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The Bulldog News

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ **Book Fair Starts** Friday, October 26
- ✓ **Halloween Parties & Parade** 2:30 Oct. 31.
- ✓ **Grandparents Day** Friday, November 2
- ✓ **Vets Day Assembly** Friday, November 9
- ✓ **No School** Monday, November 12
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Break** Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23

Notes from the Elementary Office

By Mr. Johnson, McLouth Elementary Principal

WATCH DOG DAD – Thanks for being in the building! To all WATCH D.O.G.S, be certain to get in contact with Mr. Johnson if you are not receiving email information from us.



Bullpups

Oct. 29	30	31	Nov. 1	2
Coltin Harsh Brayden Fraser	Taylor Edmonds Brayden Durkes	Kharisma Dlugopolski Trenton Cote	Gage Coit Peyton Wyatt	Grandparent's Day

Menu

Daily Breakfast – Choose one of the following:
Breakfast Pizza, Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles, Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich
Breakfast starts at 7:45, doors close at 8:00

Oct. 29	30	31	Nov. 1	2
Lunch: Soft Taco	Lunch: Ravioli	Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwich	Lunch: Mac&Cheese, Little Smokies	Lunch: Chicken Nuggets

*All meals include Fruit Bar, Hot Veggie Bar, Cold Veggie Bar, and Milk

McLouth Elementary Expectations

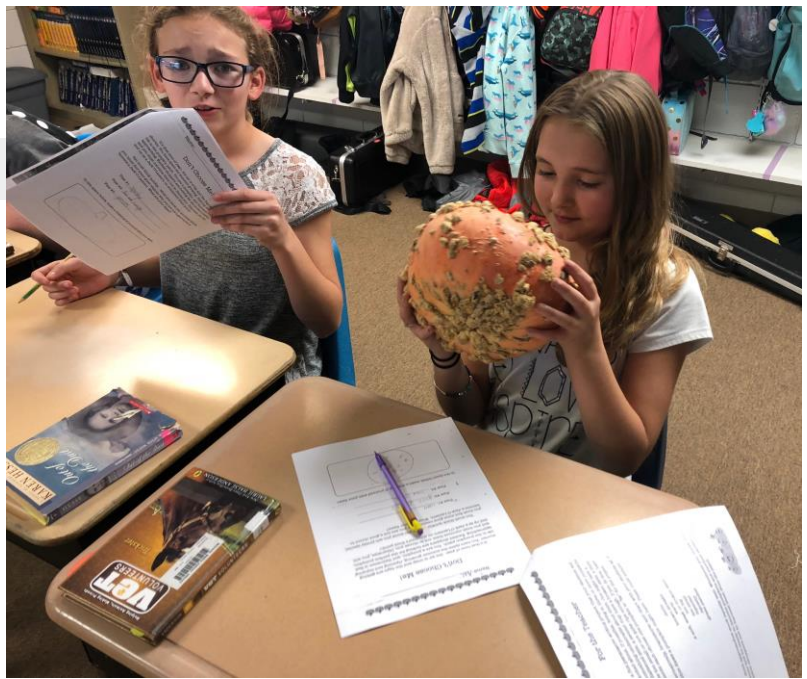
- ✓ Respect yourself
- ✓ Respect others
- ✓ Respect your school

McLouth Elementary Mission Statement

"Together, we live in a community that promotes academic excellence, respect, lifelong learning, and..."



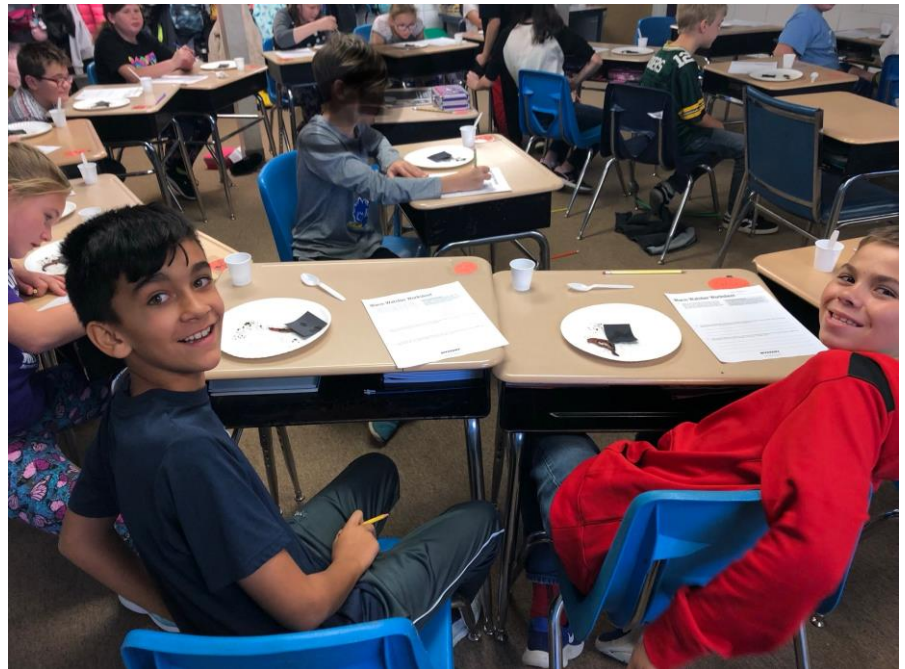
Kindergarten: Students use pretzels to learn about tally marks



Fifth Grade: Students wrote a persuasive paper on pumpkins. "Don't pick me!"



Kindergarten: Students wrote about shapes and presented it to their class.



Fifth Grade: Students had live worms in class to learn how they help agriculture.



Third Grade: Students became engineers and built a structure out of Halloween candy.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY 2018

Friday, November 2nd 12:30-3:15

Please choose one response and return form

Remember: If your child does not have a grandparent that can attend, they can invite a grandparent figure **OR** be assigned a **volunteer grandparent** from our community! Be sure to **return an RSVP form** for this!

The day will be very similar to last year. All classes will get a picture, cookies/drinks, and an opportunity to visit our school book fair. In addition to these fun activities, grandparents will get to experience some everyday student activities such as classwork, recess, PE, Music, Art, and 5th grade band. More information and a detailed master schedule for the day will be sent home and posted online at a later date.

RETURN THE BOTTOM PART OF THIS FORM TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE BY **Wednesday, October 17th**. PLEASE RETURN A SEPARATE SLIP FOR EACH STUDENT.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2018 RSVP

Student's full name: _____ Grade/teacher: _____

Option 1:

My child does not have a grandparent figure that can attend. Please assign them a volunteer grandparent. _____ (mark with X)

Option 2:

My child does not have a grandparent figure that can attend. I would rather them not be assigned a volunteer grandparent. _____ (mark with X)

Option 3:

My child will have a grandparent attend. _____ (mark with X)

Grandparent name(s): _____

WILL THIS STUDENT GO HOME WITH A GRANDPARENT? YES NO
IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE GRANDPARENT'S NAME

Name: _____

Morning Preschool GRANDPARENT'S DAY 2018

Friday, November 2nd

9:00-11:00am

Reminder: If your child does not have a grandparent that can attend, they can invite a grandparent figure **OR** be assigned a **volunteer grandparent** from our community! Be sure to **return an RSVP form** for this!

Each family will get a picture, cookies/drinks, and an opportunity to visit our school book fair. In addition to these fun activities, grandparents will get to spend some time watching their preschooler work and play in the classroom. More information and a detailed schedule for the morning will be sent home at a later date.

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GRANDPARENTS DAY 2018 RSVP

Student's full name: _____

Teacher (Circle one): Pound AM Nowasell AM

Option 1:

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Grandparent name(s): _____

WILL THIS STUDENT GO HOME WITH A GRANDPARENT? YES NO
IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE GRANDPARENT'S NAME

Name: _____

HALLOWEEN

Greeting Parents:

Halloween is quickly approaching and there are some costume guidelines that will help us have a fun school day and still allow for student learning.

- The costume must be school appropriate
- Costume weapons should be left at home
- Avoid gory costumes (promotes bloodshed or violence)
- The costume needs to be made so our little ones can still use the restroom
- The costume may be worn all day, so please be sure it will not be uncomfortable or distracting

When: Wednesday, October 31

What:

- Parade at 2:30 downtown, weather permitting
- Class parties app. 2:45 (will start following the parade)





Veterans Day

McLouth Elementary wishes to invite the community, veterans, and active military men and women for a short recognition ceremony to proudly honor those who have served and who are now serving at this time.

Please join us on Friday, November 9, 2018 in the McLouth Purple Gym starting at 9:15am. Please RSVP by calling the elementary office so we can accommodate seating. See you there.

KESA

Kansas Education Systems Accreditation

Who? – All schools in Kansas

What is it? – A five year process dedicated to school improvement

What are we improving? – EVERYTHING!

- **Kindergarten Readiness** – preparing students and parents for early learning
- **Social, Emotional, Character Development(SECD)** – giving students the skills necessary to become responsible, accountable, empathetic adults
- **Bullying Policy** – working with all stakeholders to align a framework to help all students
- **Crisis Management**– working with local officials to evaluate and alter as needed our crisis plan to provide training and procedures to help keep our students safe
- **Individual Plan of Study(IPS)** – helping all Kansas students obtain a suitable vision of their path toward college and career readiness
- **Relationships** – working to improve communication and engagement with all stakeholders (students, parents and community members)
- **Relevance** – evaluating and adjusting academic content and instructional strategies that truly empower students and prepare them for life after school

How are we doing this?

- analyzing data from many sources including ACT scores, local assessment, parent and student surveys, graduation rates, post-secondary involvement, reading and math levels, and state assessments to name a few
- using this data to make adjustments for the purpose of improvement

Where are we in the process?

- As of August we are starting year two – goal development

What have we done so far?

- Created or reorganized our school site council, building and district leadership teams and created an OVT (outside visitation team)
- Selected Relationships and Relevance as our two focus areas based on a needs assessment
- Trained teachers in KESA, SECD, IPS and Kindergarten Readiness

What are we doing now?

- **Update:** We have successfully completed our first State Mandated Crisis Drill. Preparation for future drills are underway as well and dialog to improve future drills
- **Update:** The ELA dept has met and is beginning the process to replace current instructional resources
- **Update:** Initial screenings are completed. Students needing extra help with reading and math will be grouped into our MTSS program.



District Communication Guide

USD #342 uses several tools to proactively communicate with our patrons. The district has developed the communication guide below to assist in the delivery of information. For the latest and most accurate information about USD #342, visit the website at www.mclouth.org or download the district app for a mobile friendly version and notifications. The USD #342 homepage features current news, lunch menus, and the most accurate district calendar. The website also features a "Parent & Student" section with helpful information such as student forms, handbooks and PowerSchool information.

	DISTRICT WEBSITE www.mclouth.org	DISTRICT APP NOTIFICATIONS	SCHOOL MESSENGER	SOCIAL MEDIA Facebook, Twitter	POWERSCHOOL powerschool.mclouth.org	EMAIL UPDATES
School Emergencies	+	+	P			
School Closings	+	+	P			
Lunch Menu	P					
Lunch Balances			P		+	
School Calendar (Calendars are subject to change, please check district website for most up to date information)	P					
Event Cancellations/Reschedule	P	+		+		
Secondary Announcements	P			+		
Elementary Newsletter	P			+		+
Forms	P					
Student Handbooks	P					
Student Grades						P
Student Attendance						P

P = Primary method

+ = Additional methods, as applicable