



Christa McAuliffe Elementary

July 2017 Summer Newsletter

Hope you are having a GREAT Summer!

Mark your calendar - Aug. 30, 2017 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm for the Annual Back to School Barbecue.

Dear McAuliffe School Families,

I hope the summer has been a time of peace, rest and special moments shared with family and friends. There are many fond memories to be had with the warm summer days.

The first day of school for the 2017/2018 school year will be Tuesday, September 5th. We will again be hosting our **"Back to School Barbecue"** on the evening of Wednesday, **August 30, 2017**, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. We welcome all students and their families to attend. This social will provide an opportunity for students to drop off their supplies and to view their classrooms. It is also a chance for families to visit our beautiful facility and to meet some of the wonderful staff who will be working with your child. We will also be serving food.

Once the school year is underway, I will be sending you a monthly newsletter to share additional information and to inform you of future events and activities.

All families will also receive a weekly Tuesday Envelope with information from our office, teachers, PTO, and the community. Please take the opportunity to read through the contents of the envelope and promptly return the next day. Our goal is to send a majority of our notes home via the Tuesday Envelope so you can expect it at the same time each week. However, notes may be sent home on other days if we feel the information is timely.

McAuliffe families will also receive e-mails or texts with time sensitive information or reminders. It is important your contact information is up to date so you can receive this information. Feel free to check out our McAuliffe website (<http://mcauliffe.gbaps.org>) for school and district information and school newsletters.

I would like to welcome back our 4K teacher, Louise VanSistine, to our staff at McAuliffe. She will be teaching our 4-year-old kindergarten (A.M. and P.M.) this year. Mrs. VanSistine will be joined by Andy Waterman and Kim Jaklin on the 4K staff. Also joining McAuliffe is a new Grade 1 teacher, Desiree Wesolowski, from Eisenhower Elementary. You will be able to meet her and the rest of our staff at our Back to School Barbecue. Hope to see you there.

I look forward to returning as your principal and to continue the success and traditions of **Christa McAuliffe Elementary School**. I am proud to be a part of this staff and eagerly await meeting the new students and families of our school community, as well as the familiar faces who are already a part of the McAuliffe family.

Your partner in education,

Kelly Rollin
Principal



Office Hours

The McAuliffe office will be open during the month of August from 8:00-3:30. Please feel free to contact us at 391-2436 or 391-2522, or e-mail me anytime at krollin@gbaps.org.

Lunch and Recess Times

RECESS/LUNCH:

Grades K & 1	11:10-11:55
Grades 2 & 3	11:40-12:25
Grades 4 & 5	12:10 - 12:55



RECESS:

Grades K-2	1:25 - 1:45
Grades 3-5	1:55 - 2:15

Early Releases

We will continue to have Early Release days once a month throughout the school year. This time is used for staff development on literacy and math instruction. As you will see on the McAuliffe Calendar, Early Release pick-up time is at **1:30 p.m.** throughout the school year. This is a two-hour difference from our typical end-of-the-day bell at 3:30 p.m. All Early Release dates can be found on the 2017-18 McAuliffe Events Calendar, school website and district website.

Picture Day

Harmann Studios will be at McAuliffe School on Wednesday, **September 21st** to take individual pictures of our students. All children will be photographed, and a proof envelope will be sent home **that day** for you to review and consider ordering a school photo package. All children's photos will be included in a class composite and a school "memory book" even if parents choose not to purchase a photo package.



In the case of separated households, Harmann Studios will create a duplicate proof envelope if we receive a written request. That way, each household may make an individual selection and photo order. The picture re-take date is scheduled for **October 25th**, to accommodate students absent on September 21st and for any re-takes requested by parents.

Supply Lists



Supply lists were sent home with students on the last day of school. If any questions arise about the list, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Additional copies of the supply lists are posted on the [McAuliffe website](#).

Spirit/Theme/Packer Backer Days

Spirit Days are scheduled one day a month. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their McAuliffe attire or school colors.

On Fridays before a Sunday Packer game or on the Monday/Thursday of a game, we invite students and staff to wear GREEN and GOLD.

Theme Days are scheduled once a month as well. In the past, they have involved crazy hair day, jersey day, and much more.

Keep checking the McAuliffe website for updates using the Calendar feature located in the bottom right hand corner of the web page.

How to Contact Us



Our telephone number at McAuliffe School is **391-2436**. Please make a note of this. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please try to do so during a time when class is not in session (7:45-8:50am and 3:40-4:15pm).

All teachers have voice mail, which is available at any time. **Our policy is not to interrupt classes except if there is an emergency.** All teachers also have an e-mail address that they check daily. E-mail addresses can be found on our [school website](#). Also, feel free to contact me directly at 391-2522.

Student Absences

We will again be placing an emphasis on student attendance this year. The McAuliffe staff feels it is our responsibility to have each student attend on a daily basis. Please plan vacations, appointments, and other possible conflicts during days that school is not in session. We expect all of our students to attend school and to be at school on time each day. We understand there are times when children are sick or other emergencies do not allow the students to be at school, but we ask that you place attendance as a high priority.

We will be sending home reminders to student's parents when absences or tardies reach 5 days and again at 10. After 10 days of absences or tardies, parents will be asked to provide notes from their physician explaining reason of absence.

Children learn best when they are at school on time and do not leave school early. Please support us in decreasing our absentee rate and making every effort to have all of our children attend school daily. Thank you.

Drop Off/Pick Up Area



The times immediately before and after school can be hectic. Basic procedures are in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. As always, **no vehicles** are allowed in the circular drive when busses and daycare vans are loading and unloading students. This is strictly enforced. Also, we ask that students not be dropped off or picked up at any of the areas where yellow lines are painted on the curbs or where cones are set up. This provides more visibility for our crossing guards and allows drivers to clearly see children crossing the street.

There are signs posted on the southeast side of Emerald Street (our regular drop-off and pick-up area) stating that no parking is allowed during drop-off and pick-up times. This includes vehicles parked for a short time to drop something off in the office or walking your child to the playground area – please park on the side streets for those situations. During drop-off times, please have your child(ren) ready to exit the vehicle and then safely and efficiently proceed directly to the playground until the 8:52 a.m. bell.

Bike riders should proceed carefully to the south or north end of the building and park bikes in the bike rack. While on school property bikes must be walked to and from the rack.



Students are not to be in the building before the morning bell unless an arrangement has been made with staff ahead of time. Inclement weather days (raining or below 0) are the exception. A yellow flag attached to the school sign will indicate that students are allowed to come into school immediately due to inclement weather. Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. on the playground. We ask that students not arrive before this time when there is no supervision.

Pick-up or drop-off in the back parking lot (including both sides of the driveway) is strictly prohibited. This area experiences heavy traffic by staff, visitors, daycare vans and district vehicles throughout the day. This will be closely monitored this year so we can better ensure the safety of our students.

If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please wait outside the front doors or inside the main vestibule. Please **do not** go to your child's classroom or congregate in the hallways.

No Dogs on School Grounds

Please do not bring your dog on the school grounds when dropping off or picking up your child. Some students are afraid of all sizes of dogs.

Vision and Hearing Screening

The Brown County Health Department staff will be coming to McAuliffe Elementary to provide Hearing and Vision Screenings for the designated grades and other requested students.



The **Hearing Screening** will occur on Thursday, October 19, 2017. All Four-Year-Old Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st graders, any new students to the district, and any students requested by teachers or parents/guardians will be tested. If your child does not pass the initial hearing screening, a rescreen will be performed in four to six weeks to determine if there is a persistent hearing problem. If they still do not pass, a letter will be sent home indicating the importance of following up with a physician and/or audiologist. The screening is not a substitute for a regular examination by your physician but is meant to identify persistent hearing loss in children and bring it to the attention of parents/guardians and teachers.



The **Vision Screening** will occur on Monday, November 27, 2017. All Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th graders, any new students to the district, and any students requested by teachers and parents/guardians will be tested. Vision screening routinely tests stereopsis (how your child's eyes work together) up to age 10 and distance vision. If your child already wears glasses, they will be tested with their glasses on to make sure the glasses are working properly. Near vision and color vision can be tested upon request only. The screening does detect several eye problems common to these age groups. However, it is not a substitute for a complete professional eye exam. If your child does not pass the screening, a letter will be sent home recommending an examination by an eye doctor. The National Society to Prevent Blindness recommends that children have a professional eye exam prior to entering school and up to every other year after that.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you DO NOT want your child screened for hearing and/or vision YOU MUST contact your child's school at least one week prior to the screening date to have your child removed from the screening list.

Check out our new interactive webpage –

<http://mcauliffe.gbaps.org>

***School News Feed, District News Feed, Live Daily Calendar, LMC Links,
Monthly Newsletters and more!***

McAuliffe Elementary Upcoming Events

2017-2018 School Year

Please mark your calendars accordingly.



August 2017

30 Back to School Barbecue
Time: 3:30 – 5:30

September 2017

4 No School – Labor Day
5 First Day of School
21 School Pictures
28 Spirit Day!

October 2017

13 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students
19 Spirit Day!
Hearing Screening
(Grades 4K, K, 1, and requests)
25 Picture Re-takes
27 No School

November 2017

9 & 10 Special Person's Days
14 & 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Time: 4:00 – 7:45
16 Spirit Day!
17 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students
21 End of Trimester 1
22 - 24 No School – Thanksgiving Break
27 Vision Screening
(Grades K, 1, 3, 5 and requests)

December 2017

15 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students
21 Spirit Day!
25-29 No School – Winter Break

January 2018

1 No School
2 School Resumes
15 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18 Spirit Day!
26 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students

February 2018

15 Spirit Day!
16 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students
23 No School
27 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Time: 4:00 – 7:45

March 2018

2 End of Trimester 2
8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Time: 4:00 – 7:45
9 No School
15 Spirit Day!
19-23 No School - Spring Recess
30 No School

April 2018

19 Spirit Day!
20 Early 1:30 Dismissal - Students

May 2018

17 Spirit Day!
18 Early 1:30 Dismissal – Students
28 No School – Memorial Day

June 2018

1 Early Dismissal -
Students Released at **12:45
8 Last Day of School
11 Weather Make-Up Day
(if not needed, will be recess day).