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The Bulldog News

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Notes from the Elementary Office

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ Valentine's Day Class Parties
Monday, Feb. 14
- ✓ No School
Wednesday, Feb. 16
- ✓ P/T - Student-led Conferences
Thursday, Feb. 17
- ✓ No School
Friday, Feb 18
- ✓ Roundup Info Announced
Week of March 7
- ✓ No School
Friday, March 11
- ✓ Spring Break
Mon– Fri, March 14-18



Diorama: Fifth graders used 3d representations or dioramas to reinforce a reading lesson over various art forms. Very engaging.



January: Congratulations to our students of the month. Outstanding students!



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."

-Conferences-

Parents

As always thank you for attending our parent/teacher conferences. This semester we have a few changes compared to last year at this time.

Conference Schedule

- Thursday, February 17, 8am-7:50pm
- Please sign up using our digital format. That will be shared at the end of this week.
- If you are not able to access the digital format please call our office to schedule. Please call no sooner than Monday, Feb 7.
- Time slots will still be 15 minutes.
- Conferences are in person unless you request zoom/phone with child's teacher

Conference format

- Prek-2 traditional parent/teacher conference
- 3-5 will be student led. Additional info included – next page

Questions for Parents - for students doing the “student-led” conference

- **Do we need to prepare anything?** - All materials will be at school, just bring yourself.
- **Do we need to dress up?** - please wear comfortable clothes, students may dress up if they wish.
- **Will there be time to ask our child questions after his/her presentation?** - Yes, and sample questions will be provided.
- **Can we have our child practice at home or ask them questions about their presentation?** -Yes, it would be beneficial to have your child demonstrate or discuss their presentation at home as this will better prepare them for success.
- **What will my child be presenting?** Each student in grades 3-5 will present samples of academics, behavior, successes, and areas to improve upon.

Will my child be graded over their presentation? No, this will not affect their class grades but there will be a rubric/checklist, self-assessment and teacher assessment that students will follow to prepare for their presentation.

PARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE TO STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Suggested Questions and Conversation Starters

In an effort to make student-led conferences as beneficial as possible, below is a list of questions to ask your child as you sit down and review his/her portfolio of work together.

- Why do you think you received this grade for this work?
- Was this grade a fair assessment of the work you did?
- How much time did you devote to this project/paper?
- What do you say is your best subject?
- What do you enjoy the most about school?
- Do you participate in class discussions and activities?
- Do you interact with your teacher well?
- Is there something you wish your teacher knew about you?
- Do you work well with a partner?
- Are there times when you prefer to work alone?
- What strengths or weaknesses do you bring to group projects?
- Who do you sit with at lunch?
- Is there someone in your class that you wish you knew better?

Conversation after the conference...

- I am pleased to see your effort in...
- I am proud of your improvement in...
- I know you sometimes have difficulty with..., however...
- I would like you to focus on...
- I can help you by...

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 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