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# The Bulldog News

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## Notes from the Elementary Office

Student  
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By Mr. Johnson, McLouth Elementary Principal

**Music Concert:** Reminder our 3-5 students will have their music concert this coming Tuesday. Students will report to their classroom at 6:40. The concert starts at 7:00. All are welcome!

**Science Night:** Thanks to our fourth grade teacher Ms. Poskey, we will once again have the elementary science night. It will be Tuesday, April 17. Details will be shared as we get closer.

**State Assessments:** State testing will be starting soon! Even though these tests are only a small portion of the academic measures we still want our student's scores to represent their true ability. These tests will help measure student knowledge in math, reading and science. Please do your best to ensure your child is at school on their testing day.

**Fifth Grade**  
March 13 – Science  
April 9 – Math  
April 10 – Math  
April 11 – Reading  
April 12 - Reading

**Fourth Grade**  
April 9 – Reading  
April 10 – Reading  
April 11 – Math  
April 12 – Math

**Third Grade**  
March 26 – Reading  
March 27 – Reading  
March 28 – Math  
March 29 – Math

## Bullpups

Mar. 5	6	7	8	9
Xander Speidel Adalida Spare	Natalie Pope Eythan Munson	Rezik Morando Marissa Meyers	Taylor Boucher Lucian Blair	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## 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				
Mar. 5	6	7	8	9
<b>Lunch:</b> Beef & Bean Burrito	<b>Lunch:</b> BBQ Beef Sandwich	<b>Lunch:</b> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	<b>Lunch:</b> Country Style Beef Sandwich	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
*All meals include Fruit Bar, Hot Veggie Bar, Cold Veggie Bar, and Milk				

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

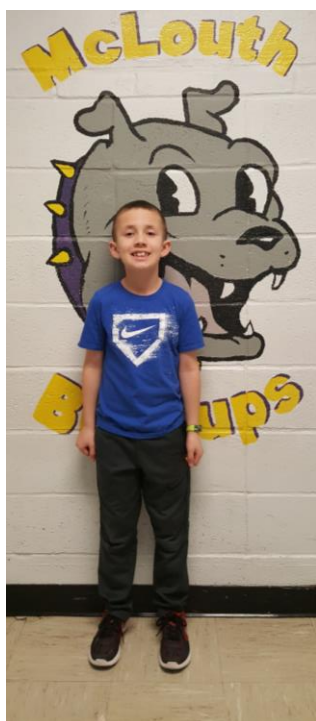
- ✓ **3-5 Music Concert**  
Tuesday, March 6  
7:00
- ✓ **No School Teacher Grading Day**  
Friday, March 9
- ✓ **AR Party**  
Wednesday,  
March 14
- ✓ **Third Grade Field Trip**  
Thursday, March  
15
- ✓ **Spring Break**  
Monday, March  
19 – Friday,  
March 23

### 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 responsible citizenship."*



Top left clockwise: WATCH DOG reading with kindergarten; Two of our WATCH DOGS; February Students of the Month



# KESA

**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 Plan** – 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 March 2018 we are in year one, month eight

**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:** Working on the school crisis plan - next meeting Wednesday, March 7.
- **Update:** Waiting on Board approval - student survey to measure SECD implementation



# 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](http://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 <a href="http://www.mclouth.org">www.mclouth.org</a>	DISTRICT APP NOTIFICATIONS	SCHOOL MESSENGER	SOCIAL MEDIA Facebook, Twitter	POWERSCHOOL <a href="http://powerschool.mclouth.org">powerschool.mclouth.org</a>	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 Cancellation/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