McAuliffe Monthly

MAY 2018

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that it's already May! There are only 7 ½ weeks of school left, yet so much still to accomplish! I know this is a busy time of the year and appreciate all that you're doing to support your student and keep them focused during the last few weeks of the year.

Have a great May!

Brady Howden
Principal

2018-2019 YMCA Before and After School Class Registration
McAuliffe Elementary will again be partnering with the Sammamish YMCA to offer enrichment classes for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be expanding our program to offer both before and after school classes. Before school classes will be held at Smith Elementary, with the YMCA transporting students to McAuliffe by the start of school. After school classes will continue to be held at McAuliffe Elementary. Parents can sign their student up for next year's before and after school classes at: http://ykids.seattleymca.org/files/images/content/2018.19%20Sammamish%20Kids%20U%20Form1.pdf. You can also sign up for classes by calling Jenny Barr, Regional Director, at 425-644-8417.

Teacher Appreciation Week
May provides us with an opportunity to celebrate McAuliffe's talented and dedicated teachers. This year we will be showing thanks to our teachers during the week of April 30 – May 4. I encourage you to take a moment to thank your child's teacher during this week. Information on how you can honor your child's teacher will come from your room parent.

March Munch Madness
Thank you to our students and community for donating food items to Hope Link during our "March Munch Madness" competition versus Alcott Elementary. McAuliffe students collected 1,447 pounds of food and Alcott collected 1,280 pounds of food. Alcott's principal, Mr. Hedin, visited McAuliffe on April 23rd during lunches and was dressed in Challenger gear as part of McAuliffe winning the contest. Congratulations to both McAuliffe and Alcott on their efforts!

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)
SBA testing will take place in May. Listed below are the remaining testing dates, helpful testing hints, and practice resources you can use at home.

McAuliffe's SBA Testing Dates:
3rd Grade: May 8, 9, 10, 14, and 15
4th Grade: May 29, 30, 31, and June 1
5th Grade: May 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24

Home Practice Resources:
You can support your child at home by having your student take SBA practice tests. This will help your child become more familiar with the testing format and related tools. Practice tests can be found by visiting the Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program webpage at: http://wa.portal.airast.org

Helpful Testing Hints:
- Have your child go to bed early during testing week.
- Provide your child with a healthy breakfast and snack during testing week.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during testing.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time. Late students will not be allowed in the classroom once SBA testing has started.

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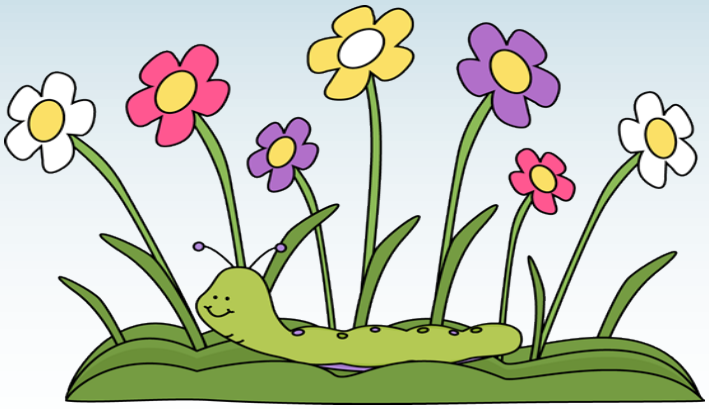
2-4	Teacher Appreciation Week
28	No School—Memorial Day

JUNE

8	International Night
15	Field Day—School Barbeque
19	Kindergarten Graduation 2-3:30pm
20	5th Grade Promotion 2-3:30pm
21	Last Day of School—12pm Dismissal

ASB

This month, 5th grade student council is headed to the regional student leadership celebration, WE Day at the Key Arena. The 5th graders will hear about amazing things happening in the community that change the discussion from me to WE. ASB will also be hosting the final school spirit day and popcorn day on May 25th – Beach Day! A huge thank you to Shira Burtness for organizing the popcorn days this year! -Jesse



LRC

Congratulations to Book Storm! Our fourth grade Battle of the Books team, (Brae, Caelan, Gideon and Siddharth) took first place in district battles. Battles are Skyped during lunch or lunch recess, and have become a fun way to participate and challenge other "battlers".
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MUSIC HAPPENS!

As our school year is quickly coming to a close, things are in high gear in the music room. 5th graders are finishing up their ukulele unit and working on a promotion song. 4th graders are continuing Recorder Karate and should be finished mid-month. 3rd graders are revisiting reading B, A, G on a staff. K-2 students will be reviewing the elements of music through a variety of songs/games. All students are working on our end-of-year surprise dance. We will perform this at the all-school assembly on the last day of school. Shhhh! Janet

PE

Happy Spring McAuliffe families! 3-5 are finishing up fitness tests and playing Ultimate Frisbee. K-2 have been working on ball handling skills with their hands and we'll now move to foot skills. Field Day is Friday, June 15th 1-3:15 and will be needing a lot of parent volunteers. Be on the lookout for an email!
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