



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

We hope to see everyone at our *Día del Niño* event tomorrow - Saturday, April 30th.

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

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.

This Week is Staff Appreciation Week - see below for details regarding how we're celebrating

Monday, May 2

Dress Like your Teacher Day

Tuesday, May 3

Vacation Day - dress in your best vacation attire! **Please see note below

3:30 - Choir

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

Wednesday, May 4

Wacky Wednesday - wear something wacky!

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, May 5

Superheroes Day - dress like a superhero!

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

Friday, May 6

No School - Teacher Planning D

3:15-5:15 COVID Vaccination Clinic

****Our sincerest apologies for suggesting a spirit day theme that was culturally insensitive. We are very grateful for the education that we received from our community regarding cultural appropriation of the theme. We will be more aware with future events and activities here at McMeen. We want to thank one of our families for sharing resources to help us learn and we wanted to share [this article](#) with you all, which explains why we are making this change.**

As you and your child are putting outfits together for Spirit Week, please remember that it is important to understand appropriate cultural representation. We ask you to consider the value of the culture you might be dressing as and the respect that can be demonstrated through clothing, accessories, and decoration choices. For vacation day, we want to clarify that it is “dress like you’re going on vacation” which could be somewhere cold, warm, a big city, a beach, and include items such as fanny packs and sunglasses.

Upcoming Events

MAY

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](https://www.instagram.com/realstudentsofmcmeen)

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Supporting McMeen?

We are still always looking for volunteers to support the following. Fill out the background check on the [Volunteer Background Portal](#).

- **Book Fair Volunteers** - Sign up [here](#).
- **Multicultural Night** - We are looking for support for Multicultural night, including people who can share aspects of their culture (e.g. henna, games, cultural performances, and anything else you can think of). If you are interested in volunteering, please email maura.painter@dpsk12.net.
- **Field Day** - Please fill out [this form](#) if you are interested in volunteering for our Field Day on Thursday, May 19th or Friday, May 20th.

- **Recess Volunteers** - Please review [this guide](#) and reach out to Assistant Principal Lauren Bartsch if you are interested in volunteering during recess.

Announcements

Virtual Art Show/Fundraiser

The 4th grade artists (Barrera, Basin, and Goolsby) at McMeen Elementary participated in a community service project to raise money for PawsCo, a local nonprofit dedicated to reducing pet homelessness. Students “adopted” a shelter rescue and created an animal portrait to help them find their “fur” ever home. Heather O’Lear, the photography director and animal advocate with PawsCo, provided the photography. Heather’s photography captures the individual personalities of animals so they can attract their forever homes . Please help students raise money by bidding on their artwork, and all proceeds will go to PawsCo. The online auction will go live May 1 and run through May 14th. Pick up of artwork can be arranged from McMeen Elementary or sent home with a student. Thanks for your support! Please let me know if you have any questions-

Emilee Claypool

Link to auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/mcmeen>

Parenting Skills: Children’s Operator Manual: Stages of Development

This is an upcoming free webinar for parenting skills regarding stages of child development. Please check out the [flier](#) for more information.

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: Lani ~ Ms. Jacobs, Responsibility, Marisol ~ Mrs. Holm All our Character Strengths, Marus Ms. Blair Responsibility, Achievement, Henok Mrs. Holm Respect, Cora Ms Candee Responsibility, Kameron Mrs. Dickinson Perseverance, Py Chann Ms Chelsea Compassion, Bruce Mrs. Tony Responsibility, Layla Mrs. Hillis Respect and Responsibility, and Kentrell Lunch Staff Responsibility.

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

5th Grade Leaders - Abdo, Sydney, Eric, Laritza, Melaku, Zariyat

5th Grade - We are SO proud of our fifth graders! They got to go on their first overnight field trip to Balarat. This experience was so special and our kids did a wonderful job representing McMeen! They kept positive attitudes (even though it was cold and snowy!), saw moose, worked together, and tried lots of new things! - 5th Grade Teachers

5th Grade - Spending time with 5th graders at Balarat was AMAZING and I was so happy to get to know more of our amazing students. - Ms. Good

5th Grade - 5th grade students enjoying the outdoors during Balarat! We had so much fun hiking and doing various activities. We also saw three moose and a flock of wild turkey! - Ileana Jaramillo

4th Grade, Miles Davis - He is compassionate towards others and works hard to inspire peace to those around him. Miles is quick to help others solve problems and is a kind leader in our class. - Ms. Goolsby

ECE, Sabrina Saleman - Sabrina has grown so much in ECE. She came in super shy and quiet and now she has really come out of her shell. She is such a good friend to all of her classmates and is excited everyday to come to school. Good job Sabrina! - Mr Hughes

5th Grade, Christopher Chock - He went out of his comfort zone during Balarat! He showed us confidence with something new. - 5th Grade Teachers

Kindergarten, Derick Wadlington - Derick's love of learning is contagious! He always comes to school with a smile and he tries his personal best at every assignment. We love Derick! - Ms. Blair

1st Grade, 2nd Grade Ms. Candee's SLD class - Shout out to Ms. Candee's SLD class for doing amazing on their gallery walk. I'm so proud of your accomplishments. - Ms. Rodriguez

Kindergarten, Naleyiah Terry Williams - Naleyiah is always willing to offer a helping hand in the classroom and she is a wonderful friend to her peers! - Ms. Blair

Kindergarten, Josiah Burrell - Josiah is a very kind friend. He is always including everyone and has many friends. He also tries his best when using his Spanish and on his work! - Ms. Zaragoza

2nd Grade, Mohamud Mohamed - He is one of the kindest young men I have ever met! He is always nice to everybody and loves helping anyone in need. Love you buddy! - Ms. Johns

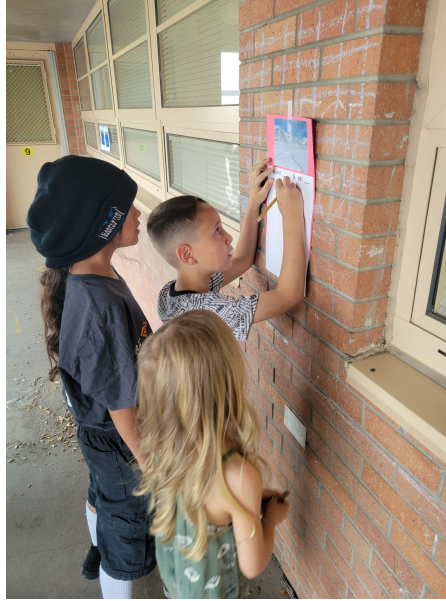
4th Grade, London Wilson - She has been doing a great job in small group math class and always shows lots of enthusiasm - Ms. Good

Kindergarten, Zyier Henderson - He is always a smiling student trying to do the right thing! He is making great choices and learning with his friends! He makes a new friend every day!

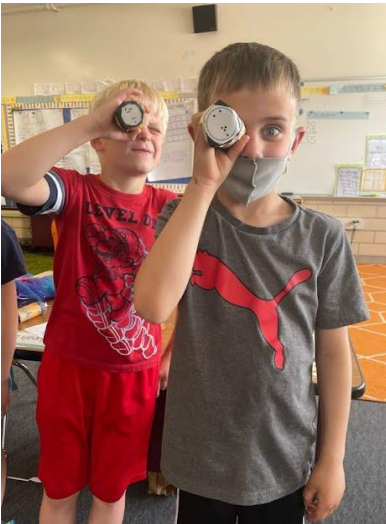
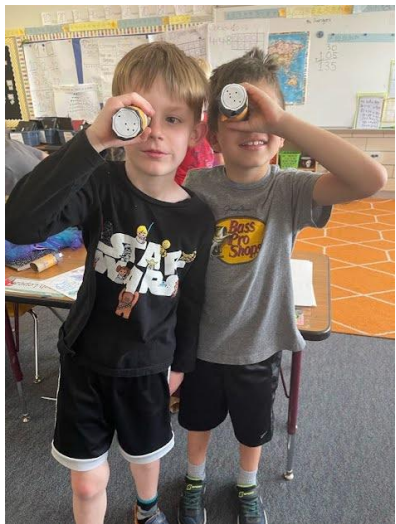
Kindergarten, Michelle Lemus-Peraza - Michelle siempre está ayudado los amigos y siempre esta trabajando duro! Ella siempre tiene una sonrisa y esta lista para aprender!

News from Classrooms

Ms. Candee's First Grade and Second Grade SLD class went on a Gallery Walk outside this week! They observed, noticed, and wondered about the different habitats where animals live. They worked as partners and small groups to write their ideas under each real life picture.



For Earth Day, Ms. Jacobs' first grade worked with 4th grade helpers to do some creative recycling. They created the Hubble Telescope, the Apollo 11 Lunar Lander, and the Mars Rover. They also made constellation viewers with recyclable materials. It was so exciting to see their astronomy learning come to life!



2nd Grade - 2nd graders have been wrapping up their insect unit and had a great time visiting the Botanic Gardens a few weeks ago to see pollinators in action. We are working hard on using a variety of math strategies to solve one and two digit equations and explaining our thinking in writing. Each class will begin researching different countries from around the world to help McMeen celebrate multicultural night. Second graders will be researching and becoming their own authors of nonfiction books, studying animals from the counties that their class is studying.

Resources from DPS

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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