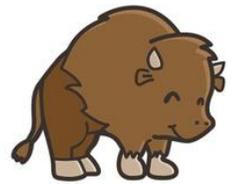


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Kicking off Turkey Food Drive

Please bring food items from now until Nov. 19th to help families in our community. There will be a prize for the class with the most items in pre-k-dg-2 and 3-5. The Turkey Drive is a competition between USD 259 schools! Let's see how many canned food items we can bring!



Cold Days Ahead

It's about to get cold! Please ensure your child is bundled up each day. Send your child with a coat, hat and gloves. We will go outside most days.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 10 No School

Nov. 11 No School

Nov. 13 Chick-Fil-A Night

Nov. 19 Turkey Drive Ends

Nov. 26-28 Fall Break

Dec 22-Jan 2 Winter Break

PTO Meeting
Tue. Dec. 2
4:30
Library

No School
Mon. Nov. 10 &
Tues. Nov. 11

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Help Us Reach Our School Goals

We all play an important role in achieving both individual and school goals.

Thank you for being such wonderful role models for your children and helping set them up for success in life! Here are a few simple ways you can make a big difference:

- **Read daily with your child** to nurture a love for reading and strengthen literacy skills.
- **Practice math for 10–15 minutes each day**—even simple activities like reviewing math facts while driving can help!
- **Model kindness, compassion, gratitude, and empathy** in your everyday interactions.
- **Follow school safety guidelines** to keep everyone safe (use crosswalks with Safety Patrol, show ID when picking up your child, etc.).

Together, we can create a positive, safe, and successful learning environment for every student. Thank you for partnering with us!

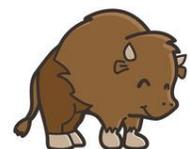
We Value our Families

Do you wish you join your child on a field trip, Field Day, Holiday Party or volunteer in the classroom? We love when our families join us!!!! We also want to ensure precautions are followed to ensure safety for all. Please complete the Volunteer Form each year. Thank you!

<https://www.usd259.org/about-wps/community-engagement/register-now>

PTO "Staff Holiday Dinner Donation"

PTO is organizing donations on MyPaymentsPlus for a Holiday dinner for the McCollom staff. Donations will be applied & go toward providing our staff with their annual holiday appreciation dinner. Thank you, PTO. See the attached flyer 😊



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Reading Challenge

We are excited to launch a simple and fun **At-Home Reading Program** designed to encourage daily reading for all students! Reading every day helps build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of learning—and we want to make it a joyful experience for the whole family.

Here's how it works:

- **Read Daily**

Students are encouraged to read each day at home. They can read independently, with a family member, or listen to someone read aloud. Any type of book counts—fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, chapter books, picture books, etc.

- **Track Your Reading**

Each student will receive a **Reading Log** (Monday) where families can record:
20 book titles/ chapters - Minutes read (Min 15 min)

Return to Mrs. Grant

Once the log is filled with 20 entries, students will return it to the **Mrs. Grant, librarian.**

- **Win WSU Game Tickets!** Every completed log earns the student **one entry into a drawing** for a chance for their family to win **tickets to a WSU game in December!** The more logs completed, the more chances to win. (Drawing is Nov. 21st)
- This is the first of many challenges. More challenges coming!
- **School-Wide Goal**

Our goal is for **every student to read daily** and contribute to a school-wide reading achievement. Let's work together to build strong reading habits and celebrate our progress!

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey. We can't wait to see how many books our students enjoy this season!

