



McMeen Elementary

Family Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Happenings

Monday, May 9

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

Tuesday, May 10

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

3:30 - Choir

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

5:00 - Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting **IN PERSON** at McMeen

5:00 - Incoming Kindergarten Ice Cream Social (on the playground)

6:00 - Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting **IN PERSON** at McMeen

Wednesday, May 11

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

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

3:30 - Frisbee Golf for 5th Grade

Thursday, May 12

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

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

[5:00-7:00 - Multicultural Night](#)

Friday, May 13

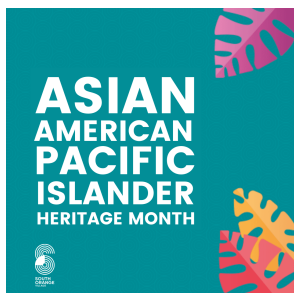
[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

Saturday, May 14

McMeen Community Rapids Game

Girls on the Run 5K

Last Day to order from the Virtual Art Show (see below)



[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](#).

We had such a great week for Staff Appreciation. We love and appreciate our staff so much!



Our Día del Niño Event was a huge success. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who made it possible!





Upcoming Events

MAY

May 19 - Field Day for ECE and Kindergarten

May 20 - Field Day for 1st-5th Grades

May 25 - Spelling Bee

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 **IN PERSON**

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 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

Multicultural Night

We are so excited for our Multicultural Night this upcoming Thursday, May 12 from 5-7pm. Please feel free to bring a potluck dish to share. We hope everyone is able to join!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is this upcoming week, May 9-13. Classes will visit to “preview” books during the day. Families will be able to purchase books before or after school and during Multicultural Night. Check out some of what we will have at the book fair: [Elementary Case Fair Booklist](#)

Book Fair Author Videos and Commercials:

ECE-3: <https://bcove.video/3DLo0Om>

4-6: <https://bcove.video/31SshSB>

REMINDER 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>

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: Mina ~ Mrs. Hillis Respect, responsibility, Brianna ~ Ms. Zaragoza Perseverance, Adrian Mrs. Holm Achievement, Zania Mrs. Christina, Respect, Responsibility, Aziza Ms. Caldwell Achievement, Precious Ms. Goolsby Compassion, Prince Ms. Goolsby Compassion, Jordan Mrs. Dickinson

Responsibility, Richbo Ms Johns Responsibility, and Lani Ms Jacobs Achievement, Perseverance

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

5th Grade Leaders - Aisha, Eddie, Katarah, Michael Chavez, Jude, and Anabella!

ECE, Armoni Crenshaw - Armoni is always excited to learn new things and puts forth great effort when he's doing things for the first time. Good job Armoni! - Mr. Hughes

3rd Grade, Esther Ngulikiyinga - Esther is a hard working student and is well like by all her peers. - Ms. Toney

3rd Grade, Cynthia Rodriguez - Cynthia has worked very diligently and has improved in her academics. - Ms. Toney

Kindergarten, AyaanMahamud - Ayaan has been a true mathemagician this week! She is adding and subtracting numbers to 10 fluently and discussing her work with classmates. Great job! - Ms. Mena

5th Grade, Katarah Lannin - She has worked hard on being present and trying her best! - Ms. Jaramillo

2nd Grade, Abigail Pauley - Abigail is a brave kiddo and is learning to be a strong self-health advocate. - Nurse Miriam

News from Classrooms

3rd Grade - 3rd grade has had a very fun last couple of weeks! We are wrapping up our zoo projects, where each student had the opportunity to design their very own zoo on graph paper, after researching what each animal they have chosen needs. Students created not only detailed and descriptive slides but also beautifully creative zoo blueprints as well! Currently, our focus is researching and preparing for multicultural night! Each class is working hard to bring their vision into reality, creating posters as well as art pieces for families to view. We can't wait to show what we've been working on!

Multicultural Night Preparations - Students and staff are hard at work preparing for Multicultural Night next week. Below are Quincy and Delilah working on origami sculptures in art.



Resources from DPS

SeeMore Opportunity Summer Program: Open to Students

The [SeeMore Opportunity Summer Program](#) is accepting student applications. This program uses the world's most advanced and personalized learning technology to build students' college and career skills, including key math and literacy skills, learning strategies, persistence, attention to detail and supports on how to make career decisions while boosting their self-confidence. Students who participate will also earn college credit, earn a \$100 completion bonus and gain an inside track to a \$10,000 scholarship.

This program is free for all DPS students who are currently in ninth- through 12th-grade (including those graduating this year). Information for students is available at smilabs.org/special/summerDPS. Fliers are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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 sackpack 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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