**Happy Sunday Morning McDonald Families!**

**Thanks** to those who attended our Book Fair and Plant sale on Thursday and Friday. It was a huge success! A special thanks to Mrs. Sanford and Ms. Nagler in working tirelessly to make this a success! Our 2nd grade team planted, tended to and organized loads of plants to make this year the largest crop of plants! Thank you for supporting our school garden and 2nd grade team in donating!

**End of the Day Protocols:** As the weather gets better, we are finding that students linger longer outside their classrooms or on the playground rather than meeting their rides at the front of the school.  Teachers have talked with students, and guide them to where they need to be, but when they linger, the pick-up line gets bogged down as we attempt to track down students.  Please remind your children to promptly get to where they are supposed to go at the end of the day, and we will do the same.

**Elementary Online Summer Learning Session:** Moscow School District is partnering with Idaho Digital Learning Alliance to provide regular live online learning with a certified teacher this summer. Please see attached flyer to learn more and sign up. [IDLA Summer Session.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/iGU5addX-8PyThdFU66XAg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRka5-dP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXVadHVIeUNDTkNJJm1hbD02ZGNiMGY3MzUyOGJkMmIyYTZiN2Q1NzU3ZTBmOWU2ZGZjNTQyNGU2ODg2YTY3YmVjYzFkNTRlMDcxYzVhYTJiVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpihh1simKVxMxRUhRicmFuZG5lcnZAbXNkMjgxLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

**End of the Year Traditions and Activities:** For the first time since 2019, we are planning a full list of end of the year activities, many of which are long standing traditions. The list of activities/field trips are listed below, however if you need more information about specific events, please look to your teacher’s correspondence or ask! Here is some information about a few of the activities:

            Various Field Trips: Teachers will communicate with you prior to any field trip. At times students may be encouraged to bring a sack lunch. A sack lunch can always be ordered through the cafeteria; however, this has to be done a day in advance.  If you don’t plan to send your child with a sack lunch, make sure they let the food service ladies know in advance.

            Duck Fun Day:  This takes place the day before the last day of school. Students spend ½ of a day out on our playground where several stations are set up various activities, i.e., soccer, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, book tent, etc. At a point in time, I turn on the sprinklers in the field and children enjoy running through them and getting wet. Most children bring a swimsuit to change into for this event, along with a towel and sunscreen.

            Last Day of School Assemblies:  We have a primary and intermediate student assemblies that celebrate the year. Students are recognized for different accomplishments, i.e., attendance, math Olympiads, spelling bee, and we watch a slide show of pictures throughout the year. This is a school student assembly only, not for parents.

            Fifth Grade Graduation:  We have a long-standing tradition of having a formal graduation ceremony to recognize our oldest ducks leaving our nest. Students typically dress up for this event, make and wear graduation caps and invite family members to join in this event. We have student speakers, a slide show of student’s growing up through the year and honor each student by giving them a 5th grade diploma while “Pomp and Circumstance” plays in the background.  This event takes place at noon and students typically leave with her parents from the event.

**Upcoming dates: These dates are not necessarily inclusive of all grade level or class events. Please look at our McDonald Elementary calendar and/or to your child’s teacher for the full list of events happening between now and the end of the year.    McDonald calendar link:** [https://mcdonald.msd281.org/calendar](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Mk1HJDn699STiqAXUyhtmA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRka5-dP0QkaHR0cHM6Ly9tY2RvbmFsZC5tc2QyODEub3JnL2NhbGVuZGFyVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpihh1simKVxMxRUhRicmFuZG5lcnZAbXNkMjgxLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

May23-27th                              Spirit Week, see attached flyer [Spirit Week May 2022.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/XlY-g6eJabD2pN8OeA6kqg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRka5-dP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXVadHVIeUNDTkNJJm1hbD1iNDFiNjUxMjhjNWUwOGM5MzRhNjQ0OTBhNDU0MDQ0ODhlOTJjOWIzNzExNThiNWQ4ZWVkODQxNWFlZDYzNjgyVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpihh1simKVxMxRUhRicmFuZG5lcnZAbXNkMjgxLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

May 24th                                1st grade field trip to PCEI

May 27th                                 Art Day

May 30th                                Memorial Day, No school

June 3rd                                 4th/5th grade track meet

June 6th                                  2nd grade walking field trip to water tower park

                                                1st grade walking field trip to Mt View park

                                                Kindergarten walking field trip to Hordeman’s pond park

June 7th                                  Duck Fun Day-students will have fun outside for part of the day, including playing in the sprinklers! Students are welcome to pack swimsuits and towels if they want to get wet.

June 7th                                  4th grade walking field trip to water tower park

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

June 23rd                               McDonald office closes for the summer

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