

McAULIFFE'S  
AMAZING  
RACE

2025-2026

The Race is On!

STAFF FAVORITES



Name: Kailey Branson Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday: July 16<sup>th</sup>

Favorite Meal: Chicken fajitas with chips & Salsa

Favorite Restaurants: Chuy's, 54<sup>th</sup> Street

Favorite Drive-thrus: Chick-fil-a, Panera Bread

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies

Collectibles: anything Dallas Stars or Green Bay Packers

I prefer to be recognized with words

My favorite gift cards are from Amazon, Target, Hobby Lobby,

Half Price Books, Barnes & Noble

Starbucks Order: Caramel Macchiato (iced in summer hot in winter)

Sonic Drink: Vanilla Dr. Pepper with cream

Favorite Candy: Reese's, Kit Kats, Albanese gummy bears

Favorite Treat: cookies, brownies,

Places I Shop: Amazon, Target, Home Goods, Half Price Books

Favorite Snack: Popcorn, Maui Monk pretzels, Reese's animal

Favorite Drink: Coffee, Dr. Pepper crackers

Favorite Places I Travel: Beach- anywhere warm

I love books, my family, my dog (ozzy), anything yellow!

Something Special About Me: I am a brand new mom to

a sweet baby boy (Beckett)!

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Name: Diane Grigg Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday: Aug 21  
Favorite Meal: McCallister's harvest chicken salad / Gluten free bread / chipotle  
Favorite Restaurants: Chipotle, Chuys, Olive Garden,  
Favorite Drive-thrus: Sonic  
Hobbies: reading, walking, spending time with my family  
Collectibles: Ø  
I prefer to be recognized a note of encouragement  
My favorite gift cards are from Amazon, Sonyc, Target, Starbucks  
Starbucks Order: Strawberry Acai refresher, Strawberry Acai lemonade refresher  
Sonic Drink: unsweet tea  
Favorite Candy: Dove dark chocolate  
Favorite Treat: popcorn (anything that is gluten free)  
Places I Shop: Amazon, Target  
Favorite Snack: popcorn / almonds / pirate's booty  
Favorite Drink: unsweet tea  
Favorite Places I Travel: Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma to see my kids.  
I love spending time with family and friends! ♡  
Something Special About Me: I am a mom to 4 grown kids, who are all married, and Nana to 5 little girls. ☺

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Name: Lindsay Long Grade: 2 Birthday: 6-25-81

Favorite Meal: tacos, Greek salad

Favorite Restaurants: Gloria's, Cava, Fuzzy's, Everbowl

Favorite Drive-thrus: Rosa's + Chick-Fil-A + Swig, Sonic

Hobbies: walking, the gym, driving kids, reading

Collectibles: hair clips, lip gloss, headbands, coffee mugs

I prefer to be recognized words, notes, gifts

My favorite gift cards are from Amazon, Sonic, Target, HTeaO

The SPA!! haha!, Gloria's, ChickfilA

Starbucks Order: Green tea w/honey, chi tea w/oat milk latte

Sonic Drink: Water w/lemon + blackberry flavor, Soda water w/limes

Favorite Candy: wild berry purple skittles, sour candy, Mike & Ike's

Favorite Treat: chocolate salted almonds, Gluten free baked goods

Places I Shop: Acai bowls Fair Trade Companies, Lululemon, Athleta, Anthro

Favorite Snack: popcorn, nuts, fruit, cheese

Favorite Drink: soda water w/limes, unsweet peach tea

Favorite Places I Travel: Baja, Mexico, Florida, Arizona, Kansas

I love Jesus! Friends (the show & in my life) my family

Something Special About Me: I am an enneagram 9, peacemaker.

I don't like conflict. I am<sup>an</sup> ~~empath~~ empath, I enjoy

tea + chocolate. I have 4 kids (all girls) My

husband is 10 yrs older! (than me)

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Name: Monica McGowan Grade: 2nd Birthday: March 25<sup>th</sup>

Favorite Meal: McAlister's Deli - Jalapeno Turkey Crunch sandwich with  
Rice chips and a sweet tea with lemon

Favorite Restaurants: Cava, Mi Dia, Mi Cocina, Blue Goose

Favorite Drive-thrus: Rosa's, Chick Fil A, Taco Bueno

Hobbies: Watching my son play sports, FAMILY time, creating class resources

Collectibles: Texas Tech

I prefer to be recognized With words of affirmation & acts of service

My favorite gift cards are from Amazon, Target, Onyx Nail Bar, Altar'd  
State, Woodhouse Dry Spa, AMC gift cards

Starbucks Order: Hot-Cafe Mocha Cold-Pink Drink or Vanilla Sweet Cream  
Cold Brew

Sonic Drink: Vanilla DP or Peach Sweet tea

Favorite Candy: anything chocolate and peanut butter (Reese's)

Favorite Treat: manicure, pedicure, massage

Places I Shop: Amazon, Target, Old Navy, Altar'd State

Favorite Snack: popcorn, crunchy/salty

Favorite Drink: Vanilla DP and sweet tea

Favorite Places I Travel: Italy, California & Florida

I love my family, friends, traveling, my students, and summer.

Something Special About Me: I was a 2nd grader at McAuliffe  
when the school opened. I student taught here in  
2nd grade and have only taught at McA my  
whole career! I 'D McA!

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Name: Caroline Williams Grade: 2 Birthday: May 28

Favorite Meal: sushi, tacos, or salads

Favorite Restaurants: Cava, Euforia's

Favorite Drive-thrus: Chick-Fil-A, Rosas

Hobbies: gardening, friends and family time, <sup>early</sup> morning walks

Collectibles: ornaments, jewelry

I prefer to be recognized words of affirmation or acts of service

My favorite gift cards are from Amazon, Target, Home Goods, Dutch Bros, Onyx Nail Salon

Starbucks Order: choc. cream cold brew or iced green tea w/ peach

Sonic Drink: coke zero w/ fresh lime or unsweet iced tea w/ peach

Favorite Candy: peanut m&ms or twizzlers

Favorite Treat: manicure/pedicure

Places I Shop: anthropologie, nordstrom, Amazon, Target

Favorite Snack: popcorn (not kettle)

Favorite Drink: sparkling water

Favorite Places I Travel: beach or mountains - I love all travel!

I love my family, friends, teaching, and traveling.

Something Special About Me: I have been teaching 15 years!

I have two beautiful daughters (1 and 3 years old).

I am bilingual. I am from the midwest and have lived in Texas for 5 years. I love my students and teaching 