic Gardens. We will be looking closely at their specific attributes that help them survive and how different insects can be helpful or harmful to the environment. As the nicer weather approaches, we encourage you to spend more time outside, observing insects busy at work and new plant growth.

2nd Grade Dual Language has earned an 'Animal Party' on Friday! We earned 25 class points by showing all of the McMeen core values: perseverance, respect, responsibility, integrity, & compassion. We are also looking forward to our Reading Buddy day with Ms. Jacob's 1st Graders. We partner up, turn off the lights, and read from the glow of our glow sticks!

In literacy we have wrapped up our Natural Life Cycles unit and have moved on to the Insects Unit! It's been perfect timing to talk about these creepy, crawly creatures with Springtime popping up and Earth Day right around the corner.

In math we have worked hard on our Three Digit Addition and Subtraction with Regrouping Units! Those units are about to be completed and next we will focus on a Time Unit.

Resources from DPS

Families can Opt-In for 2022-23 Transportation beginning April 15

The Opt-In Program for the 2022-23 school year will go live April 15 and close June 30. Families of

eligible students will need to log into [Parent Portal](#) and opt in their student if they require DPS transportation services. The Opt-In Program helps the Transportation Team properly allocate resources and make plans for students who intend to ride the bus. Gathering this data early will ensure more timely and efficient transportation at the start of the school year.

If families do not opt-in by June 30, we will plan our bus routes without their student. This doesn't change their student's eligibility, but it could cause a delay in service.

Please see [this flier](#). Questions? Email transportation@dpsk12.org.

Discounted Tickets for Colorado Rockies Games

The DPS Foundation is offering discounted tickets for Colorado Rockies Games. Visit <https://dpsfoundation.org/offers/> for more information.

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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