

# Christa McAuliffe Elementary

## McAuliffe Monthly

### SEPTEMBER 2020



Hello Families!

I hope your first week of school went well! I know that our teachers enjoyed meeting you and your student during our “Family Connection Meetings”. We look forward to working with your family this year!

Going forward, I will be sending two updates each month to families. Families can expect our “McAuliffe Monthly” newsletter on the first Friday of the month. This newsletter will include updates from myself and our specialists (PE, Music, Library, and Counselor). I will also be sending a regular email update on the third Friday of the month. An additional email may be sent every once in a while for time sensitive information, but we will do our best to adhere to this schedule to minimize the number of emails you receive. In addition to principal communication, teachers will continue to send their regular classroom emails.

I hope your student is off to a smooth start to the year. We realize there is a steep learning curve with remote learning and are here to support you. Please reach out to your teacher if you have any questions!

Have a great September!

Brady Howden

Principal

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#### **Block Schedule Update**

Attached to this month’s “McAuliffe Monthly” is an updated Wednesday block schedule. The district and union recently clarified the expectations for Wednesday, which included teachers not holding “live” check in meetings. Instead, teachers will provide asynchronous assignments and check ins for students on Wednesdays. Teachers will also use a portion of their Wednesday schedule to reach out to individual students for “live” 1:1 and small group intervention, as needed.

As mentioned in prior communication, we will be reviewing our block schedule in the coming weeks to determine if any adjustments are necessary. Any adjustments we make would be minor and be done to better support our students and families.

#### **Technology Support**

The LWSD Technology Operations department is now providing Family Technology Access support 7 days a week from 7:00am – 7:00pm. Helpdesk support is available by phone and email through this service. This support can be accessed at: [ftaccess@lwsd.org](mailto:ftaccess@lwsd.org) and (425) 936-1322.

Jyothi Rao, our in-school technology liaison, is available to support families with password issues and swap out broken computers Monday – Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Her contact information is: [jr Rao@lwsd.org](mailto:jr Rao@lwsd.org) and (425) 936-2624.

## **enVision Workbooks**

Parents are able to pick up enVision workbooks at the main office each day from 9:00am-3:30pm. If you have not picked up these items, please feel free to stop by the school. Our Wonders workbooks have not yet arrived. We will have another all-school materials pick-up day when these materials arrive.

## **Technology Norms for Students and Parents**

Remote learning is a new school environment for all of us and thus requires a new set of norms for school community to follow. In order to maintain a respectful, safe, and effective learning and teaching environment we ask that students and parents adhere to the following norms:

### Students:

Use chat features within classroom channels and live video calls in an appropriate manner. This includes staying on topic during the chats, posting appropriate comments, being kind to your fellow classmates, and being respectful to your teachers. If students are not adhering to these expectations their ability to “chat” will be disabled. We also ask that students attend and participate in scheduled meetings.

### Parents:

Unlike traditional school, parents have the ability to be in the classroom each day, observing other students and the teacher’s instruction. As a result, we ask that parents be respectful by refraining from posting/commenting on social media about the interaction between students, progress of other students, and teacher instruction. Also, we ask that parents do not video live instruction as students, families, and teachers have not given permission for this to take place. Thank you for understanding that students, parents, and teachers are all learning together how to navigate our new remote environment.

# Back To School!

## PE

What a great first week of school! Although we're not in the gym right now, we're going to have a September full of activities! This year I'll be teaching Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 2/3 Quest, 4/5 Quest and 5th grade. Suzanne Hart, our itinerant, will be teaching 3rd and 4th graders. The first few weeks of school will include navigating TEAMS and encouragement to stay active this fall! We miss you! ♥

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## LIBRARY



Welcome back to school! While we can't be at school together right now, there are still many exciting things we can do that relate to library learning. First, this year, students have access to Sora, which is an eBook platform and provides one more option for access to reading materials. You can look at the following document to learn more about Sora and how to access it:

<https://sway.office.com/UJDS8nGKBIoz5Mb3?ref=Link>. In addition to the new eBook access, students will get to check out physical books from our McAuliffe library! We will share more information about exactly how this will work later, but in general students will be able to let us know what they would like to check out, and we will provide curbside pick-up. Every Wednesday students will participate in a prerecorded library lesson. For the first couple of weeks the lessons will cover logistics about things like Sora and book check out. Then for several weeks, the library lessons will focus on internet use and safety through lessons in the *Common Sense Media* curriculum. Please feel free to contact me at [jumartin@lwsd.org](mailto:jumartin@lwsd.org) with any questions.

Julie

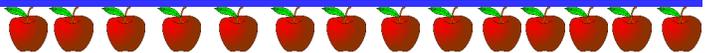
## SEPTEMBER

- 10 CURRICULUM NIGHT (VIRTUAL) SEE SCHEDULE  
24 PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (VIRTUAL) 7:30PM

## MUSIC HAPPENS



Music Happens...Virtual Style!  
Welcome back to the McAuliffe Music Room! I'm excited for a new year. For those of you new to McAuliffe, my name is Janet Warren and I am one of two music specialists at McAuliffe. I will be teaching grades 2-5, Quest and Learning Center. I am happy to welcome Erynne Smith as our itinerant. She will be teaching our K/1 classes. We are looking forward to a fun year with your students. We will sing, dance, play music games, learn music theory/history and play instruments. Currently all music lessons are taught asynchronously. Your student will have two lessons per week which can be accessed through their TEAMS site- General channel- Assignments tab. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions! You may email me directly at [jwarren@lwsd.org](mailto:jwarren@lwsd.org) or post a question in the "Talk to Me" channel on TEAMS. Erynne can be reached at [esmith@lwsd.org](mailto:esmith@lwsd.org) or through the "Questions for Ms Smith" channel in Teams. Due to Erynne's part-time status she is not available on Wednesdays. Cheers to a new school year...Virtual Style!  
Janet and Erynne



## COUNSELOR CORNER



Hello McAuliffe Families! I'm Lisa Daniel, your school counselor and 504 monitor! I want to say hello to our returning families and welcome our new families to the 2020/2021 school year. You may have heard, but our school is a magical place and we're so glad you are part of our Challenger family! I have some important information for you about what I do here at McAuliffe, how I provide support to all our students/families, and important resources that I provide. Please check out the attachments for more information. You can also reach me anytime at [ldaniel@lwsd.org](mailto:ldaniel@lwsd.org). Here's to an exciting and very different school year!! Hugs from Mrs. Daniel ♥