McDonald International Community Newsletter

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

"Life's most persistent and urgent question, 'What are you doing for others?'"

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear McDonald, International Families,

As we continue to partner for our students, I would like to reach out for your support of the chat function in our classroom Teams Meetings. As you and your child’s caregivers are assisting our students in the online learning environment, it is essential that we remind them to refrain from posting in the chat unless directed to by their teacher. On our end, we cannot turn the chat function off, so it is essential that we remind one another to keep that distraction at a minimum.

Sincerest thanks to all who participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Assembly this past week. I am so proud of the work our students, staff members and families put into this beautiful experience. I’m looking forward to a time when our McDonald march can be in-person. If you would like to view the virtual assembly, you are welcome to follow this link. Wishing you another great week!

Sincerely,

Zoe Facilla

K/1 Return to In-person Learning Update

- Thank you for taking the time to respond to the district survey indicating your choice to return in-person or remain online 100%.
- We are looking at these responses and forming classroom cohorts with staffing requirements.
- Our facilities and technology crews are at work installing an additional hand washing station on the first floor, completing an analysis of ventilation systems, adjusting classroom furniture and upgrading wireless band with throughout McDonald.
- Educators are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine as part of group 2B, Tiers 1-4.
- As more information becomes available, it will be shared through this newsletter.
February Virtual Assembly: Kindness

- To celebrate random acts of kindness, for the February Assembly, we will share stories of kindness during our virtual assembly.
  - Please email zvfacilla@seattleschools.org with pictures or video clips of student pictures, stories, songs, dances, etc. demonstrating acts of kindness by Friday, **February 5, 2021**.
  - Examples of acts of kindness in everyday life include, cleaning up even when it isn’t your mess, complimenting a classmate, allowing someone to go in front of you in line, donating your time to an important cause, and so much more.
  - Please also share your Scottie Spirit with pictures showing your Scottie Pride.
  - This virtual assembly will be available to view during the week of **February 8, 2021**.

Target Gift Cards Are Available for McDonald Families

- Email or call Ms. Katie, our School Counselor, if a Target gift card would help offset family expenses for you this month.
- Need help with a utility bill? Rent or mortgage payment? Legal support? Katie can help locate resources, and any Information you share will be kept confidential.
- kjrunions@seattleschools.org (425) 528-0777

Upcoming events

- PTA General Membership Meeting: **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**
  - 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, zoom link will be sent by email at 6:00 pm
- Virtual Tour for Prospective K Families, **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**
  - For 9:00 am-10:00 am join Teams Meeting Here
  - For 6:30 pm-7:30 pm join Teams Meeting Here
- **Thursday, January 28, 2021**: No School for the Day Between Semester, Office Closed
- Black Lives Matter in Schools week: **February 1-5, 2021**
- Class Picture Day on Teams on **February 8, 2021**
  - Your child’s teacher will communicate the time (during a regularly scheduled class meeting)
  - If your child does not have permission to participate, camera should be turned off
  - Printed copies of class pictures will be available to all students in materials pickup TBD
- Please join me for the monthly Principal Chat to connect and discuss current school topics. **February 10, 2021** at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm.
  - For the morning option please Join Teams Meeting Here
  - For the evening option please Join Teams Meeting Here
- Affinity Groups Listening Session #2, **Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm**
  - Join Teams Meeting Here