

Bullpup Blast

McLouth Elementary, August 2023



Welcome Back!!

We are just a few short days away from our first day of school! I am so excited to see all our students and meet new friends who have joined our Bullpup Family!! It has been a crazy two weeks finishing up enrollment, contacting new preschoolers about our program, and preparing the building and staff for a new year.

First, I want to give a huge shout out to our custodial and maintenance staff! It is hard work to deep clean the building, balancing all the sports camps and kids in and out of the building. Our team worked hard and the building looks amazing! Thank you to Brandy, Mike, Wes, Barb, Dave, Brian, and Keith. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!!

Secondly, our office staff go above and beyond to make sure that we are ready to go the first day. The community has no idea how much time, effort, and knowledge goes into these jobs. Our building would not run without Lorie, Sherri, Tiffany, Annamaria, Eddie and Autumn. They are the front lines who answer the phone, make sure all our reports are accurate, they protect your children, keep the admin informed. Most importantly, they love every kiddo that walks through the door. Please remember to tell them thank you for all they do.

Third, our kitchen staff has already been in so early in the morning to make sure they are ready for breakfast and lunches on Wednesday. The ladies in the kitchen cook, clean and do it all with a smile. They also look forward to seeing each of your students everyday.

Below I would like to introduce our new staff members for the elementary. We have a great team and I am looking forward to the year ahead!



Mr. Weaver- Elementary PE

Hello! My name is Mr. Weaver, and I will be teaching at McLouth school district as the elementary physical education teacher. I am thrilled to meet and get to know everyone! I am excited to learn with you in addition to sharing fun games and activities!

Some highlights about myself; I was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and moved to Lawrence, Kansas with my family in 2022. I have a 4 year old Husky named Thor. I am one of five boys in my family, being the second youngest. I graduated from Iowa State University back in December 2022.

This will be my first year as a teacher! Last year I was a student & substitute teacher in the Olathe School district and this year. I have also been working with students since I was a lifeguard/swim instructor in high school. Physical education has been a big part of my life and I can't wait to share my experiences with you all!



Mrs. Bouza - 5th Grade

Hello, my name is Jessie Bouza. Most of the McLouth community knows me as Jessie Troupe. I grew up in McLouth, north of town, on a cattle ranch with my parents and two brothers. I attended McLouth Schools K-12 and graduated in 2011.

After High School, I attended Highland Community College on a softball scholarship, and I'm now finishing up at WSU. From 2016-2020 I served as a McLouth Middle School volleyball coach, McLouth Middle School basketball coach, and until 2019 a McLouth High School softball coach.

In 2021, I married my husband, Andrew Bouza. We moved to western Kansas, where we both worked at a small school called Cheylin. This is my third year teaching and second year as a High School Volleyball coach. Andrew and I will be expecting our first child in early September.

Andrew and I are so excited to be back "home." McLouth



Ms. Cregan - 4th Grade

Hello, my name is Brooke Cregan and this will be my 17th year in teaching. I am very excited to be at McLouth Elementary.

I currently reside in Silver Lake. I have two daughters, Macey and Lanie. One who is finishing college and the other just beginning. I also have a pug, named Cooper. In my free time I enjoy reading, going to the gym, shopping, planting flowers, going to concerts and spending time with friends and family.

I am looking forward to doing what's best for students and having a great school year at USD 342.

is the place we met and where we want our family to grow. We look forward to being a part of the Bulldog family again.

Updates and Events!!!

Coming Events!!

First Day of HS/MS sports practice: Monday, August 14th. You need your school physical done in order to participate.

6th Grade Orientation: Monday, August 14th, 6-7 pm. Start in the brand new updated auditorium!!

Back to School Night: Tuesday, August 15th, 6-7 pm. MS/HS parents meeting opportunities at 6:00 & 6:30 in the auditorium. Elementary parents meeting opportunities at 6:15 and 6:45 in the multipurpose room. Annual Title one parent meeting in the library at 6:30. Bring your supplies, see friends, meet your teacher, and don't forget to visit the cafeteria for a sweet, cold treat!

First Day of School for K-12: Wednesday, August 16th. Dismissal will be at 1:00 pm. All students will be served lunch.

First Day of Preschool: Thursday, August 17th.

Bulldog Fall Sports Preview Night: Friday, August 18th starting in the Gold Gym at 6:00 pm. MS/HS volleyball will scrimmage. MS/HS Football and cross country will be introduced. Due to Friday being the first day of pads, the football teams will have a lawn chair side line scrimmage on Saturday so fans can watch them practice. After all the introductions there will be a walking taco fundraiser in the multipurpose room followed by a dance in the cafeteria. All proceeds will go to support the McLouth Volleyball program.

PTO Welcome Back Pool Party: Saturday, August 19th from 10 am-noon at the Tonganoxie Aquatic Center. All enrolled students, parents, and younger siblings are invited to attend. Please, no students who have graduated. Come meet new families, mingle, and enjoy celebrating being back to school!!

Updates and Reminders

New School Hours: This year our start and end times have changed. School starts at 8:00 am and will dismiss at 3:15 pm. Doors will open for breakfast at 7:35 am.

Car Loop: This year I would like parents to stay in the car when picking students up in the car loop. We will help your child enter on the side of the car that is on the passenger side. This keeps littles from crossing between cars, possibly causing a dangerous situation as other parents may not see students. Preschool teachers will deliver preschool students to their cars and help them to buckle in. Thank you for helping us make the car loop quicker and safer.

Bus Loop & Blacktop Drop-off: Buses will loop through the front playground parking lot to unload and load. If you are dropping students off at this parking lot, please park in front of the fence and have your students walk up the sidewalk and then to their building. Remind students that they need to cross in the crosswalk area and not in-between buses.

Charging Breakfast and Lunch: Students will no longer be allowed to charge more than 5 days worth of meals. A letter will be sent home, and a phone call. Students will need to provide a lunch from home or a sack lunch will be provided for the student until the account has been reconciled.

Handbooks: Both the elementary and middle school/high school handbook are posted on the website. If you would like a hard copy, please reach out to the office.



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