



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

Monday, April 11

Tuesday, April 12

3rd-5th Grades Literacy CMAS Testing

3:30 - Choir

5:00 - Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting (location TBD)

6:00 - Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting (location TBD)

Wednesday, April 13

3rd-5th Grades Literacy CMAS Testing

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

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

4:00-8:00 - McMeen Eats at Pie Society

Thursday, April 14

3rd-5th Grades Literacy CMAS Testing

Order Deadline for Square 1 Art Fundraiser (see below)

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

Friday, April 15

Super Citizen Assembly

Kindergarten had a great time on their field trip today to The Urban Farm!



Upcoming Events

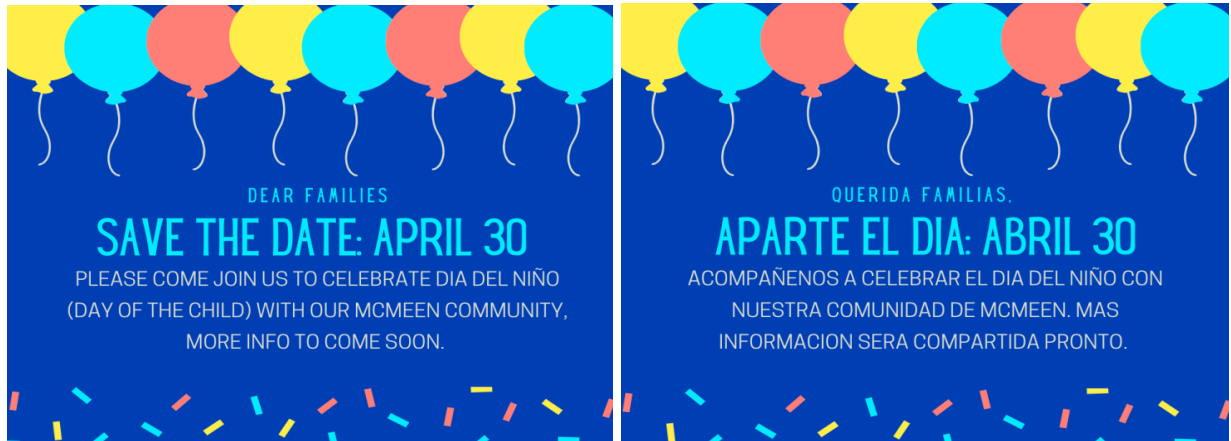
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April 11-29 - CMAS Testing

April 18 - Uplift Literacy Day

April 25-26 - Balarat for 5th Graders

April 30 - Community Playdate and Día del Niño Celebration



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

CMAS Testing

Our state CMAS Testing starts 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.

McMeen Eats at Pie Society

Our next McMeen Eats is this upcoming **Wednesday, April 13th from 4:00-8:00pm at Pie Society** (4615 E Mississippi Ave, Denver, CO 80246). Be sure to mention McMeen when you order! You can place pre-orders on their website: piesocietypizza.com

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!**

Save the Date: McMeen Community Rockies Game

We have a section of seats reserved for the Rockies Game on May 1st. PTO is currently working out how to sell tickets and collect money, but we wanted to go ahead and give everyone a heads up so they can save the date in their calendar. More information is coming soon!

Ramadan Presentation

One of our 3rd Graders created [this](#) presentation to teach us all about Ramadan, which many of our students and families are celebrating right now. It's amazing and we encourage everyone to check it out to learn more about this important holiday.

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**

Chromebooks

DPS students should keep their Chromebooks and charger over the summer and carry Chromebook with them into their next grade level. If the student has a Chromebook in need of repair, we need to know as soon as possible so we can repair and/or replace it.

Students who do not return to DPS or they transfer to a Charter school in the fall should turn in all DPS-issued technology and accessories.

Students **may not put any stickers** on their device. If the repair team is unable to remove stickers, a student will be **charged the \$25 fee to replace the cover of the device**. For any students who have lost their device, a **\$280 missing device fee** will be charged. For any students who have lost their **charger**, a charge of **\$20** will be issued.

STEM Summer Camp

Silicon STEM Academy is a technology training center for thinkers, tinkerers and technologists of all ages. We have a singular focus to inspire and equip the next generation with the skills required to be creative, effective, innovative leaders and problem solvers in the 21st Century. We utilize STEM principles (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) to develop problem solving

skills. We are coming up on our Summer Camps which include robotics, coding, 3D printing, and much more! Visit our website to find a camp for your student(s) today!

<https://siliconstemacademy.com/summer-camps/>

Youth Basketball Camp

Summer is almost here, and **DU Men's Basketball Camps** are BACK. The attached flyer highlights the details of our **Youth Day Camps**. Registration links are NOW OPEN! To register, visit our website: denvermensbasketballcamps.com.

We are offering **two** different sessions for Youth Day Camps (Boys and Girls, K-6th Grade) :

Youth Day Camp I (06/27/22 – 06/30/22)

Youth Day Camp II (08/01/22- 08/04/22)

We plan on making camp an unforgettable experience for everyone, and we hope you join us! Please reach out via email at mens.basketball@du.edu, or call/text (602) 370-6470 for any questions.

REMINDER 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!

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: Skyler ~ Ms Alvarez Responsibility and Achievement, Zaylah ~ Ms Jacobs Achievement, Yassir ~ Ms Stults Responsibility, Cecilla ~ Mr Barrera Respect Perseverance, Skylar ~ Ms Keli Compassion Respect Responsibility Achievement Perseverance, Oskar ~ Ms Zaragoza Achievement, Brody ~ Mrs Tony Responsibility, Mariana S ~ Ms Candee Perseverance, Cynthia ~ Mrs Tony Compassion respect, and Skyla ~ Ms Blair Responsibility

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

ECE, Maryanna Mohatt - because she is making new friends in the classroom and learning all the new routines. We are so happy Maryanna join us. - Sra. Aldaz

ECE, Nicole Mancía - After two weeks of being sick, Nicole returned to school ready to catch up and excelling at her work. Well done, Nicole. We are so happy you are back!!!! - Sra. Aldaz

ECE, Serenity Sires - Serenity has made lots of friends with her caring and fun personality, we are so proud of her academic progress and her Spanish. - Sra. Aldaz

2nd Grade, Abdimalik Igal - Abdimalik is always on track! He is always willing to help others in his class. Whenever we need someone to volunteer to work with someone, or trade a spot, or do a task for his teachers, Abdimalik never hesitates to volunteer. - Mrs. Homberg

ECE, Ky'ree Caradine - Ky'ree has picked up a lot of skills in ECE this year. He is doing really well hearing and making up rhymes and is enjoying learning about and sharing his knowledge about animals. Great job Ky'ree!! - Mr. Hughes

Kindergarten, Finn Covill - Finn has been working so hard on creating number combinations and can now create his own independently and without assistance. He is going above and beyond in his independent work and is so proud of what he is able to do. Way to go!

3rd Grade, Mina Ibrahim - I am so proud of the outstanding academic achievement this year Mina has shown this year. - Mrs. Toney

3rd Grade, Dylan (DJ) Lightfoot - DJ has shown determination in her whole school experience. - Mrs. Toney

ECE, Rossie Bustos - Rossie has been giving her best effort in the classroom. We are impressed by Rosie's Spanish hard work. Well done Rosie! - Ms. Erica & Ms. Maria

5th Grade, Nevaeh Vargas - She is always willing to help her classmates out!

2nd Grade, Abigail Pauley - She is always helping her peers! She has mastered the art of offering help in a kind and positive way. She sees a peer struggling to make a good choice and goes over to them to tell them encouraging words or an idea to make their choice better. Every classroom needs an Abigail! - Ms. Candee

5th Grade, Ariaiah - Ariaiah is an amazing person- her smile and love of learning are contagious. Keep shining Ariaiah! - Ms. Claypool

Kindergarten, Zander Britko - Zander brings so much joy into our classroom! He a wonderful friend to his classmates and a hardworking student. - Ms. Blair

Kindergarten, DJ Madison - DJ is an imaginative student and his love of learning is contagious! He is also incredibly honest, compassionate, and hardworking. We love having DJ in our classroom! - Ms. Blair

3rd Grade, Mohammed, Ariana, Gio and Naima - These 3rd graders wrote and performed a play about the Colorado Gold Rush with Ms. Cessar! They shared their play with me and taught me so much about boomtowns. - Ms. Lluvia

2nd Grade, Banks Hamlet - Banks has been persevering in math! Each day he uses his strategies of base 10 and regrouping to add and subtract and make sure he follows each step! In the past month

his confidence in math has increased and he is so proud of himself! He is now helping and teaching classmates! - Mrs. Dickinson

5th Grade, Michael Chavez - He has a positive attitude everyday when he walks into the classroom!

3rd Grade, 4th Grade, Daniela helped our new student with her project- She knew all the steps for her slab construction and stepped up as a leader. Way to go Daniela! - Mrs. Claypool



Shout out to second grade who had over 200 caught in the acts and got to pie their teachers!



News from Classrooms

3rd Grade - Here in 3rd grade, we are gearing up for CMAS testing next week! We have spent the last week reviewing key math and literacy concepts, so that we can exercise our brains and bring our best to our tests! With Miss McKee and Miss Stephanie, the third grade has also been diving more deeply into the ideas of not only accepting each other for who we are, but filling each other's buckets and being encouraging and kind as well! - Third Grade Team

4th Grade - 4th graders shined at the Freedom Concert! Huge shoutout to Ms. Qualls and everyone in choir from all three classes who attended. - 4th grade team

Resources from DPS

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.

REMINDER 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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