



September 2, 2022

Hello Parents,

It was great seeing our students and families at yesterday's "Meet and Greet" event. We look forward to the first day of school next Tuesday! I'm sure your student is excited as well!

Included below is important information and reminders regarding next week and the beginning of the year. Please take a moment to read through so you and your student have a great start to the school year.

With regards to communication, parents will receive two monthly email updates from me. One will come at the beginning of the month in the form of our "McAuliffe Monthly" newsletter. This newsletter will also include updates from our specialists and counselor. The second email will be mid-month and be a principal-only update. Please make sure to read through these updates so you are caught up on all that is going on at McAuliffe.

Take care,

Brady Howden  
Principal  
Christa McAuliffe Elementary

#### **September 5-9 Schedule**

- September 5th:
  - No School: Labor Day
- September 6th:
  - First day of school for grades 1 – 5 and Quest
  - Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings
- September 7th:
  - Full school day with 3:50pm release (early release Wednesdays begin on 9/14)
  - Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings
- September 8th:
  - Curriculum Night for grades 1 – 5 and Quest (see detailed info. below)
  - Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings
- September 9th:
  - First day for Kindergarten students
  - PTSA Welcome Back Coffee (9:20am)

### **Curriculum Night**

An important date for parents is Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 8th. Curriculum Night is an opportunity to learn about academic content and volunteer opportunities. Curriculum Night for Grades 1-2 and 2/3 Quest will be from 6:00pm-7:10pm. Curriculum Night for Grades 3-5 and 4/5 Quest will be from 6:45pm-8:00pm. We will begin in the gym/commons for each session with a few words from Mr. Howden and the PTSA, and then transition to the classroom.

### **McAuliffe Parent Student Handbook**

We are asking that all families review the McAuliffe Parent Student Handbook so they are familiar with our school and district processes and procedures. A link to the handbook can be found below.

#### [Parent Student Handbook](#)

After reviewing the handbook, please fill out the forms survey below (2 questions) indicating you have completed this request. Families only need to fill out the forms link one time for the entire family.

[Forms Link](#) – Verifying handbook has been reviewed

We are asking this to be done by **Friday, September 16th**. Thank you for your help in this area!

### **Nurse Alert Form**

If you have not yet done so, please fill out the nurse alert form included at the link below. We need to receive this form from families indicating if their child has or does have a health concern. This also helps us monitor changes in health situations.

- [Nurse Alert Form](#)

### **School Communication Update: ParentSquare**

Lake Washington School District will be using an new communication platform this year called “ParentSquare”. This platform provides options for families for how they want to receive information (email, text, and/or app notifications). Communication within this platform will automatically be translated into the home language indicated on your student’s profile. Parents can select their communication preferences by creating an account at the link below.

- [Parent Square Account Creation](#)

### **YMCA Before/After School Care:**

McAuliffe will be hosting the YMCA Before/After School Care program on site this year. Parents can sign up for this program and/or ask questions at:

- [School Enrichment | YMCA of Greater Seattle \(seattleyymca.org\)](#).

**September Events/Dates:**

Please update your calendars to reflect the following school events:

- First Day of School, Grades 1-5: Tuesday, September 6
- Full Day of School: Wednesday, September 7 (3:50pm dismissal)
- Curriculum Night: Thursday, September 8
  - Grades 1, 2, and 2/3 Quest from 6:00pm-7:10pm
  - Grades 3, 4, 5, and 4/5 Quest from 6:45pm-8:00pm
- PTSA Welcome Back Coffee: Friday, September 9 (9:20am)
- Beginning of Year Assembly: Friday, September 9 (2:50pm)
- First Day of School, ALL Kindergarten: Friday, September 9
- Fifth Grade Camp: September 14, 15, 16
- Fun Run Envelopes: Friday, September 16 (passed out) – Friday, September 30 (returned)
- Fire Drill: Monday, September 19 (3:10pm)
- PTSA Bingo Night and Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 22 (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- PTSA GMM: Thursday, September 29 (7:00pm-8:15pm, via Zoom)
- Fun Run: Friday, September 30 (2:35pm-3:35pm)