

Hello Parents,

Ok, buckle up, June is here! There are now officially 10 ½ days of school remaining.

Please read through this newsletter as there are important end of year reminders/updates that parents need to be aware of.

Some specific things I would like parents to take note of:

- End of Year School Schedule
- Textbook/Computer Return Process
- Yearbook and Square 1 Art Distribution

I would also like to take a moment to thank our students and parents for the amazing effort put forth this year. We have lived through a “once every 100 years” event in the form of the COVID pandemic. This has required teachers to reinvent school and for students and parents to adapt to new learning environments. Despite the many changes we endured, our community stuck together and supported our students. I am so proud of our students, thankful for our parents, and grateful for our outstanding educators and staff. Way to go Challengers!

Although we do not know for certain what next school year will look like, the end of this bumpy road is on the horizon. When the pandemic is in our rearview mirror, let us be thankful for the gifts of the past year in the form of additional time with family, increased knowledge in the area of technology, and a new perspective of life that will forever change us. Never again will we take for granted attending school in-person, with our friends and teachers. I can't wait until next year – it's going to be awesome!

Here's to a great finish to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Brady Howden  
Principal  
Christa McAuliffe Elementary

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### **End of Year School Schedule**

Please see the schedule below of upcoming non-school/alternative school days.

- Monday, May 31st: No School, Memorial Day
- Tuesday, June 1st: No School, Snow Make-up Day
- Wednesday, June 16th: Half Day, 12:20pm Dismissal\*

*\*Note: Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is an asynchronous half-day. Teachers will be providing students, as best possible, a non-computer activity to work on during this morning. Thank you in advance for understanding the challenge posed with regards to providing asynchronous work for students as many of them will no longer have computer access on this day.*

### **Computer and Textbook Return Process**

Computers and textbooks will be collected according to the schedule listed on the next page. Families will be required to return these items: computer, stylus pen, charger, and all textbooks. Following are links to the textbooks that have been assigned to your child (including pictures). Please look at this information so you return all materials.



Textbooks Checked Out to Students (click on links):

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [First Grade](#)
- [Second Grade](#)
- [Third Grade](#)
- [Fourth Grade](#)
- [Fifth Grade](#)
- [2/3 Quest](#)
- [4/5 Quest](#)

Textbook/Computer Return Schedule:

- In-Person Students (Grades K-4): June 7th – 8th
  - Return all textbooks and computers to their classroom on June 7th and 8th.
- In-Person Students (Grade 5 and Grade 4 Battle of the Books Participants): June 7th – 10th
  - Return all textbooks to their classroom on June 7th and 8th. Return computers to their classroom on June 10th.
- Remote Students (Grades K-5, early collection): June 11th
  - For students who will not be attending school the week of June 14th – 16th. Return all textbooks and computers to the library (back door) between 3:00pm-4:00pm on June 11th.
  - Families must fill out the following survey to RSVP for this service: [Early Return Survey](#)
- Remote Students (Grades K-5, primary collection): June 15th
  - Families will return textbooks and computers between 3:00pm-5:00pm on June 15th to the following locations:
    - K-1 items go to Nakao, room C131
    - 2-3 items go to Coskey, room A109
    - 4-5 items go to Library, back door

**Yearbook and Square 1 Art Distribution**

- **Yearbooks:** Yearbooks will be passed out to remote students on June 15th at their textbook/computer return site (C131, A109, or Library). Students attending in-person school will receive their yearbooks from their teacher at school on June 15th. If you have not yet purchased a yearbook, we have a few remaining that will be sold on a “first come, first serve” basis from 3:00pm-5:00pm on June 15th. Yearbooks can be purchased in person for \$18 per book - checks payable to McAuliffe PTSA or exact change accepted. **Contact [services@mcauliffeptsa.org](mailto:services@mcauliffeptsa.org) with any questions.**
- **Square 1 Art:** Square 1 Art orders have been placed in student folders in the carts located at the front of the school. If you do not find your item in your folder, please ring the intercom at the front of the school and our office staff will bring your item to you (this will be the process for larger items).

### June 16<sup>th</sup> Drive Thru Events!

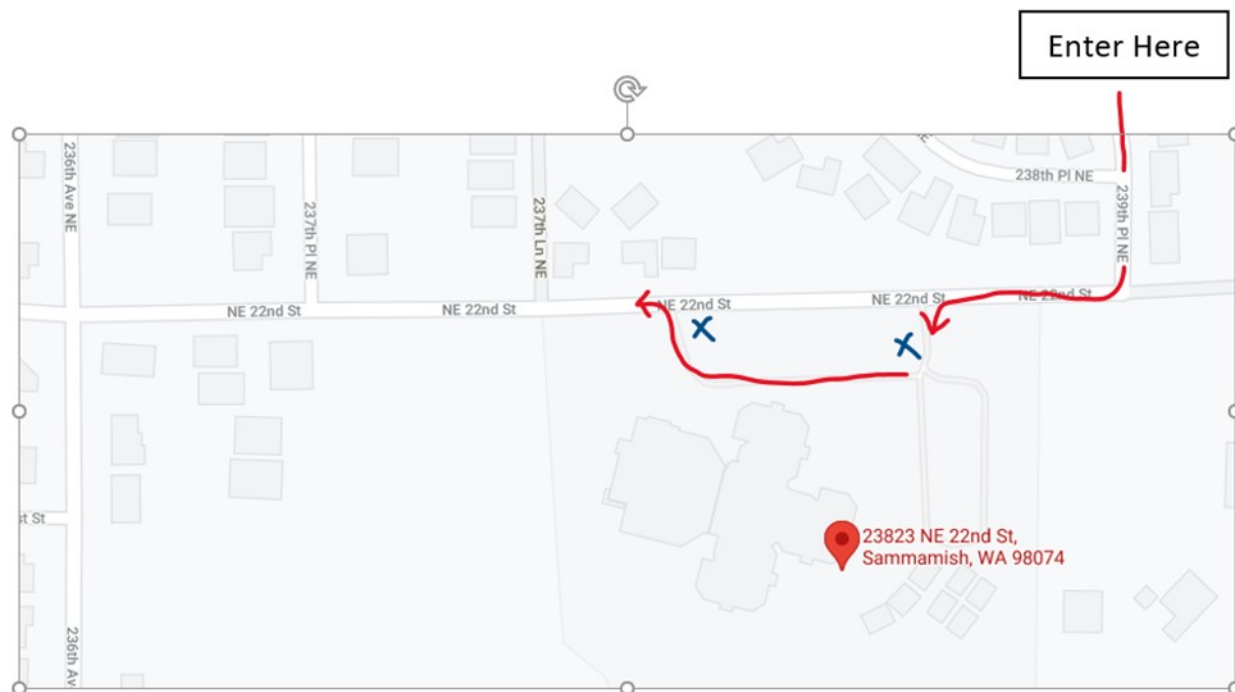
We are excited to announce that we will be hosting two separate drive thru events for our Grade 5 and Grades K-4 students on the last day of school according to the schedules below. Teachers will be available to wave to students and music will be playing. This event is open to ALL McAuliffe students (in-person and remote). We hope you will join us on this day!

#### Schedule:

- Fifth Grade, 10:00-11:45 (according to class times provided by teacher)
- K-4, 11:45-12:30

#### Logistics/Reminders:

- Students and parents are asked to remain in their cars during the K-4 event.
- Parents must remain in their cars during the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade event (students can get out of the car for a brief moment at the McAuliffe reader board sign).
- Please drive through the Columbia neighborhood and enter our campus via the "exit", as illustrated below. When leaving campus, please drive towards the 4-corners intersection.





# JUNE

- 1 No School
- 2 Return All Library Books, 9:00am-2:00pm
- 7-11 5th Grade Virtual Camp
- 7-13 Virtual McAuliffe International Festival
- 7-8 In-Person Students Return Textbooks
- 10 In-Person Students Return Computers
- 10 PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 Remote Students Early Return Textbooks & Computers
- 15 Remote Students Return Textbooks & Computers
- 15 Yearbook Distribution
- 15 5th Grade Promotion
- 16 5th Grade Drive Thru Event 10:00AM-11:30AM
- 16 Last Day of School, Half Day, 12:20pm Dismissal

## Music

**June...Happy Summer!** It's not over yet! There's a fun "Transportation/Travel lesson for K/1 students and a "Summer" music lesson for grades 2-5. Finally, we will end the year with a "Dance Party" lesson. As we come to the end of another school year, we'd like to say THANK YOU for your support in your child's music education. We've done our best to create interesting, fun, relaxing, and stress-free lessons. As students became more comfortable with the technology, we found a large percentage of our school community engaging in the lessons. If you were able to view the lessons with your child, we hope this gave you a glimpse of the fun we have in music. (It's even more fun in person, however!) Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
2021-2022  
SCHOOL YEAR  
9:20AM-SEPTEMBER 1ST**

## PE

Hello Challengers!

Whew-we made it to June! We won't be in person for Field Day this year but look for some fun activities in this month's assignment. How about having your own Field Day at home with your family? You'll have up to 12 events to choose from with a variety of equipment you can find at home. Have a fantastic summer!! Stacie and Suzanne

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## Library Resource Center

**It's time to collect all the library materials!** June 2<sup>nd</sup> is book return day in the library. Please bring all checked out library materials to the back door of the library between 9:00 AM and 2:15 PM on that day. On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, if your child still has outstanding library items, you will receive an email letting you know what else to search around your house for. Because this has been such an unusual year, no replacement fines will be given for lost library materials. If after searching, you believe a book to be lost, just email me and we will mark it accordingly in the computer system. If you find it lurking around your house somewhere next fall, you can just send it back to school at that time. Thanks for your help in getting all the library materials returned!

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## Counselor Corner

Hello McAuliffe Families,

Well, we made it. We are a few days away from the end of another, yet unlike any other, school year. It is important to remember that all of us together have undergone collective trauma. The Covid-19 pandemic has thrown loss, change, and continued challenges at us. All this, yet you remain strong and brave! You've juggled remote/hybrid/remote/in-person school, teacher and classroom changes and in some cases school changes this year. You've done all of this in addition to your "regular" job of being a parent, caring for your children, working inside or outside of your home, and so much more. You deserve praise, kudos and the utmost respect! Your children have been champions and I am so proud to be their school counselor. I am so proud of the courage, flexibility, perseverance and creativity they've shown. I wish all of you a relaxing, sunny, joyful, and fun summer. Please remember to take time to relax and be mindful. I am here if you need anything. Virtual hugs to all of you and see you next year!

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*A hug for you, my friend*



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