



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

Monday, April 25

5th Grade at Balarat

Tuesday, April 26

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3:30 - Choir

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

Wednesday, April 27

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

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

6:00 - Día del Niño Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

Super Citizen Assembly

Saturday, April 30

Día del Niño Celebration! - We hope everyone can join. It is open to ALL community members (whether or not they attend McMeen). So please invite anyone you know!

DÍA DEL NIÑO
EN EL PATIO DE McMEEN ELEMENTARY
1000 S. HOLLY ST.

Un evento comunitario gratuito organizado por McMeen

¡Comidas tradicionales, música, danza, fútbol, piñatas y más!

sábado, 30 de abril
1pm - 3pm

Haznos saber si vienes:

DÍA DEL NIÑO
McMEEN ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND
1000 S. HOLLY ST.

A free community event hosted by McMeen!

Traditional snacks, music, dance, soccer, piñatas & more!

Saturday April 30th
1pm - 3pm

Let us know you're coming

Upcoming Events

MAY

May 2-6 - Staff Appreciation Week
May 6 - Teacher Planning Day, No School
May 6 - Vaccination Clinic
May 9-13 - Scholastic Book Fair
May 10 - CSC and PTO Meetings
May 10 - Incoming Kindergarten Ice Cream Social
May 12 - Multicultural Night
May 14 - McMeen Rapids Game
May 19 - Field Day for ECE and Kindergarten
May 20 - Field Day for 1st-5th Grades
May 30 - Memorial Day, No School
May 31 - 5th Grade Continuation

JUNE

June 1 - Kindergarten End of Year Celebration
June 3 - ECE End of Year Celebration
June 3 - Last Day of School, **Half Day (end at 11:20)**

News from McMeen PTO

[PTO Newsletter](#)

Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 10th at 6pm.

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

McMeen Community Rockies Game

The McMeen PTO has a few donated tickets to the Rockis game on May 1st. Email them at mcmeenpto@gmail.com if you would like tickets for your family!

Scholastic Book Fair

I am excited to announce that the McMeen School Library will be hosting an in person Scholastic

Book Fair with the theme, "Books Bring Us Together." Please click [this link](#) to see the Book Fair flier with dates & times and important information about the book fair. The flier also includes a link to a SignUp Genius for anyone who would like to volunteer during the book fair.

Thank you,

Suzanne Ramsey, Teacher-Librarian

Heelys Shoes

Our Facilities staff have requested that students no longer wear Heelys to school. They are scuffing up our floors and adding more work for them to clean them up.

REMINDER 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

REMINDER 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.

REMINDER 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.

REMINDER Spirit Week: May 2- May 6

- Monday: Dress Like
- Tuesday: Vacation Day
- Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
- Thursday: Super Hero

REMINDER 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.*

Student Shout Outs

Caught in the Act Winners - Congratulations to our Caught In the Act winners this week: ...

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

5th Grade Leaders - Zoe Morales-Victoriano, Cameron Collins, Renee Anthony, Ahamed Ali, Terrance Cook, and Katie Castrejon Sanchez.

5th Grade, Tykese Dye - He has shown great focus during CMAS testing. - Ms. Good

5th Grade, Renee Anthony - She has worked really hard and taken her time on the CMAS tests so far. - Ms. Good

ECE, Roda Afewerk - Roda has been trying really hard in ECE and learning a lot. She loves when she is able to play with her friends and when she learns new things. Great job Roda! - Mr Hughes

5th Grade, Jeslien Sanchez - Jeslien is always kind and helpful and she brightens her teachers' and classmates' days! - Ms. Zaleski

2nd Grade, Nya London-Thompson - Nya has been working so hard on being a great friend and classmate. She has grown so much with being respectful to everyone in her class. She is able to work with others and encourage them to get their work done. She is constantly using her strategies taught during the school day to help her be successful. - Ms. Homberg

2nd Grade, Abel Mohatt - he is such a joyful presence in our classroom and his smile makes my day! He always finds a way to connect to our lessons and is very good at spotting cognates when he's reading and speaking in Spanish! - Ms. Candee

3rd Grade, 4th Grade, Poet Leeper & Zannya Schlotthauer - You both did an amazing job working hard on ELA and Math CMAS tests! I am very proud of your GRIT! - Ms. McWhorter

3rd Grade, EvaMestas - Eva has a very bubbly personality and is always willing to share her thinking with our class. - Mrs. Toney

3rd Grade, Chelle Miranda - Chelle has made great progress building her friendships. Chelle also has lots of integrity. - Mrs. Toney

Kindergarten, Alexa Calles-Mancia - Alexa es una niña muy dulce y responsable. Ella siempre quiere ayudar a sus compañeros, especialmente cuando alguien está triste. - Sra. Zaragoza

5th Grade, Ahamed Ali - He is so kind and helpful to his classmates! He sets an example for others. - Ms. Jaramillo

1st Grade, Zalyah Maxwell - Zalyah always comes to school with a positive attitude and knows just how to brighten someone's day! - Ms. Alvarez

ECE, Christopher Peña - Christopher ha desarrollado más confianza al relacionarse y jugar con compañeros de la clase. También muestra más seguridad en sí mismo al participar más en nuestra clase y al mostrar su curiosidad e interés al expresar sus observaciones, preguntas y predicciones sobre el crecimiento de plantas y las orugas que tenemos en el salón. ¡Nos sentimos muy felices y orgullosos del progreso de Christopher!
Christopher has developed more confidence in relating to and playing with classmates. He also shows more confidence by participating more in our class and by showing his curiosity and interest in expressing his observations, questions, and predictions about the growth of plants and caterpillars we have in our classroom. We are very happy and proud of Christopher's progress! - Mrs. Rivera

News from Classrooms

Kindergarten Dual Language - In Kindergarten Dual Language, we have begun our new literacy unit on Native Americans. Students will be learning about different tribes and the similarities and differences these tribes shared.

ECE - In ECE, we are finishing up our animal habitat unit just in time to go to the Zoo on May 3rd. After we visit the Zoo, we will be starting our Spring unit where we will be learning about plants and bugs (always a kid favorite). We have also been working on re-telling the story of The Three Little Pigs and how important it is to always work hard and try your best!

ECE Dual Language - In our ECE Dual Language classes we are learning about Habitats and the animals that live in those habitats.

We are also learning about the Butterfly Life Cycle. Our students are showing their curiosity and interest by making observations and predictions with our classroom caterpillars.

As the end of the school year approaches and we are observing and informally assessing our students with our Development and Learning Standards to prepare them for kindergarten, we are very proud and happy of all the progress our young ECE DL students have made through our school year in their social, physical, language, literacy and math competencies. Keep up your hard work dear ECE DL students!!! Sigam esforzándose queridos alumnos de lenguaje dual de preescolar!!

3rd-5th Grade finished their CMAS testing. Staff and students had a great time with our spirit week!



3rd Grade is doing a zoo research project combining animal research and using math to design zoo enclosures.



Resources from DPS

Families of Multilingual Learners are Invited to the April 27 MLE DAC Meeting

Families are invited to join the virtual Multilingual Education Districtwide Advisory Committee (MLE DAC) meeting on Wednesday, April 27 from 5-6:30 p.m. At this session, families will learn more about student assessment results, accelerated learning resources for families, extended academic learning opportunities this summer and will get to know a DPS Board Member. Families can [register here](#) and join the meeting via [Zoom](#). For more information, visit the [MLE DAC webpage](#) or call 720-423-2040.

REMINDER 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.

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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