



Christa McAuliffe Elementary School

"HOME OF THE CHALLENGERS"

March 2018



Principal's Message

March is here and with it comes longer days and hopefully spring-like weather. I want to thank **all** of our volunteers who help make McAuliffe such a special place. Since coming to McAuliffe 14 years ago, I have experienced firsthand the many individuals who put in countless hours of their time to help make a difference. Volunteers assist teachers in working with students in and out of the classroom, computer lab, and library, displaying bulletin boards, attending field trips, and performing many other tasks that help free up time for teachers to focus on their students.

I also want to express my gratitude to our PTO for all they provide to the McAuliffe students, families and staff. Many programs and activities would not be possible without the efforts of our Parent Teacher Organization. To all of the volunteers at McAuliffe – *your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all of the students and staff. You truly MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Thank you!*

Your Partner in Education,
Kelly Rollin,
McAuliffe Principal



PTO Meeting Reminders and Updates

The McAuliffe PTO does a wonderful job raising funds and providing volunteer support for the many events and opportunities for our children. Please get involved by volunteering, joining a committee, or attending our next meeting. Our next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, March 6th, at 6:00 p.m.



Summer School 2018

The District will be hosting summer school again this year for elementary students. Dates and locations are listed below. Lunch will be served and transportation provided from McAuliffe. The class offering booklet will be coming out in April.

District Summer School Programs

Elementary East Side (Sullivan)

Elementary West Side (Beaumont)

- Session 1: June 18 - July 13 Monday - Friday (No summer school July 3-7)
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Session 2: July 16 - August 3, Monday - Friday

McAuliffe Summer School Program

McAuliffe will again be offering a variety of summer school classes. A list of class offerings will be out soon. The sessions will run as follows:

- Session 1: June 18 – June 29
- Session 2: July 9 -13
- Session 3: July 30 -August 10

All classes run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Lunch is open to all students and will be served for all sessions from 12:00 – 12:30. There is no charge for summer school for children residing in the Green Bay District.



Cellcom 5K Mini Marathon

McAuliffe will be training as a team for the Cellcom 5K (3.1 miles) on Saturday, May 19th. This program is aimed for children in grades 2-5.



We will combine this training with our Bellin Run training. This is a 6-week training commitment, and it is a better alternative for those who do not want to compete in the longer 6.2 mile Bellin Run held in June. More information will be coming in the beginning of April.

Trainers Needed for Kids' Running Program

For the past 16 years, McAuliffe 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students who enjoy running have been able to participate in the Bellin Run, a 10K (6.2 miles) run.

This year the Bellin Run is Saturday, June 9th. Volunteer coaches and trainers are needed to assist these students training for the 10K run. The "Kids' Running Program" consists of a training schedule put out by Bellin that slowly increases the distance the children will run each week. Training will begin in early April. If you would be interested in this safe and fun way to run the Bellin Run 2018 and are willing to help our eager students, please call the school at 391-2436 and ask for Mrs. Slaby.

Remember... no prior training is needed! Permission slips and more information will be going home the beginning of April to those students who are interested in participating.

Jump Rope for Heart

McAuliffe School is participating in our **22nd year** of Jump Rope for Heart!



When: Wednesday, March 7, 2017
Where: Gym and Commons
Time: 3:30-5:00 pm.

Each child who participates must have a signed consent form that will be attached to the JRFH envelope.

The collection of donations is optional. The American Heart Association suggests asking relatives and friends for donations, or possibly having your children donate some of his/her allowance. The funds go toward education and research for heart disease.

Listed below are some helpful hints for the upcoming event:

- Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.
- Bring water bottles.
- Eat a healthy snack provided by the PTO during the Jump.
- Have your child bring checks or money orders made out to the American Heart Association on the Jump date or earlier, if he/she collects donations. This will speed up the arrival of prizes, which take 4-5 weeks to come.

We want children to experience and learn lifetime fitness and heart-healthy habits through programs such as Jump Rope for Heart.

A permission slip must be returned in order to participate. Mrs. Slaby is looking for parent volunteers to help with this wonderful event!!



2018 - 2019 School Calendar

The district has released the 2018/19 school calendar. The entire calendar can be found on the district website. Below are some dates which may be important for family planning:

September 4	Schools Open
October 26	Schools Closed
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 21	Last Day before Winter Recess
January 2	Classes Resume
March 18-22	Spring Recess (Schools Closed)
March 25	Classes Resume
May 27	Memorial Day (Schools Closed)
June 7	Last Student Day for Elementary Schools



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2	End of Trimester 2
March 6	PTO Mtg. 6:00
March 7	Jump Rope for Heart 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
March 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:45 p.m.
March 9	No School
March 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13	PTO Restaurant Night at Luigi's
March 14	Popcorn Day
March 15	Spirit Day
March 16	Sunglasses Day (last day before Spring Recess)
March 19–23	Spring Recess – No School
March 26	Classes resume
March 27	Tri. 2 Report Cards go home
March 30	No school
April 20	Early Release – 1:30 Dismissal Theme: Mix/Match Day

School Day Start Time

Our school day begins at 8:57. A number of our students have been coming to school late. When a student is **tardy**, he/she misses the beginning of the day procedures that help ground them and prepare them for the day ahead. Even if your child misses a brief period of time at the beginning or end of each day, over time there is a cumulative negative effect on your child's education. Many skills are integrated throughout the school day. We want your child to be a part of all of them. There are times when being late or leaving early can't be avoided, but please try to keep it to a minimum. Your child will benefit from your choice.



The Importance of Regular School

Attendance

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. And that's an important lesson for a successful life.

Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school career. That's important, because students who miss school, miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences and class participation. They miss out on the opportunity to ask questions.

The district requires a parent notification to all families when students reach 5, 10 and 15 days of absences (excused or unexcused). We appreciate your support in having our students in school and on time.

What can YOU do to help your student?

Let your child know that you expect him/her to attend school every day. Explain that just as you have a job, it's their job to go to school and learn.

Set a time for homework and a bedtime for each evening. Unfinished homework and too little sleep are common reasons why parents hear the words, "I don't feel good," on school mornings.

Get involved with your child's school. When he/she sees you in the halls or the classrooms, they better understand the importance of school.



“Help for the Homeless”

A hygiene drive is now collecting new personal care and cleaning products for families in need. The hygiene drive will provide these supplies to area agencies, including but not limited to: schools, crisis centers and homeless shelters. If possible, please donate new hygiene items to this drive. McAuliffe has a collection box located outside the main office. Your student can bring the items to school and place them in the collection box. The drive runs February 18th - March 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rollin, Principal, or Cindy LeClair, School Social Worker.

Emergency Notifications- Stay Informed

To ensure every parent has the most accurate contact information in an emergency situations, parents must keep contact information up-to-date in Infinite Campus. If your phone number, email address or address has changed, please contact the school secretary.

The District contracts with School Messenger for its parent notification system, which enables the District to send bulk emails, automated phone calls and text messages to parents, guardians and other adults that are identified as emergency contacts. The District only uses text messaging in limited circumstances, such as emergency situations, school closures/delays, and bus accidents/delays.

How to receive text messages

To receive text messages, text “Opt-In’ or “Subscribe” to 68453. If in the future you do not receive a text message when you believe you should have, please contact the Help Desk at (920) 448-2148 to verify the District has your cell phone number in Infinite Campus.

Students Exiting Back Doors for After School Pick Up



No students are allowed to exit any of the back doors after school. Parents have been informed that pick up is not allowed in the back parking lot at the end of the day. All students must exit the front of the building. This is a safety issue. Thank you.



McAuliffe Elementary “How are we doing?”

Feel free to fill out this “How are we doing at McAuliffe?” form included in today’s newsletter. In order to continue to improve our services to all McAuliffe families, we need your feedback. **Please return to the McAuliffe Office.**

Thank you!

Celebration
Concern

Suggestion
Frustration

Let us know.... _____

Name (optional): _____

Would you like us to call you? If yes, phone # please: _____

Today’s Date: _____