**Happy Sunday Morning McDonald Families!**

**Bike Rodeo:**  For students who had PE on Friday they were honored to participate in a fantastic bike rodeo. In conjunction with Safe Routes to School Program and our PE department students were able to learn bike safety, rules of the road and maneuver bikes around makeshift roads in our school gym. Thank you to the Safe Routes to School Program and Erin Bacon for making this happen.

Now that students had a jump start to biking with the bike rodeo, they are ready to brush off their bikes from winter and bike to school!  **Wednesday, May 4th is Bike to School Day!** Our bike racks are already filling up with students who ride their bikes to school.  Let’s fill them up that day!

**Student Information Sheets:** Attached are student information sheets for families to complete to help us when we decide classroom placements for next year. Please note that teachers are not able to accept specific requests for class assignments.  Please fill out the attached form and if you have extenuating circumstances, please note it as appropriate on that form or contact me directly.  [Spring Placement letter to parents 22-23.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Uw0GiG6tIrROM2m_q_Bbfw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkRrWhP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXZ4TzU5V0hFSFNFJm1hbD0wMzJlYzM2MmQ4NDQ0ZDliMzBjOWUyODEwMWU2NWMyOWQxYzhkMGUyNGQxNmM2MDQwOTMyZDhiOGJiMGJmOGFkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpiYSGCZWLEfSssUhRicmFuZG5lcnZAbXNkMjgxLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

**State Testing Begins:**  For our 3-5th graders, the state required ISAT begins on Monday.  We respect our student’s developmental level in testing and have limited testing times and understand breaks are needed. Following the ISAT testing, Kinder-3rd graders will complete the IRI test which measures reading skills.  This assessment is the same IStation assessment students are given at the beginning of every month.

**Pastries with Parents:** Our student council made a motion to have a “Pastries with Parents” event this spring.  The student council committee has worked with Mr. Schiffelbein to make this event happen and PTO will be supporting in getting the pastries of this event.  Please come and enjoy a muffin or donut with your child before school on **Monday, May 9th**, at our outdoor classroom on the eastside of our school property. See the attached flyer for information!

**Summer Lunches 2022** – Parents and Guardians, free USDA lunches for children up and including age 18 will again be available this summer starting Monday, June 13 and continuing through August 19 (lunches will not be served the week of July 4).  Lunches will be served at Lena Whitmore Elementary School, 110 S. Blaine, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.  **Please note that all lunches must be consumed at the meal site**.

**School Meals for the** **2022-23 School Year** – Parents and Guardians, **please note that for the 2022-23 school year, USDA school meals will no longer be free for all students**.  Families interested in receiving free or reduced cost school meals for their students will need to submit a Free and Reduced Meals application.  Income guidelines and applications will be available on the Moscow School District website starting **July 1, 2022**.  Printed copies will also be available at each school when school office staff return to work in August.  Questions regarding Free and Reduced Meals can be directed to Kendra Grove, Student Nutrition Services Supervisor, 208-892-1123 or Charlie Gerke, Operations Director, 208-892-1110.

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**Book Fair/Plant Sale:** Mark your calendars to join us for our book fair on **May 19-20th**. We will also include our 2nd grade plant sale to this event.  A percentage of money earned at the Scholastic Book Fair goes directly back to our McDonald library to purchase new books. It is a tradition at McDonald School that 2nd grade raises plants to earn money to go toward supporting our school garden and other community programs.  The book fair opens to students at school on Thursday May 19th.  Classes will tour the book fair during the school day to “shop” for books.  Students are welcome to make wish lists at this time.  From 3-7PM on Thursday the book fair will be open for family members to shop and purchase books and/or plants.  On Friday May 20th, the book fair will be open from 7AM-noon.  Our wonderful kitchen staff will be serving breakfast, complete with Amanda’s infamous cinnamon rolls!  Breakfast will be served from 7-8AM. Adult breakfast costs $3, McDonald students are free, and children not in school is $1.65.

**Art Day!** May 27th is our ART DAY! Send your children to school in old clothes ready to create! We will need parent volunteers! Please let your teacher know if you can help some of the day.

**Upcoming dates: These dates are not necessarily inclusive of all grade level or class events.  Please look to your child’s teacher for the full list of events happening between now and the end of the year.**

May 2-6th                               Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 4th                                   Bike to School Day

May 9th                                   7:30-8:15am Pastries with Parents at our outdoor classroom

May 9th                                   AM 4th grade swimming, PM 5th grade swimming

May 10th                                 AM  5th grade swimming, PM 4th grade swimming

May 10th                                6:30 PTO Meeting, elections

May 18th                                5th grade Conservation fieldtrip to Spring Valley

May 19th                                 Book Fair and Plant sale; 8:30AM-3PM students will tour the sale with their classes, 3-7PM sale open to families

May 19th                                 MOD Pizza PTO fundraiser, 20% of what you pay goes to McDonald PTO! See attached flyer

May 20th                                 Book Fair and Plant sale; 7am-12pm open to families, 7-8AM Family Breakfast in cafeteria, $3 for adults, $1.65 for non-McDonald children, free for McDonald students

May 20th                                3rd grade releasing Steelhead field trip

May 27th                                 Art Day

May 30th                                 Memorial Day, No school

June 3rd                                  4th/5th grade track meet

June 7th                                  Duck Fun Day-students will have fun outside for part of the day, including playing in the sprinklers!

June 7th                                  PTO Family Dance Party 4:30-6:30 on our playground blacktop; BBQ hot dogs by our superintendent, Dr. Bailey and your principal!

June 8th                                  Last day of school, early release 1:30PM, 5th grade graduation at noon

Lunch menu for the week: [McDonald Lunch Menu April 25th-29th.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/xSKM0UM0cMIqeRcHtVW5Hg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkRrWhP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXZ4TzU5V0hFSFNFJm1hbD0yMWEyNDZlYmJjMGZiNTFlNmFmNTExZjdlZTVhNTJhNWU5YjdmODM3YTZiZmU2OGVkODg1NzQ5YTExYThkNzQ4VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpiYSGCZWLEfSssUhRicmFuZG5lcnZAbXNkMjgxLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

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