

Christa McAuliffe Elementary McAuliffe Monthly

FEBRUARY 2021



Hello Parents,

I hope this update finds your family happy, healthy, and having success with remote learning. As we enter February we will begin our transition to in-person learning. The decision to have your student return in-person or continue with remote learning is a difficult one. Please know that your student will receive the same academic content regardless of the mode of learning you choose. Our teachers will continue to plan units and lessons together, working to provide a common learning experience for all students. And, as we make this transition, time will be spent making connections, reviewing procedures, and building a positive culture with both our reconfigured in-person and fully remote classes.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at bhowden@lwsd.org if you have any questions!

Here's to a great February!

Brady Howden
Principal
Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Transition to In-Person Learning Presentation: February 4th

Please join me on Thursday, February 4th from 6:00pm-7:00pm for a LIVE Teams presentation that will discuss the various aspects to our transition to in-person learning. Please don't miss this important event as it will set the course for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents can access the meeting at the following link: [Return to School Principal Presentation](#)

Items to be covered include:

- Transition time-line
- Daily and weekly schedules for in-person and fully remote learning
- Student placement process
- Student arrival and attestation process
- Safety protocols
- Computer and supply information
- Recess and snack processes

Revised Return to In-Person School Schedule

Kindergarten and First Grade:

- Conferences: January 29th, February 1st & 2nd (half-days, school ends at 12:20pm)
- Standard Instructional Schedule: February 3rd-10th (standard schedule)
- Schools Notify Families of Class Placement: February 8th
- Kindergarten and First Grade Live Teams Presentation: February 9th at 6:00pm (Teams link to come)
- Asynchronous Learning: February 16th & 17th
- Implement New Learning Models for K/1: February 18th

Intermediate:

- 2nd – 3rd Grades: Beginning to Middle of March
- 4th – 5th Grades: Middle to End of March

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Yearbook Sales

Students and families will be able to remember this unique school year for many years to come by ordering the 2020-2021 McAuliffe yearbook. The cost for yearbooks will be \$18.00, with orders being submitted online at: commpe.pictavo.com. The due date for yearbook orders is March 12th, so order your copy now! If you would like to have your yearbook purchased through the PTSA Sunshine Fund, please contact Mrs. Daniel. All purchased yearbooks will be passed out to students at the end of the school year. Contact services@mcauliffeptsa.org with any questions.

Valentine's Day Parties

Due to our current COVID situation, we will not be collecting and/or distributing student Valentines. However, students can look forward to a Valentine card from their teacher in their rolling cart folders prior to February 10th.

Student Picture Day

We are excited to announce that student pictures will be taken on February 23rd and February 24th. Families will be able to reserve their time online so they can have their child's picture taken in a socially distanced and safe manner. Reservation times for February 23rd will be in the afternoon and not conflict with our in-person or fully remote learning schedules.

Families can reserve their in-person picture spot at: [Picture Sign-Ups](#)

Kindergarten Registration

Online registration for kindergarten is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents who have children who will be five years old on or before August 31st can sign up for kindergarten at the link below. Families who prefer an alternative to online registration will be able to pick up hard-copy registration packets at the school office beginning February 18th.

Online Registration:

All necessary registration documents can be accessed on the LWSD website and uploaded securely. Parents who are unable to upload documents may send them to the school by U.S. mail or contact the school to arrange a safe drop off.

Registration Link: <https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/registration>

Hard Copy Registration (Packets):

All necessary registration documents will be included in the packets provided. Completed packets can be returned to the school office. The school office can also make copies of personal documents, as needed (ex: Birth Certificates, Immunization Papers, Proof of Residency, etc.).

Important: While K-12 student registration will continue throughout the school year and summer, parents are highly encouraged to register students as soon as possible. Doing so helps LWSD to ensure that class sizes are balanced and adequate staff are hired in time for the new school year.

FEBRUARY

1, 2	Conferences, half day end 12:20pm
3	Library book drop-off/pick-up
8	Notify K/1 families of class placement
9	Kindergarten/First grade presentation
11-12	No School—Mid-Winter Break
15	No School—President's Day
17	Library book drop-off/pick-up
18	Kindergarten/First grade in-person
18	PTSA General Membership Meeting
23-24	Class Pictures

MARCH

Beginning-Mid	2nd-3rd grade in-person
Mid-Late	4th-5th grade in-person
3	Library book drop-off/pick-up
12	No School—LEAP Day
17	Library book drop-off/pick-up
31	Library book drop-off/pick-up

I ♥ PE Wow, I can't believe it's February already! 2021 is off to a great start in PE. In February, the focus will be on heart health and holiday activities. We'll be working out to the Cupid Shuffle and celebrating the 100th day of school! Look for a fun SWAY from me, Tyler, Janet Warren, Erynne Smith and Julie Martin. Thanks, Stacie sstrong@lwsd.org and Tyler tparis@lwsd.org

I ♥ February brings exciting things to McAuliffe with the option of in-person learning for K/1. However, music lessons will continue as asynchronous. All students will enjoy a group Music/PE/Library SWAY in the coming weeks featuring President's Day, Valentine's Day, 100th Day, and Chinese New Year. Movement, music, and stories will all be included for two weeks of fun. Janet Warren jwarren@lwsd.org Erynne Smith esmith@lwsd.org

L Happy February! As the school year evolves, so do our procedures in the library. Now that some students are heading back into the building, our library book pick-up practices will change a bit. If your child is in the school building during the week, we will deliver to their classroom the books they put on hold. We will also continue to do book pick-up at the library back door every other Wednesday. Our next book pick-up/return dates are February 3rd and February 17th from 9:00am to 2:15pm.

As students return in person, the library lessons will continue to be asynchronous every Wednesday, just as they have been all this year. For the two weeks that bookend the February break, our library lessons will be part of a Sway that contains the lessons from the music and PE classes as well. Just as they did for Halloween and prior to the December break, students will access the Sway and choose the activities they would like to do each day. Lessons for the remainder of February will focus on copyright law and research tools. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our library program.

Julie jumartin@lwsd.org



COUNSELOR CORNER

Hugs to you, McAuliffe Families,

February is a month we celebrate love, a healthy heart, and Valentine's Day. We won't be passing out Valentine's to each other or giving away candy in the same way this year. We will

however be continuing the message that Valentine's Day highlights, and this year, more than any other, we truly understand the value of each other. The togetherness and companionship we usually take for granted, is all we really want this year. Try doing a family activity using large hearts (made out of construction paper), fold it so it has a vertical line down the middle and make two columns. Write what you value and appreciate (now during remote learning) on one side, and what you are looking forward to (after this is over), on the other side. An example would be: Value = extra time with family, Looking forward to = being at recess with friends. Keep these in a safe place, and look at them later to remind us of what is important and what we really missed during the pandemic. This is a month of changes, and I'm here for our students and all of you. Please email me at ldaniel@lwsd.org if I can help, you need to talk, or your child would like to meet with me.

Happy February,

Lisa Daniel, McAuliffe School Counselor ♥



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