

Christa McAuliffe Elementary

McAuliffe Monthly



FEBRUARY 2018

A Note From Your Principal and School

February McAuliffe Monthly

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child and their teacher during January conferences. I hope you took time to celebrate your child's success in the classroom, while also reflecting on ways to support him/her in areas where there are growth opportunities. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing our work together this year.

Have a great February!

Brady Howden
Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration takes place on Thursday, February 1st. Please contact Kathleen Jeffcoat in the school office if you missed Thursday's registration. It's important that we have all students registered in a timely manner as this information is used to determine the number of kindergarten classes allocated to our school, which will impact staffing and class size. Registration is open to children who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2018.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the "Smarter Balanced Assessment" as their state assessment. Parents can help their children be successful on this assessment by making sure they are at school on the days listed below.

McAuliffe's SBA Testing Schedule will be as follows:

- 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

Flu Season Reminder

This is the time of year when we often see students coming down with the flu. We want our students to be as healthy as possible and encourage them to wash their hands frequently, cough into their elbow, and wear winter coats when at recess. As a reminder to parents, students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher or vomiting must stay home from school for 24 hours.

Watch DOGS "Dads and Donuts"

Dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other father figures are invited to join us in the commons on Thursday, February 22nd from 7:45am-8:45am to learn about our Watch DOGS program. We hope you will stop by with your son/daughter, enjoy a donut, and learn of how you can volunteer at our school.

Parking Lot Reminders

The Sammamish fire department has notified us that cars left unattended at the red fire lane curbs in front of the school will be issued a citation. If you are picking up your child during the school day, please use one of the "5 Minute" pick-up spots. If you are picking up your child after school and are parked on at red curb please remain in your car while you wait for your child.

Also, as a reminder, the side parking lot is not intended for a waiting area. Cars in this lot must be parked in stalls. Cars not in stalls tend to congest our side parking lot and block parents/staff wishing to exit.



Become A McAuliffe Challenger!

Kindergarten Registration
Thursday Feb 1st 1-7pm

Please Bring:

- Proof of Residency (e.g. utility bill)
- Proof of Birth (birth certificate / passport)
- Immunization Records

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥



Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th graders have started. The battles have been quite competitive which would mean that some great reading has happened. J. Ahern (jahern@lwsd.org)child

Hello McAuliffe Families, February is a short month but we'll be very busy in the gym! Students are playing games with the double scooter unit for the first week of February and then the Winter Olympics start Friday, February 9th, in Pyeongchang, South Korea. We'll be having our own Winter Olympics in the gym! Students will be practicing some events such as: luge, skating, hockey, biathlon and even running with the Olympic torch! February also means Jump Rope for Heart and it looks like we'll be doing this for part of March as well. Look for a letter home later this month that has information about our optional fundraiser for The American Heart Association. Thanks! Stacie



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FEBRUARY

- 1 Kindergarten Registration 1-7pm
- 14 Valentines Parties
- 15-16 No School Mid-Winter Break
- 19 No School—President's Day

MARCH

- 8 Family Fitness Night
- 9 No School—LEAP
- 16-17 School Play at Eastlake HS
- 25 Class Pictures and All School Photo

APRIL

- 2-6 No School—Spring Break

MUSIC HAPPENS!

This month brings Valentine's Day songs/games to all. In addition, for the next several weeks, all students will be learning about and listening to Carnival of the Animals by C. Saint-Saens. -Janet



This month the McAuliffe ASB has heard from the Sister School organization that our McAuliffe community helped collect more than 800 pounds of supplies! Included were about 2,700 pencils, 2,400 crayons and over 250 pounds of paper. They also sent about 550 children's books. The container shipped just after Christmas and should be in Uganda by early March. The ASB is excited to hear back from the students, teachers, and community in Uganda this spring and sharing the positive impact with you. Thank you to everyone for participating in the supply drive and coin drive that helped raise over \$800 for the Mukono Boarding School. Our leaders are seeing how they have the poor to help students all around the world succeed! In February, ASB will be hosting our second spirit day and popcorn day on February 23rd. Keep your eyes out for the theme!


KEEP CALM AND LOVE ASB