What's Happening
Jan 18    MLK Jr Day (No School)
Jan 21    Book Club
Jan 26    General PTA Mtg
Jan 27    Virtual School Tours
Jan 28    Day Between Semesters (No School)

Full online calendar here

Take the School Calendar With You
Stay on top of all events with the PTA Calendar, which you can sync to your smartphone.

Donate Now
Donate to the McDonald PTA fundraising campaign which funds our language immersion curriculum and other enrichment programs.

Visit the PTA Website
For more news and events, including an archive of the Principal's Newsletters.

Shop for Scottie Gear
Shop for Scottie gear anytime of the year!

What Does the Annual Fund Drive Fund?
The answer is simple. The drive funds McDonald’s language immersion program; a program that not only boosts your child’s brain power, but also improves their well-being and strengthens their connection to the global community.

Our fundraising goal is carefully calculated to cover the costs of staffing each K-1 classroom with an Instructional Assistant and each 2-5 classroom with a Guest Teacher. These caring adults with native language skills cut the instructor-student ratio in half. Without them, our program would not succeed. Please show them your support and donate to the annual drive today!

Thank You from Ms. Lynne
A message from Ms. Lynne, our school nurse:

I wanted to say thank you for the Home Depot holiday gift card because the timing was perfect. Unfortunately my sump pump motor went out at my house so I bought a new one and replaced it with the use of the gift card. It was very timely and appreciated!

Gift Card Drive for McDonald Family Support
Members of our McDonald community hardest hit by the pandemic need our support. Our school counselor, Ms. Katie, has been organizing ongoing assistance to families to help meet this need. To support this effort, we are asking for donations of $25 Target gift cards at our supply pick-up days during the next two pick-up dates, January 21 and February 4.

Target gift cards have been the most flexible for meeting a variety of needs. They are sold at a number of stores besides Target, including QFC, Safeway, and Rite Aid. If we raise more
than our families need, the rest will be donated in June to the Alliance for Education which supports all Seattle schools.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Katie Runions with any questions or if your family is seeking support.

**Participate in Hiring Our Next Principal**

Interested in helping to find McDonald's next principal? Reach out to Will Ambrosini, PTA Secretary, if you're interested in being involved in the search.

¿Estás interesado en ayudar a buscar al próximo director (principal) para McDonald? Ponte en contacto con Will Ambrosini si te gustaría participar.

**Ms. Katie's Parenting Hack of the Week: I Love You; The Answer is No**

Do you live with a child who argues about everything? Me too! Try out one of these responses next time you're stuck in an argument:

- **Be kind and firm.** Say "I love you and the answer is no."
- **Disarm them with affection.** Say "Can I have a hug? I haven't hugged you yet today."
- **Give yourself a time-out.** Say: "I'm starting to feel upset and I need a time out. We can discuss this in a few minutes after I've had a moment alone." (Remember, you can't control others. You can only control yourself.)

**Intent to Return In-Person Survey Due Jan 13**

The deadline to return your Intent to Return In-Person Survey is Wednesday, January 13 at 11:59pm. This survey only applies to PreK-1 students and students enrolled in Intensive Service Pathways.

**After School Enrichment: Winter Session**

The PTA coordinates with after-school enrichment providers to offer various after school programs during fall, winter, and spring. Sign-up for these programs is through 6crickets and begins a few weeks before each session.
Winter Session runs from Jan. 11 – Apr. 2 (No classes 1.18, 2.15 – 2.19). Winter registration begins January 6, 2021, at 7pm. Get the details and registration information for these program at the PTA website.

Some of our past vendors are not in the official system this year due to the pandemic, but they are still offering classes and could use your support. See the full list of virtual classes here.

Join the McDonald PTA

The McDonald PTA would like you to become a member this year. We are currently at 35% of a normal year's membership level. If you can support the PTA this year please do so now.

PTA membership is $25 per person. Your tax-deductible membership fees support National PTA, Washington State PTA, Seattle Council PTSA and McDonald PTA operations.

To become a member of the PTA please use this link.

McDonald Students Create Little Free Pantries

Even though it has been a difficult year, students at Seattle Public Schools are stepping up to help their communities in powerful ways. Ms. Klaassen's 3rd grade class is teaming up with students at Lincoln High School to tackle the issue of food insecurity in Seattle. Ms. Klaassen crafted a problem-based learning project as part of their math curriculum. Her students will learn about food insecurity and then design and build cardboard prototypes of Little Free Food Pantries to apply their study of area, perimeter, volume, and more. Learn more about the project in this article.