

# Christa McAuliffe Elementary

## McAuliffe Monthly



Hello Families!

Welcome to October! I hope that your student has settled into a school routine and is off to a great start to the year. Our staff appreciates your continued support!

October will be an exciting month as we hold student goal setting conferences and hold various Fun Run festivities. Students in grades 4-5 will also take a Fall SBA (see more info below). Lastly, we will hold our traditional Halloween parade for our students. Let the Fall celebrations and events commence!

Have a great month!

Brady Howden  
Principal  
Christa McAuliffe Elementary

### Parent Support and Information – COVID Quarantine

As we enter the cold/flu season many of our students will exhibit COVID-like symptoms while at school. Due to district/county health guidelines, we are required to send home students who have one or more COVID-like symptoms. We understand the frustration and challenge this presents, but ask that parents communicate with our staff in a respectful manner when picking up their child. Please know that our staff is keeping your student safe by following required protocols. Their efforts will help to minimize the impact of COVID on our school and ensure minimal disruptions to the school year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we follow required protocols.

Regarding quarantine protocols, students must be cleared by the district contact tracing team before returning to school. In addition, if your child is exhibiting one or more COVID symptoms please keep them home from school. This will help minimize disruptions to the school day and ensure the safety of other students/staff. Students who are voluntarily kept home from school due to COVID-like symptoms must also be cleared by the district contact tracing team prior to returning to school.

If you would like more information regarding required protocols, you can go to the following link:  
<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/schools-childcare/toolkit.aspx>

### Conference Week Schedule and Information

The week of October 11th – 15th is conference week and will consist of an alternative schedule. Teachers will be holding student goal setting conferences on October 11th, 12th, and 14th. These days will be “early release” days, with students being dismissed at 12:20pm. Wednesday, October 13th will be a standard 2:20pm dismissal time. Friday, October 15th is a “no school” day for students as teachers will participate in district/school training. Student conferences will be held via Microsoft Teams. Please be on the lookout for communication from teachers regarding the scheduling of conferences.

- Monday, October 11th: Conference Day, 12:20 dismissal.
- Tuesday, October 12th: Conference Day, 12:20 dismissal.
- Wednesday, October 13th: Standard Wednesday schedule, 2:20 dismissal.
- Thursday, October 14th: Conference Day, 12:20 dismissal.
- Friday, October 15th: No School, Teacher In-Service Day.

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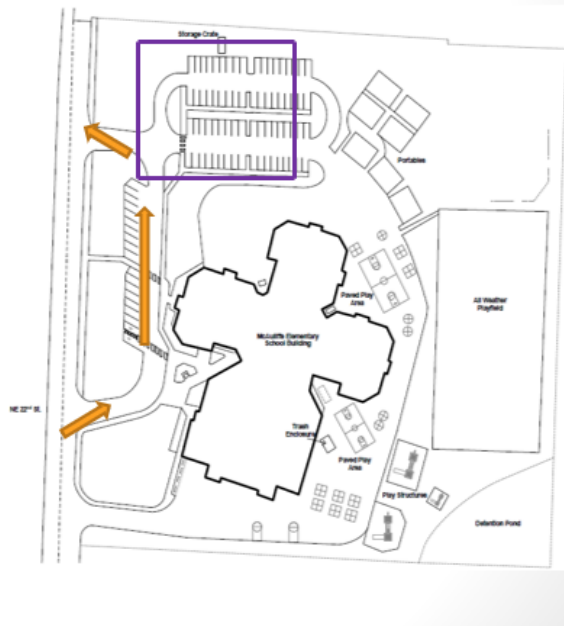
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### Parking Lot Reminder

We have seen an increase in the number of vehicles dropping off/picking up students before and after school. When picking up your child, please do not block the main entrance for the purpose of waiting for a spot in the pick-up lane in front of the school. If there are no open spots in the pick-up lane please drive to the side parking lot and park. If there are no spots available in the side parking lot please find a spot on the street. This will help us avoid a back-up of vehicles, which impacts traffic on the main road.

- Please pull forward in the drive thru lane if there is a spot open in front of you
- Please have your child exit and enter via the passenger side door
- The side parking lot is for parking only – this is not a waiting area for your children



### Principal Chat: Wednesday, October 20th

Parents are invited to join Mr. Howden and Ms. Le for a “Principal Chat” on Wednesday, October 20th from 4:00pm-5:00pm. We will be hosting a “LIVE” Teams event on this day for the purpose of answering parent questions. Parents will be able to submit questions via a private chat, with Mr. Howden and Ms. Le answering questions during. Please join us at the following Teams Link: [Principal Chat Link](#)

### Birthday Celebrations!

Student birthday celebrations are back! Students will receive a card and “Challenger” notepad/pen. Birthday gifts will be passed out to students at the beginning of their birthday month. We will celebrate all summer birthdays in June. Happy Birthday Challengers!

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### **Fun Run Reminder**

Each year our PTSA holds an annual Fun Run Fundraiser to raise money for our school and PTSA. All money raised goes directly to support your student through school programs, supplies, and enrichment opportunities. Your support has helped fund playground enhancements, sound system improvements, field trips and assemblies, supplies for students and staff, Star Drawing prizes, stipends for clubs, safety items, books to support literacy programs, equity work, materials for special education, and much more. Thank you for your generosity!

As you can see, your contributions have had a tremendous impact on our school. As a result, we ask that you consider donating to our one and only PTSA fundraiser. Fun Run envelopes are **due to the school on Friday, October 1st**. Thank you for your continued support of our school and PTSA!

- Fun Run Assembly: Friday, October 1st
- Fun Run Prize Assembly: Friday, October 22nd

### **Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)**

Students in fourth and fifth grade will take a Fall Smarter Balanced Assessment the week of October 25th – 29th. The Fall version of the SBA will be shorter and only include a 30-45 minute Math and ELA assessment. This assessment is being administered in Fall due to students not taking the SBA in Spring of 2021. Students in fourth grade will take the 2021 third grade version of the assessment. Students in fifth grade will take the 2021 fourth grade version of the assessment. We ask that parents avoid scheduling appointments in the morning on the days their students will be testing (please see our testing schedule below). Make-up tests will be provided the week of November 1st – 5th, as needed.

- Monday, October 25th: Fourth Grade Math
- Tuesday, October 26th: Fourth Grade ELA
- Monday, October 27th: Fifth Grade Math
- Monday, October 28th: Fifth Grade ELA

## COUNSELOR CORNER

Hello McAuliffe Families! Welcome back to in-person learning! It's so nice to be at school and feel connected once again. Welcome to all our new families as well! Our school is special place and we're so glad you are here! As the School Counselor, I support the social and emotional learning of all our students. Classroom lessons are taught throughout the school year on many different topics like calming strategies and problem solving. Small group support is another way I reach out to students and support them as they learn and practice specific skills. I also meet with parents and with students individually in my office at school. We can talk about anxiety, friendship, grief and loss, family issues or anything else that might be on their mind. Hannah Pomfret is my counseling intern this year and it's wonderful to have her at school. Hannah and I will be working together to help support our students, families and staff. Please click on the link - [McAuliffe Family Survey 2021 - optional](#) if you need financial help for school costs or other support/resources for your child(ren). Feel free to reach out anytime by email at [ldaniel@lwsd.org](mailto:ldaniel@lwsd.org). Here's to an awesome school year! Kindly, Lisa Daniel and Hannah Pomfret



## OCTOBER

1	Fun Run, 2:35pm
1-31	PTSA Challengers Walktober
4-14	PTSA Coat & Shoe Drive
8	Fall Holiday Celebration, Virtual
11-14	Conference Week
15	No School—LEAP Day
22	Fun Run Prize Assembly, 2:30pm



## NOVEMBER

1-5	Scholastic Book Fair
5	Star Drawing
9	Hearing & Vision Screening
9	Picture Retakes
10	Veteran's Day Assembly, 9:40am
11	No School—Veterans Day
12	PTSA Game Truck
17	PTSA Reflections Night, 6:30pm
18	PTSA GMM, 7:00pm
22-30	Giving Tree
25-26	No School—Thanksgiving

## PE

Hello McAuliffe Families! Welcome back to school! It's awesome coming here every day again and we love seeing the kids in PE! Grades 3-5 will focus on FITNESS this month and K-2 are practicing safety, spatial awareness, and teamwork. Tennis shoes are required in PE so it's important to know which days you have PE. Emily Prall is here for Brandt Rataczyk who is on paternity leave. He'll return October 16th. Thank you, Stacie [sstrong@lwsd.org](mailto:sstrong@lwsd.org)  
Emily [eproll@lwsd.org](mailto:eproll@lwsd.org)



## MUSIC HAPPENS

We are having fun getting back into the music routine. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning the Thriller dance. We are spacing ourselves out and having a good time preparing for our performance at the Fun Run Prize assembly later this month. K/1 students are playing name games and using simple rhythm instruments. As we begin to sing more regularly, students will be provided with a singing mask. These masks are used one time and then discarded. Masks have been provided by LWS. I've created a SWAY for students to use at home should they want to sing and listen to McAuliffe favorites. It is currently located on your child's TEAMS page for students of Janet Warren. Here is the link.

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## LRC

Hello Families and welcome to the library! The month of September has been busy with students learning, or remembering how, to be back in the library in person. Grades 2-5 have reviewed how to pick "Just Right" books for themselves, how to check out books, and how to care for our library books once they are checked out. Grades K and 1 have focused on learning basic library procedures and reading some fun stories!



In October we are going to work on using the online catalog system to put books on hold as well as reviewing how to access some of our great online reading and research tools. Additionally, we are going to learn about the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair and how to donate to the library through the Birthday Book Club.

If you would like to learn more about the library program, feel free to visit our library webpage at <https://mcauliffe.lwsd.org/academics/library> and you can always contact me via email at [jumartin@lwsd.org](mailto:jumartin@lwsd.org). Julie Martin