



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

Monday, April 18

Tuesday, April 19

AM - 3rd-5th Grades Math CMAS Testing

PM - 5th Grade Science CMAS Testing

3:30 - Choir

3:45-5:15 - Girls on the Run

Wednesday, April 20

AM - 3rd-5th Grades Math CMAS Testing

PM - 5th Grade Science CMAS Testing

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

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

Thursday, April 21

AM - 3rd-5th Grades Math CMAS Testing

PM - 5th Grade Science CMAS Testing

3:45-5:15 - Girls on the Run

Friday, April 22

Upcoming Events

APRIL

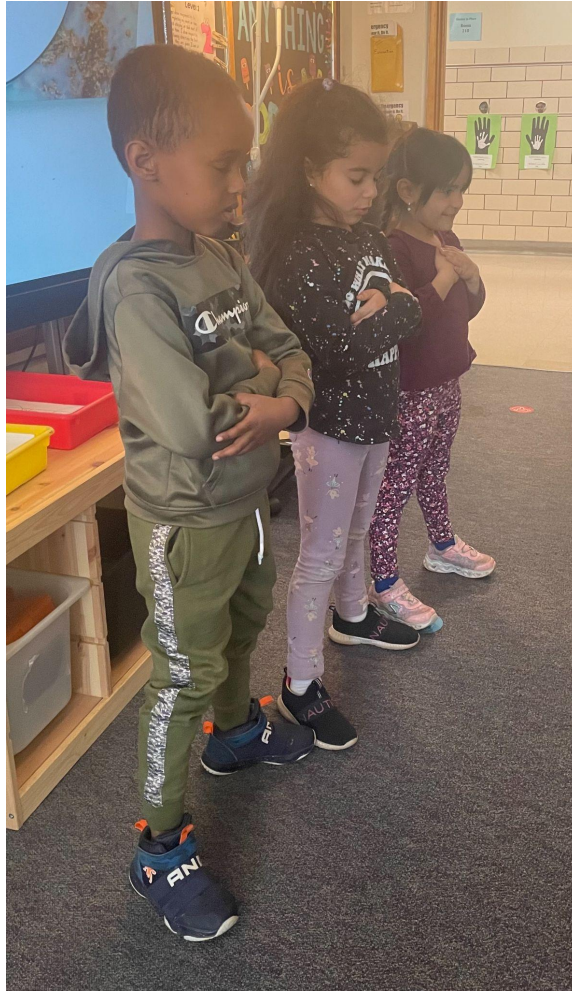
April 11-29 - CMAS Testing

April 25-26 - Balarat for 5th Graders

April 29 - Super Citizen Assembly

April 30 - Community Playdate and Día del Niño Celebration

Some of our Kindergarten students got to teach their class about Ramadan this week!



DEAR FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 30

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

QUERIDA FAMILIAS,

APARTE EL DIA: ABRIL 30

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

News from McMeen PTO

PTO Newsletter

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm.

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](#).

Announcements

Multicultural Night Volunteers

We are so excited to bring back Multicultural Night this year! It will take place on Thursday, May 12th from 5-7pm. **Part of this will be a potluck where everyone can bring a favorite recipe that highlights your culture.** If you are willing to help, please reach out to Maura Painter at maura.painter@dpsk12.net. We are looking for some volunteers for the following:

- Henna
- Games related to your culture
- Connections to groups that do cultural performances
- Anything else you can think of

Lost and Found

We will have the Lost and Found items displayed all next week. **Anything left at the end of the week will be donated.**

Teacher Appreciation Week - Student Voice

National Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 2-6. DPS is collecting student shout outs for their teachers. Please support this effort by having your child fill out [this form](#) by April 29th. Please note that student submissions may be featured on the website and/or social media.

Field Day Volunteer Interest Form

Please fill out [this form](#) if you are interested in volunteering for our Field Day on Thursday, May 19th or Friday, May 20th.

CMAS Testing

Our state CMAS Testing continues this week for students in 3rd-5th grades. Please make sure students are well rested and arrive on time on these days to avoid them having to take make-ups.

Middle School STEAM Summer Camp

The 2022 Generation Teach STEAM Academy (GTSA) - a **no-cost, fun, 5-week summer program for students in 5th-7th grades!** In partnership with Denver Public Schools, Generation Teach STEAM Academy prepares students for **success in middle school and beyond** through engaging academic and enrichment programming. Learn more by reviewing this [letter](#), [flier](#), and [presentation](#).

McMeen Community Rockies Game

We have a section of seats reserved for the Rockies Game on May 1st. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, you can do so by visiting <https://mcmeenpto.square.site/> or by filling out [this form](#) and returning it to the main office by **Wednesday, April 20th**. We will also have copies available in the office.



Shakespeare in the Spring Event

There is a Shakespeare event happening at Cook Park on **Saturday, May 7th**. You can see these fliers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for more information.

Spirit Week: May 2- May 6

- Monday: Dress Like
- Tuesday: Hawaiian
- Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
- Thursday: Super Heo

Last Day of School

The last day of school for the year is Friday, June 3. ***This day is a half day and will end at 11:20. All students need to be picked up by 11:30 at the latest.***

REMINDER McMeen Community Rapids Game

PTO has set it up so we can all go to a Rapids game together! See [this flier](#) for information about how to purchase tickets. ***Section 114 is reserved for McMeen, so please try and purchase them in that***

section so we can all sit together!

REMINDER 5th Grade Continuation

We have scheduled our 5th Grade Continuation for Tuesday, May 31st at 1:30pm in the McMeen Auditorium. Doors will open at 1:15. **Date - Immediate family only

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](#).

Student Shout Outs

Caught in the Act Winners - Congratulations to our Caught In the Act winners this week: Layla ~ Mrs. Claypool Respect and Achievement, Noah ~ Ms. Jacobs Achievement and Perseverance, Anabella ~ Ms. Jaramillo Compassion and Responsibility, Skylar ~ Ms Keli Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Perseverance, Murphy ~ Ms. Mena Respect, Mohammed ~ Ms Caldwell Achievement and Rocking CMAS, Zak Ms Homberg Responsibility and Achievement, Clinton ~ Ms Q Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Perseverance, Zachary ~ Ms Keli, Anthony ~ Ms Bohanon Respect during CMAS

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

5th Grade Leaders - Gage, Ahlana, Liam, Kambri, Jesus, and Anab

4th Grade, Zel Potter - Room 207 enjoys your constant creativity, lightheartedness, and ability to shine bright when sharing your passions. - Ms. Keli

ECE, Charlotte Nzeyimana - Charlotte has grown so much in ECE. She is a great friend to all of her classmates and is always willing to help them try to solve problems. Keep up the great work Charlotte. - Mr. Hughes

5th Grade, Michael Chavez - He is kind and considerate to others! He follows directions quickly and is ready to learn when he walks into the classroom! - Ms. Jaramillo

5th Grade, Sydney Callahan - She is kind, sweet, and caring to all! - Ms. Jaramillo

4th Grade, Alejandra Parada-Funez - Alejandra did an amazing job trying her best during testing this week! She showed perseverance and determination and I am so proud of her! - Ms. Goolsby

2nd Grade, Amos Wright - He has been working really hard to improve his overall reading and math skills. He is constantly asking for challenges to test his limits! He enjoys sharing his thoughts and knowledge with the class. He is also doing a great job working through challenging material and being okay when he is wrong! Keep up the amazing work! - Mrs. Homberg

Kindergarten, Jose Angel Castro-Zuniga - Jose Ángel ha estado trabajando muy duro. Él trata de siempre completar su trabajo en la escuela y pone su mejor esfuerzo. - Sra. Zaragoza

3rd Grade, Owen Lindgren - Owen has worked diligently to reach his academic goals. - Ms. Toney

3rd Grade, Eva Mestas - Eva is a great friend in our classroom and is helpful and kind to others. - Ms. Toney

5th Grade, Aria and Brennan - Shout out to our first talk detectives in the Art Studio. Aria and Brennan were excellent leaders and took notes on students meeting guidelines for our feedback discussion. They awarded students Caught in the Acts for achievement! Way to go!



News from Classrooms

5th Grade - 5th grade has been hard at work this week with the start of CMAS testing! We are so proud of the resiliency and diligent work they have shown.

We are so excited for the Balarat field trip coming up on the 25-26th of April. Please make sure to turn in permission slips by the 19th. We can't wait to be out in nature with our wonderful students!

5th grade has also started bucket fillers in each classroom. Students write messages when their classmates are caught doing kind things that fill up their bucket. Every kind message written is a bean added to the jar. The first class to get the whole jar filled with beans wins a prize!

2nd Grade - After spending a couple of months studying life cycles of plants, animals, and insects (our newest unit), second graders got to experience the botanic gardens and put their knowledge to the test! They identified life cycle stages of plants and insects, and enjoyed being outdoors with their peers!



Resources from DPS

Summer of SORA Reading Program Opportunity

Summer of Sora is the DPS summer reading program to encourage students to enjoy our digital library of over 35,000 eBooks and audiobooks, all summer long. Beginning June 6 and extending for 10 weeks, through Aug. 12, every Sora eBook or audiobook checkout is a chance for students to win prizes. Every week, 10 students will win an Under Armour backpack and book, for a total of 100 winners, with three grand prize winners receiving Kindle e-readers! Watch the [Summer of Sora video](#) for more information and a tutorial on how to log in to the free Sora app and website. Click [here](#) for the digital flier. Questions? Contact the Library Help Desk at libraryhelpdesk@dpsk12.org.

Declining Enrollment Survey

To inform their discussions, the Declining Enrollment Advisory Committee would like to hear from the broader community. The feedback form is now available on the Declining Enrollment Advisory Committee [webpage](#), and will be shared with the community in Our DPS Weekly on Friday, April 15. The form will be available in all Consent Decree languages and will be open until Monday, April 18.

REMINDER 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.



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