



May 31, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to June! There are officially only 3 weeks of school remaining in the school year. The next 14 ½ school days should be exciting as we close out the year and celebrate the end of the year with fun McAuliffe traditions. June will include exciting events such as Field Day, the McAuliffe Block Party, our all-school Mariners event, Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Promotions, and more. It's going to be a blast!

I also wanted to take a moment to thank our parents for the amazing support they have provided this year. The efforts of our parents have been instrumental in the success of our students. We have appreciated your volunteer support leading art lessons, helping in the classroom, and at PTSA/school events. Thank you for making McAuliffe a wonderful place for our students to learn. I am so thankful for you and our entire McAuliffe community!

Included below are various updates related to the month of June. I encourage you to read through the following information so that you are caught up on all that is going on at McAuliffe.

- Associate Principal Change
- McAuliffe Block Party
- Smarter Balanced Assessment Complete!
- Lexia and Dreambox – Summer Availability
- McAuliffe Night at the Mariners
- Lost and Found
- Registration for 2024-2025
- Elementary School Variance
- June Events and Celebrations

Take care,

Brady Howden
Principal
Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Associate Principal Change

Holly Knowles, our current Associate Principal, will be transferring to be the Associate Principal at Finn Hill Middle School next year. I have appreciated Holly's efforts the past two years as she has revised our MVP Program, created opportunities for student leadership through the Astronaut Program, and provided outstanding support for our students, teachers, and families.

When announcing this change, Holly shared the following: *"I have made the decision to accept a transfer to serve as the Associate Principal at Finn Hill Middle School in Kirkland. I have greatly enjoyed the last two years at McAuliffe but am ultimately ready to return back to middle school. As many of you know, my teaching experience is in middle school and it is a special age group to me (hard to believe, I know!). McAuliffe has taught me so much about what it means to have a positive and thriving staff and student culture as well as community involvement. For two years, I have seen how hard each and every person works to support the students that come to our school. If I were a student, I would want to go to McAuliffe because of the loving and caring staff we have. Thank you so much for all you have taught me, and I look forward to hearing from you over the upcoming years."*

**Christa McAuliffe
Elementary**



**McAuliffe Monthly
June 2024**

I will be working with District Leadership in the coming weeks to identify our next Associate Principal. This position may be filled with a current Associate Principal via transfer or through a hiring process. Stay tuned!

McAuliffe Block Party

Please join us on Thursday, June 6th for our McAuliffe Block Party (5:30pm – 8:00am). Food vendors will be on site for families to purchase dinner and visit with friends. Food selection will include BBQ, Mexican, Mediterranean, Shave Ice, and goodies provided by our Fifth Grade Promotion Committee. Families can bring picnic blankets, chairs, and lawn games as they enjoy a meal and our community. Neighbors are invited to attend as well. This event will be held rain or shine, with the location being on the blacktop for dry weather and gym/commons if it rains.

Smarter Balanced Assessment Complete!

I would like to congratulate our third, fourth, and fifth grade students for doing an outstanding job on this year's Smarter Balanced Assessment. Testing went smoothly, with students giving their best effort. Student participation in this assessment helps provide useful information to teachers as they plan grade level and individualized instruction next year. The assessment also helps our students become accustomed to this type of testing environment, which will benefit them as they move through the school system.

SBA scores for ELA and Math will be available to families on Skyward on June 21st. Fifth grade science scores will be available in the Fall.

Lexia and Dreambox – Summer Availability

Lexia and Dreambox will be available to students and families until 8/2/24. These programs will not be available following this date as the district completes the student rollover process.

McAuliffe Night at the Mariners!

McAuliffe students, families, and friends are invited to join us at "McAuliffe Night at the Seattle Mariners" on Wednesday, June 12th at 6:40pm. This is going to be special night as our very own "Rocket Choir" will be singing the national anthem for the second year in a row. Our entire community is encouraged to attend as we watch our students sing the anthem and celebrate the end of the school year as a community.

Tickets can be ordered online at the link below at a discounted price of \$15 (300 level) or \$25 (100 level). Tickets must be ordered by Tuesday, June 11th. The Mariners will be donating a portion of your ticket price to McAuliffe, which will help support our 2024-2025 Rocket Choir and next year's Fifth Grade camp. We hope you will join us at this exciting event. Go McAuliffe! Mariners!

Order Tickets Here: [McAuliffe Night at the Mariners](#)

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with clothes, lunch boxes, and other student items. The Lost and Found is located in the Commons (lunch room) for students explore during their lunch. Parents can also stop by the school to search for missing items. All items will be donated on June 21st.

Registration for 2024-2025

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year! If you know of a family in your neighborhood who has a school-aged child to register for the 2024-2025 school year, please share this message with them.



Families interested in registering can contact our Registrar, Heather Cobb at hcobb@lwsd.org or register online using the link provided below. Thank you for your help!

Families can register at the following link: <https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/registration>

Elementary School Variance

For the first time in many years, Christa McAuliffe Elementary is open for both in-district and out-of-district variances. Parents who wish to have their child attend McAuliffe next year can do so by applying via the links included below.

- [In-District Variance Process and Application](#)
- [Out-of-District Variance Process and Choice Transfer Application](#)

Variances will be considered on a case by case basis, depending on space available within each individual grade level. In-District variances are approved for the entirety of their child's elementary experience. Out-of-district variances are approved for a single year, with parents needing to reapply the following year.

June Events and Celebrations

Included below are the many events and activities taking place over the course of the next 3 weeks. Please take a moment to read through and update your calendar accordingly.

- PTSA McAuliffe Block Party: June 6 (5:30pm – 8:00pm)
- PTSA BOD Meeting: June 10 (2:15pm – 3:45pm)
- Field Day: June 12 (10:00am – 11:30am)
- McAuliffe Mariners Night (with Choir Singing): June 12
- Kindergarten Graduation: June 18 (9:40am – 11:15am)
- No School – Juneteenth: June 19
- Fifth Grade Promotion: June 20 (2:20pm – 3:50pm)
- End of Year Assembly: June 21 (9:40am)
- Half-Day with Early Release: June 21 (12:20pm release)



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6	PTSA Block Party, 5:30pm-8:00pm
10	PTSA Board Meeting, 2:15pm-3:45pm
12	Field Day, 10:00am-11:30am
12	Eastlake HS Grad Walk, 1:50pm
12	Rocket Choir sings at Mariners game, 6:40pm
18	Kindergarten Graduation, 9:40am-11:15am
19	No School—Juneteenth
20	Fifth Grade Promotion, 2:20pm—3:50pm
21	All School Assembly, 9:40am
21	Last Day of School, 12:20pm Dismissal

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL September 3rd—9:20am

Music

Happy Junel Help us discover new ways to music (yes, music is a verb!) As a part of our school's ongoing efforts in Equity, the McAuliffe Music program is asking for suggestions for listening examples to play in music classes for next year. This Form (link below) is for McAuliffe families to submit music listening examples that represent their home culture or celebrations. Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Montoya will play selections for students throughout the year as part of music listening standards and equity lessons. Thank you in advance for helping us discover new ways to music! Erynne and Melissa,

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<https://forms.office.com/r/2JMk733BZR>

Library Resource Center *It's time to return your library books!* June 7th is the last day students can check out books from the library. The following week, all library books need to be returned! Our goal is to have every book back into the library no later than June 14th. All year I've told students that books they believe are lost are most likely just hiding in their classroom or house somewhere. If you haven't already, now is the time to really search for those books! You will receive an email on June 17th stating what books your child still has checked out. If you truly believe a book is lost, or so damaged as to not be usable, please consider purchasing a replacement copy and sending it to school with your child. Replacement books can be purchased from any vendor (Amazon, Brick & Mortar, Barnes & Noble, etc.). In addition to being a time for rounding up lost books, June is the time to start thinking about summer reading options. On June 7th the KCLS librarian will come to McAuliffe to present the KCLS summer reading program to our students. Additionally, during the final week of school, I will send out a message containing lots of summer reading activities and fun ways to keep your family reading. Julie
jumartin@lwsd.org
[Library Website](#)

PE Wow! It's hard to believe summer is around the corner. We're close to a well-deserved break! We are encouraging students to stay focused, follow all directions the first time, give their best effort and take care of equipment. As we near the end of the year, students will be reviewing their favorite games and playing with a variety of equipment. All students will be participating in Field Day, Wednesday, June 12 10-11:30 am. I need approximately 60 volunteers (parents) to run the stations. All volunteers must be approved by the district and Heather Cobb can confirm whether you are or not approved. See a signup opportunity soon! Happy Summer!!!

Stacie and Deanna

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Counselor Corner

Hello McAuliffe Families!

Wow, its June already! Your children have been busy learning so much this year in our counseling lessons! In K – 4th grades during May we focused on problem solving steps and how to play McAuliffe's version of rock, paper, scissors to decide how to solve a problem. (ask your child to teach you!) 5th graders focused on middle school transition and all the fun, exciting parts to look forward to as well as common worries they all have. In June, we'll play a game to review all we learned throughout the year. Here's to a wonderful summer and some relaxing, vacationing, and hanging out at home time. Please let me know if you need any support or have any questions.

Kindly,

Lisa Daniel,

McAuliffe Counselor ldaniel@lwsd.org

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