

September 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited to kick off the school year for 2023-2024! The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 6. For families who are new to McAuliffe, we welcome you to our Lion Family. The staff has worked tirelessly over the last few years to develop academic, athletic and social and emotional programs, practices and standards that meet the needs of all learners. We have some surprises in store for our students this school year which we hope to bring us together as a community of students, staff and parents.

Our Homeroom Student Advisory Period has been revised to provide opportunities for the development of meaningful relationships between students and teachers. We will use this time to develop goals, learn about the six pillars of character and how they are embedded in daily life activities and relationships.

We expect students to try their best. School is meant to be challenging and we are here to support all students at their academic and social emotional levels. Our goal is to work with you and your children side by side during their time here at McAuliffe. Part of that growth and development starts with students coming to school each and every day. Attendance will be a focal point for us this school year and we will work with our families to identify the root causes for chronic absenteeism.

Academically, we will utilize benchmark data points to identify areas where students are struggling and in need of additional support in and out of the classroom. We encourage parents to utilize the Parent Portal to access grades, assessment data, and attendance. We are a team and open communication between the teachers, counselors, administration and parents can only help our students succeed.

Our parent organization, the School and Home Association, is up and running again. We are actively planning to host a school Gift Auction/Bingo Night in the new year. Check out the SHA Facebook page for more information and how to login. We can use all the help we can get!

As always, we encourage parents to reach out to administration, teachers and counselors if there are any problems or concerns you or your child are experiencing. We are here to provide insight and guidance and will continue to work with you for the best interest of your child. It is our pleasure working collaboratively with our parents and community for the betterment of our children.

Yours in education,

Debra Phillips

Principal

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