



May 29, 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to June, the final stretch of our school year! The next 12½ school days will be filled with energy, celebration, and fun McAuliffe traditions. Students can look forward to events such as Field Day, the McAuliffe Block Party, our second all school Mariners event, the all school Foam Party, and Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Promotions. I am excited to celebrate another amazing school year with our students and families.

I also want to extend my appreciation to our families for the incredible support you've shown throughout the year. Your volunteer hours in the classroom, support of art instruction, planning and leading PTSA events, and generous contributions to our Fun Run fundraiser have made a meaningful difference in our students' learning experience and the culture of our school. Thank you for helping make our school a place where students feel supported, inspired, and excited to learn. I am truly grateful for each of you and for 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.

Updates/Reminders:

- Summer Parent Communication
- Smarter Balanced Assessment Complete!
- All-School Foam Party: Friday, June 12th
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Take care,

Brady Howden
Principal
Christa McAuliffe Elementary



Summer Parent Communication

Parents will receive two more Principal updates/newsletters prior to the 2026-2027 school year beginning. The first newsletter will come on Wednesday, June 17th (last day of school). This newsletter will outline August dates and events that parents should put on their calendar. The second newsletter will come on Friday, August 14th. This newsletter will include important information for parents to know regarding the 2026-2027 school year. Please be on the lookout for both of these pieces of communication as they will help with you prepare for next year.

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 our 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 in July. Fifth grade science scores will be available in the Fall.

All-School Foam Party: Friday, June 12th

On Friday, June 12th our PTSA will hold an all-school "Foam Party" as a thank you to our students and community for their generous support of our Fun Run Fundraiser. The Foam Party will take place at the end of the school day, from 3:10pm – 3:55pm. Students will have the choice to participate in an extra recess or the Foam Party during this time. Students who participate in the Foam Party should plan on getting wet. As a result, we ask that parents send students in clothes and shoes that are appropriate for such an event (no bathing suits). Students should also pack a towel as well. Attached to this week's Principal Update is a more detailed letter outlining this fun event.

Lexia and Dreambox – Summer Availability

Lexia and Dreambox will be available to students and families until Friday, July 31st. These programs will not be available following this date as the district completes the student rollover process.

Nurse/Medication Reminder

If your student has medications in the health room, you must pick them up by the end of the year or they will be disposed of. Non-lifesaving medications can be picked up at any time. Rescue medications (inhaler, epi-pens, etc.) must stay at school until the end of the day on their last day of school. Please keep this in mind, especially if your child will end their school year before Wednesday, June 17th.

As we think ahead to next year, families of students with Life-Threatening conditions will receive a packet with the forms needed for the new school year. If for some reason you do not receive a packet, forms can be found at the school office, or on the district website [HERE](#).

Regarding next year, all forms and rescue-medications are due before your student can start school on August 31st. Medication can be dropped off at the office the week prior to the start of school (August 24th - August 27th), with the deadline for receiving medications and forms being **Thursday, August 27th**. Families are encouraged to make an appointment with their medical provider asap so they can have all the appropriate forms filled before school starts.

Lost and Found Overflowing

The Lost and Found is overflowing again! As the weather gets warmer we are finding many coats and sweaters left on the playground. Please have your student look in the Lost and Found for missing items before school, at lunch, or after school. Parents are also welcome to come anytime during the day to look for a lost jacket or sweater. The Lost and Found is located in the commons, outside of our gym.

McAuliffe Block Party

Families are invited to celebrate the end of the year on Thursday, June 4th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm at our annual McAuliffe Block Party. There will be music, food for purchase, and opportunities to connect with other McAuliffe students and families. Feel free to bring picnic blankets, chairs, lawn games, and your family and friends. This event will take place rain or shine, either on the blacktop or in the gym/commons. Attached is a flyer with more information about this event. We hope to see you there!

The following vendors will be providing food at the Block Party:

- Rice, Beans, and Happiness (Mexican)
- Levantine Cuisine (Mediterranean)
- Jones Original Barbeque (BBQ)
- Sammamish Cakes By Emily (Sweets)
- Snoqualmie Snow (Shave Ice)
- Fifth Grade Promotion Committee (Drinks and Snacks)

Join the PTSA Board for 2026-2027

McAuliffe is fortunate to have a dedicated, involved, and dynamic PTSA. Our PTSA plans, organizes, and runs many in-school and after school events for our students and families. Their efforts provide enrichment opportunities for our students via assemblies, before and after school clubs, and in-school learning activities. McAuliffe would look very different without our PTSA and the volunteers who support many activities and events that take place throughout the school year.

As we look forward to the 2026-2027 school year, there are still a few unfilled PTSA Board and event chair positions. If you are interested in being involved in our PTSA by leading or supporting an event or PTSA role, please reach out to: nominations@mcauliffeptsa.org. Thank you for considering!

Registration for 2026-2027

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year! Please share this information with any families in your neighborhood who has a school-aged child to register for the 2026-2027 school year or is interested in applying for a variance to attend McAuliffe. Families interested in registering or applying for variance 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>
- Families can apply for a variance at the following link: [LWSD In-District Variance Process](#)

McAuliffe at the Mariners

McAuliffe families are invited to join us at our second "McAuliffe Nights at the Mariners" on Tuesday, June 2nd vs. the New York Mets (6:40pm). The Mariners will be donating a portion of the ticket proceeds in support of Fifth Grade Outdoor Education trip. We hope you will join us at this fun event!



Game Date:

- Tuesday, June 2nd: Mariners vs. New York Mets (6:40pm)

Prices:

- \$25 Main Level (100-level) seats (\$30 with taxes/fees)
- \$15 View Level (300-level) seats (\$19 with taxes/fees)

Purchase Link:

- [McAuliffe Elementary School Mariners Events](#)

June Dates

Included below are the many events and activities taking place throughout the rest of the school year. Please take a moment to read through and update your calendar accordingly.

- June 2: Mariners Night #2 (Fourth Grade Camp Fund Raiser)
- June 4: McAuliffe Block Party (5:30pm-8:00pm)
- June 5: MVP Day
- June 8: PTSA Meeting (2:15pm-3:45pm)
- June 10: Field Day (10:00am-11:30am)
- June 12: All-School Foam Party, (3:10pm-3:55pm)
- June 15: Kindergarten Celebration (2:20pm-3:55pm)
- June 16: Fifth Grade Promotion (2:20pm-3:55pm)
- June 16: Fifth Grade Class Party (After School – See Promotion Committee Communication)
- June 17: All-School Assembly (9:40am)
- June 17: Half-Day, 12:25pm Dismissal



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- 2 Mariner's Night
- 4 PTSA Block Party, 5:30pm-8:00pm
- 5 MVP Day #9, Star Drawing #8, Popcorn Day
- 8 PTSA Board Meeting, 2:15pm-3:45pm
- 10 Field Day, 10:00am-11:30am
- 12 All School Foam Party
- 15 Pass Out Yearbooks
- 15 Kindergarten Celebration, 2:20pm-3:55pm
- 16 Last Chance to Purchase a Yearbook, limited supply
- 16 Fifth Grade Promotion, 2:20pm-3:55pm
- 17 Last Day of School, Assembly 9:40am, 12:25pm Dismissal



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL August 31—9:20am

Music Calling all Culture Bearers and Ambassadors!

As a part of our school's ongoing efforts in Equity, students in 3rd through 5th grade can sign up to help organize and present a cultural celebration that is important to them. This would be an opportunity for you to work on the project together to ensure the best representation of your culture. All celebrations are presented to the school with some celebrations taking place in person, including our Black History Month Assembly and our Fall, Winter, and Spring Cultural Assemblies. If your child is interested in being considered for representing a celebration next year, we would love to have you come alongside your child to help with the research on the celebration. The Student Cultural Survey will be sent out at the end of the summer. Look for it in the Principal Welcome Letter in mid-August!

Musically yours,
~Erynne ejohns@lwsd.org

PE WOW! I can't believe it's June! It has been a great year in PE! Our culminating activity, Field Day is coming! This year it's Wednesday, June 10th, 10-11:30 am. If Field Day is going to be successful, we need parent volunteers, approximately 55-60! If you're approved as a volunteer, consider signing up! **Only volunteers can join us for Field Day.** Look for a detailed invite next week on Parent Square. Thanks so much! Happy Summer!

Stacie

Thanks, Stacie sstrong@lwsd.org

Library Resource

It's time to return your library books! June 2nd 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 10th. 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 at the end of the day on June 10th stating what books your child still has checked out. If you truly believe a book is lost, or so damaged as not to be usable, you can 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. 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](#)

Counselor Corner

Welcome to the end of the year, McAuliffe Families! It's hard to believe another year is almost over. Your children have been busy learning all year during our classroom counselor lessons to be experts in SEL! During end of May and early June it's all about reviewing what we've learned during the year as we play end of year Jeopardy in classrooms! I create Jeopardy games for the grade bands to play during our lesson, and all enjoy this time of fun, reflection, and connection. In 5th grade we'll discuss the transition to middle school and what to expect. This will give our 5th graders the chance to understand that they all have similar feelings of excitement, worry, and curiosity about moving up to middle school. I wish you all a wonderful summer full of fun, relaxation, and memory making. Please reach out if you have any questions or need resources. I look forward to connecting again in August as we look forward to another amazing year at McAuliffe!

Kindly, Lisa Daniel, McAuliffe School Counselor
ldaniel@lwsd.org

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