

Bulldog News

**Note from the
Principal:**

Dear McKinley Parents:



I want to thank all of you for rolling with the punches as we have had to go to Distance Learning, and recently some classes going on Distance Learning due to a positive case in their classrooms. We are doing our best to keep our cohorts separate, so that we only have to close a classroom if there is a positive case. Currently we have two classes on Distance Learning for 14 days. This could happen in any class if there is a confirmed positive person in the classroom. If your child's class has to go on Distance Learning we ask that you inform the school if your child comes down with COVID symptoms. There may be instances that a staff member tests positive and a class may have to go on distance learning due to lack of staff to run the class on campus.

February is always a very busy month, with 100's Day, Valentines Day, Dental Health Month, Ground Hogs Day, and Presidents' Day.

The end of the 2nd Trimester is rapidly approaching. Teachers will begin assessments to check student's progress to go over with you at conferences. The last day of the 2nd Trimester is March 5th. Parent—Teacher Conferences are March 17-19th. The conferences will be held either Zoom or by phone. The district will be sending information out on what those days will look like. It has been proven that good home-school communication is KEY to student success!

On March 5th we are going to have a Fund Raiser Read-A-Thon. Every student will read for 30 minutes. The form to fill out for donations from family and friends will be sent home two weeks in advance. This fundraiser supports our school with the purchase of classroom supplies, and allows us to celebrate reading together.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Parker, Principal



Valentine's Day: We are asking that all Valentines be brought to school by February 5th. So we have over the 3 days for the virus to die on surfaces.



**DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

- 1/15-2/15 PTA Box Top and Dime Drive
- 2/8 No School – Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/9 SSC Meeting via Zoom-4pm
- 2/12 100th Day of School/Valentine's Celebrations
- 2/15 No School – Presidents' Day
- 3/1-3/14 McKinley PTA Online Book Fair
- 3/5 Read-A-Thon/PTA Gift for students for Dr. Seuss Birthday.
- 3/5 Second Trimester Ends
- 3/9 SSC Meeting via Zoom-4pm

Bulldog Happenings:



*Please come by the Lost and Found and look for your child's belongings.

Please make sure to put your child's name on their jackets, coats, lunch pails, and backpacks.

When we find an object with a student's name it is returned right away, and it doesn't go to the lost and found. Our lost and found rack is located to the right as you enter the front of the school.

McKinley is a K-2 school (With 4-8 Year olds) we have potty accidents, and students often need a change of clothes. If you have pants sizes 5-8 in good condition that you are looking to donate, we would love for you to donate them to our nurse's office. We have a small amount of things we lend, so that parents don't have to leave work to bring a change of clothes to school.

BUCKET FILLING IS:
SHOWING KINDNESS &
RESPECT FOR OTHERS



BUCKET DIPPING IS:
BEING MEAN TO
OTHERS ON PURPOSE

****Please Remember: Drive slowly and carefully when dropping off and picking up your children! Remember to be courteous to others!**



December—Students of the Month

Ash Peterson
Destinee Barnes
Mia Harris
Corrie Anne Hefner
Grayson Solorzano
Garret Gulbransen
Diane "Jewel" Paddock
Emma Caldwell
Andrew Ramirez Reyes
Desiree Villanueva
Damien Wheeler
Gracelyn Diaz
Hayden Bird
Dakota Chaffin
Sean Turner

River Amador
Brooklyn Greer
Abigail Duerksen
Brody Russell
Elijah Jarvis
Michael Drake
Kyndal Peterson
Ashlynn DeVaul
Keaton Freeman
Robert Muller
Camellia Owens
Virtus Mesubed
Lia Gonzalez
Hadlie Radman
Blake Singletary

PTA Corner:

100th Day of School -

February 12th - Dress like you are 100 for School Spirit Day.

Dr. Seuss Birthday -

March 5th, Due to COVID this will look different this year. PTA is putting together goodie bags for each student.

Book Fair -

Online 3/1-3/14 look for information sent home.

PTA Read-A-Thon - Friday March 5, in your child's classroom. The money this year will go towards school supplies, tech replacement and much more.



Getting into the Homework Habit

Homework—It can make our homes a haven or a battleground. The secret to success is to believe homework is necessary to reinforce your child's schoolwork, and treat it accordingly. Making homework a family commitment can help your child develop lifelong study skills, self discipline and independence. Here are some tips:

- Know what kind of homework is expected for the teacher, and make sure your child/ren complete it.
- Provide your child/ren with a regular quiet place where they can do homework.
- Expect every child to meet tough academic standards.
- Encourage a "Stick to It" attitude and effort in your child. These qualities are keys to success in life.
- Be consistent. Agree upon homework rules and make sure they are faithfully followed.
- Let your child do the homework. That's the only way a child will learn. But do help your child organize study time.
- Review the completed homework. After homework is completed review it together.
- Keep in touch with the teacher. If your child doesn't understand an assignment, call the teacher the next day. Let the teacher know that your child might need extra help.