

Christa McAuliffe Elementary

McAuliffe Monthly

January

A Note From Your Principal

January 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic start to this unusual school year. I continue to appreciate the support of our parents, the efforts of our students, the work of our teachers, and the perseverance of everyone in our community during these challenging times. Our theme this year is "Challengers are Brave" and I have seen that on display each and every school day. Great work!

I want to wish everyone a restful and relaxing Winter Break. I know it is a break needed by all and hope that you and your family have a great two weeks off!

Happy Holidays!

Brady Howden
Principal
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January Conferences

January conferences will be held on January 26th, 28th, and 29th. This is an opportunity for you and your child to examine evidence of growth and discuss student goals. Thank you to our parents for your partnership! Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule their conference.

Schedule During Conference Week:

- January 25: Normal School Day, 9:20-3:50
- January 26: Half-Day, 9:20-12:20 (no afternoon activities)
- January 27: Normal School Day, 9:20-2:20 (Wednesday asynchronous activities)
- January 28: Half-Day, 9:20-12:20 (no afternoon activities)
- January 29: Half-Day, 9:20-12:20 (no afternoon activities)

Kindergarten Registration

It will soon be time to begin Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year.

The initial registration period for children who will be five years old on or before August 31st will begin on February 18, 2021 and extend through March 1, 2021. Registration for all K-12 LWSD students will be available online 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.).

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*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.*

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. Stay tuned for more information on safety protocols, picture reservations, and order forms.

Supply/Library Book Distribution: Closed January 4 - 15

As a reminder, we will not have materials carts or library book distribution available the two weeks following winter break (January 4 – 15). We will resume our materials carts process on Tuesday, January 19th. We hope this will help ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff.

Weather Events & Internet/Service Outages – What to Expect

Pacific Northwest weather can be unpredictable. As a result, it is important that we provide families with information on what to expect when a weather event or power outage takes place during the school day.

Power and Internet Outages:

If a student or teacher experiences a power or internet outage:

- Students should contact their teacher or the school to report the power/internet outage (email is fine). They should rejoin class instruction when the outage is over and internet connection is available. Students will not be marked absent in these situations.
- If the teacher is suddenly absent from a Teams meeting due to a power/internet outage they should leave the session and re-enter after 15 minutes. If the teacher is still absent from the Teams meeting after 15 minutes students may end the class.
- The school/teacher will contact families via email in the case of a teacher-related power/internet outage, directing them to work on asynchronous activities and/or previously assigned work.

Weather Events (Snow Days):

Snow days during remote learning will work differently than a normal school year. If snow or inclement weather affects a school day, remote instruction will continue. Students who receive in-person services/instruction at the school site will shift to remote learning for that day. There will be no late starts to the school day and no extension to the school year due to snow or weather-related events.

Announcements will be made to staff and families via our School Messenger system (by phone, email, and by text messaging for those signed up), district website posting, and social media postings. The district will also use FlashAlert.net, which reports directly to local media and provides text alerts to anyone who signs up.

January Events

- January 14th: PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- January 18th: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 21st: Affinity Group Discussions, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- January 26th, 28th, and 29th: Half-Day, 12:20 Dismissal (Student Conferences)
- January 27th: Star Prize Distribution (for students selected)

PE

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a relaxing and fun break! This month we will be reviewing the Health and Skill Related fitness components. Starting a new year with exercise and movement will be the goal. Please remember that in PE, the Forms Surveys are how we track participation, so turning those in is important. Suzanne is on maternity leave until April and Tyler Paris is her substitute.

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JANUARY

1-3	No School—Winter Break
18	No School—MLK Day
19	Material Carts Available
20	Library Book Pick-Up/Drop Off
21	Affinity Groups, 5:00pm
25	Report Card Distribution, 12:10-3:50pm
26,28,29	Conferences—12:20pm Dismissal
27	Star Ticket Prize Distribution

FEBRUARY

11,12	No School—Mid-Winter Break
15	No School—President's Day
18	Kindergarten Registration
18	PTSA GMM Meeting
23,24	Picture Day

LRC

Happy 2021 - I hope everyone enjoyed a restful two-week break from online learning! As we jump back into it, January in the library will consist of some more Common Sense Media lessons about internet safety, some work with databases and some fun stories! We have one book pick-up and return date in January. It is January 20th. We are extending the hours of the pick-up/drop-off to accommodate more families, so on Jan. 20th you can arrive at the library back door anytime between 9:00am and 2:15pm for books.

In addition to fun library lessons, the month of January also contains report cards. I want to remind you that library grades this year are based on whether students participate in the library lessons by watching the videos and completing any required tasks. On their report card for library, students will see either a 3 if they have consistently been completing lessons, or an i.e. if they have completed few or no library lessons. As always, please email me at jumartin@lwsd.org if you have any questions. You can also find information about the library program on the library page of the McAuliffe website <https://mcauliffe.lwsd.org/academics/library>. Julie



Counselor Corner

Happy New Year, McAuliffe Families!

It sure feels good that 2020 is behind us and we can look forward a fresh new year in 2021. In December and January, your children have been learning about how to recognize feelings in other people by looking for clues in their faces, bodies and recognizing the situation they are in. Empathy is feeling or understanding how other people feel. It's like standing in someone else's shoes. When we have empathy for others and try to understand how they are feeling, we can then have compassion which is doing something kind to help others. It is also how we show respect for others.

Giving compliments is a way to have compassion toward others. For a fun family activity, try having a compliment circle or daily dinner time compliments. Each person in the family can give another person a compliment and after they respond to the compliment with a "thank you," then that person chooses another family member to compliment.

This continues until each person has given and received a compliment. It feels good to give and to receive! Have an awesome new year everyone! Keep being strong!
Lisa Daniel, McAuliffe School Counselor



MUSIC HAPPENS!

January...Music Happens! Happy New Year to all! This month in the McAuliffe Music room we continue to work hard to keep music a fun, and educational place for students. New songs, Listening of the Week, multi-ethnic songs and coloring sheets, Flipgrids, and music concepts challenge and at the same time provide joy to our students. Please continue to encourage your child to visit their music lessons each week. Ask them to sing a song for you!

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