



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

Tomorrow's (Saturday, May 21st) Community Clean-up Day is CANCELED due to weather

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 24

1st-5th Grade Field Day - May be rescheduled/ dependent on weather (watch for communication on Monday)

3:45-4:45 - Choir Party

Wednesday, May 25

2:00 - Spelling Bee

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

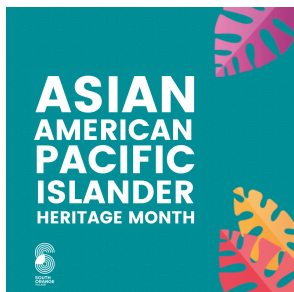
3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

Thursday, May 26

Friday, May 27

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - No School



Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is API Heritage month. Here is a link to resources: [Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) and the [DPS page with resources](#).



Upcoming Events

MAY

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 - Next Year!

Contact Us!

Email: mcmeenpto@gmail.com

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

Instagram: @realstudentsofmcmeen

Announcements

Medications with the Nurse

It is that time of year again! All Medications must go! If your student has medications at school, please make arrangements with the school nurse to pick up all medications/medical equipment that was brought to the health office to support your child's health during the school year. All medications must be picked up by an adult and are not permitted to be sent home with your child.

If your child is participating in a summer program: Medication will NOT automatically be transferred to the summer school program. All medication must be picked up by parent/guardian and given to the site on the first day of the summer program.

*IF ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE FOR MEDICATION PICK-UP, ALL REMAINING MEDICATIONS WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON June 3rd 2022

The 2022-23 School year Denver Public Schools (DPS) Student Medication Agreement form is located here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oHFbeUBFCO3YapLa_uaJO-FTDhdzULPhO_9umlpRJGs/edit.

This form must be completed and signed by a medical provider and signed by parent/guardian. Just a reminder that all prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy labeled container and the label must match the medical provider form. All over-the-counter medications must be in the original package, unopened and labeled with the student's name, and also match the medical provider form.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact your school RN at the following number: Miriam Cavender RN, BSN, NCSN 720-424-5525

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Book Fair Winners

Aveen from Ms. Johns' class won the lollipop guessing game, Aria from Ms. Homberg's class won the gift basket, and Spencer G from Mrs. Holm's class also won a gift basket.

Chromebooks

All students will be allowed to take their chromebooks home with them over the summer. As a reminder, the purpose of this is for them to continue engaging in learning. Also, please ensure students are caring for their chromebooks as they do belong to McMeen and we will continue using them next year. ***If your child is not returning to a DPS school next year, they will need to turn their chromebook in at the end of the year.***

Internet

For families who may not have adequate access to internet services, there are resources available to support. With the passing of the government's Infrastructure Bill, qualifying families may be eligible to receive up to a \$30 credit for internet access, which in some cases covers the cost of internet service altogether. You can also request a hotspot from the District. Please reach out to Lauren Bartsch at lauren_bartsch@dpsk12.net if you would like to request one.

Arrival

As a reminder, school starts right at 8:20am. We have noticed more and more students arriving late. When your child is late, they miss breakfast and important social emotional time with their class. Please make sure they arrive between 8:05 and 8:20 every morning.

Food & Nutrition Services is hiring

Are you a parent looking for a job that works with your student's schedule? The DPS Food & Nutrition Services is looking for Food Service Workers. Apply at career.dpsk12.org. Interviews are every Thursday 8am-10am at 2320 W 4th Ave, Denver, CO 80223. See [this flier](#) for more info.

A note from the McMeen Library

Dear McMeen families,

Scholastic Book Fair News:

As we wrap up another school year, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the students and families who supported our recent **"Books Bring Us Together"** Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair was a huge success and was the highest grossing book fair in the history of the school! In fact, we almost doubled the previous record for number of sales. Profits from the book fair amount to approximately \$3,000 to be used to purchase new books for our school library.

I am very grateful to our amazing PTO for generously purchasing a book for every student in the school. Also, many thanks to all book fair volunteers who helped with writing student wish lists, making and hanging signs and running cash registers, and to Jackie Brown, for her efforts in helping to organize the PTO books for students. I would also like to thank all of the families who purchased books for teachers and the library!

Winners of the Multicultural Night book basket drawing are:

- 1) Aria Foster in Ms. Homberg's class
- 2) Spencer Goodwin in Ms. Holm's class

(Students may pick up their book baskets in the library.)

End of Year Library Book Round-Up:

All library books are due by **Monday, May 23, 2022**. Emails have been sent out to students' families with the titles of library books that were not returned as of Wednesday, May 18th. Please remember the outstanding books are a snapshot in time and may not reflect books that were returned after the list was generated. Teachers will be receiving lists of outstanding library books for their class this week and the list will be updated weekly. The library does not charge for lost or damaged books. However, a voluntary donation of \$10 per lost or damaged book would be greatly appreciated.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Ramsey (see email below). Have a wonderful summer break and keep reading!

Mrs. Suzanne Ramsey

Teacher-Librarian

McMeen Elementary

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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.***

Summer Options

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](#).

Student Shout Outs

Caught in the Act Winners - Congratulations to our Caught In the Act winners this week: Kiera - Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Perseverance from Ms. Holm, Stella - Responsibility from Ms. Jacobs, Abdijabar - Responsibility from Ms. Caldwell, Kashmere - Compassion from Ms. Dickinson, Quincy - Responsibility from Ms. Goolsby, Emmy - Respect and Responsibility from Ms. Caldwell, Katie G - Respect and Responsibility from Ms. Cristina, Allie - Responsibility from Ms. Homberg, Zander - Responsibility from Ms. Blair, and Austin A. - Respect and Responsibility from Ms. Cristina.

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

5th Grade Leaders - Mrunmayee, Eyad, Hunter, Gage, Kimmy, and Christian

1st Grade, Ari Coto-Marroquin - It has been so exciting to see Ari become friends with his classmates in both First and Second Grade during SLD! I love to see his smile and cannot wait to see more of it next school year! - Ms. Candee

3rd Grade, Nathan Trudel-Brady - Nathan is always so kind and supportive of all his classmates. - Ms. Toney

3rd Grade, Andrew Vashaw - Andrew is very well liked by all his peers. I can always depend on Andrew to support peers in the classroom and help wherever there is a need. - Ms. Toney

5th Grade, Zaria Taylor - Zaria showed compassion to her teachers and classmates! She was very kind making sure Ms. Zaleski had everything she needed when she was sick.

4th Grade, Roberto Rivera-Duran - I am so proud of how Roberto was able to use his imagination to create an incredible math game. He proved to work hard, be unique, and be proud of his game. - Ms. Goolsby

ECE, Gabriella Puakpaibool - Every day Gabriella comes to school excited to learn, play and have fun. She is kind to her friends and very helpful around the classroom. Great job Gabriella! Ms. Erica Aldaz

Kindergarten, Nico Bettag - I am so proud of Nico for always trying his best! He is so excited to learn every day and he has learned and grown so much this year!

Kindergarten, Katherine Mosqueda-Hernandez - Katherine está siempre ayudando los amigos y los otros niños en nuestra salón! Ella siempre tiene una sonrisa y siempre quiere aprender más! Muy bien hecho, Katherine!

News from Classrooms

ECE - In ECE we have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and what plants need to grow and live. We took a walk to the park to see the first signs of Spring and were able to see a lot of baby goslings. Over the last two weeks of school, we are going to continue working on our foundational skills in order to be ready for Kindergarten!!

4th Grade - 4th graders in Ms. Goolsby's class had an INCREDIBLE time making sushi for Multicultural night!



2nd Grade had a fun day meeting the animals and learning about how vegetables grow at the Denver Urban Farm! Our favorite part was meeting Kevin the goat and feeding Arizona the miniature cow!



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