

# Mary McPherson Elementary

Shannon Murdoch, Principal

Please call in **ALL** attendance to the office at **855-4300**. We will relay information to the teacher.

February 2019

## Roaring Report

### Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7- STEM Night 6-8

Feb. 8-Subway Day,  
100th day of school!

Feb. 14-Ski forms due

Feb. 15-Class Spelling  
Bees

Feb. 18-President's Day-  
No School

Feb. 21-Early Release for  
teacher collaboration

Feb. 22-School Spelling  
Bee

Feb. 22-All Boxtops Due

Feb. 28-Ski Night

March 4-8-Jump Rope  
for Heart

March 7-Kindergarten  
Orientation

March 14-3rd grade mu-  
sic program, 6:30

March 22-No school,  
teacher in-service

March 25-29-Spring  
Break

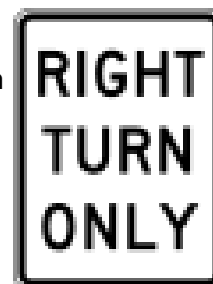
### Kindergarten Orientation and Registration

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 2:00 PM. All students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall at Mary McPherson are welcome to attend. Students will get to tour a kindergarten room, see the library and playground, and get to meet Buster Bus! Please help us to pass along this information to any families who might not have a current student at our school but will have a kindergartner next year. See the attached flyer for more info.

Kindergarten registration will be April 11, by appointment only.

### Right Turn Only!

The east end exit now has a sign for right turns only during drop off and pick up times. If you want to turn left on Amity from our parking lot, we ask that you take a right at the sidewalk and drive slowly through our parking lot to one of the other exits. It is too difficult for our buses to enter the parking lot when cars are trying to turn left at the east exit. We appreciate your help in keeping our parking lot safe for students, buses, and cars.



### End of the Day Transportation Changes

Please make sure you have your end of the day transportation plans set with your student before he/she leaves for school. If a change needs to be made, please contact the school **BEFORE 2:00 PM**. The office gets busy at the end of the day, and it is difficult to get messages to your students when calls come in at the last minute. We cannot guarantee that your child will receive the message when it comes in after 2:00 PM.

### Transfer Requests

Students who do not reside in the Mary McPherson attendance area must fill out a transfer form. In-district and out-of-district requests must be completed and turned in to the office every year for approval. These forms are available at [westada.org](http://westada.org) under the tab Parents and Students. Approval is for one year only and based on enrollment.

### **Lockdown Information**

We recently conducted our lockdown drill with the Ada County Sheriff's Office. When conducting a drill, the school intercoms announce an immediate lockdown throughout the building. Staff lock and barricade doors, turn off lights, and get students out of sight from any doors or windows. Police and administrators go to each classroom assessing the preparedness of staff and students. We do this drill twice a year to make sure everyone knows what to do in an actual lockdown. Our school did very well at following the correct procedures. If you have any questions about the drill, please feel free to send an email or stop by the office to chat.

### **Second Annual Spelling Bee**

We will be having our annual spelling bee Friday, February 22. Classroom spelling bees to determine who qualifies for the grade level spelling bee will be held on February 15. The school spelling bee schedule is:

9:25-10:05- 2nd  
10:05-10:45- 3rd  
10:45-11:25-1st  
LUNCH  
1:30-2:15- 4th  
2:15-3:00 - 5th

**Good luck to all our spellers!**



### **Pennies for Patients**

Our student council is raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We have some families within our school who have been affected by Leukemia, and a family who is currently battling it with their young daughter. Any amount you can donate will help!

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Pennies for Patients program is for schools and students at all grade levels to support the LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds cutting-edge research in an effort to bring an end to blood cancers.

Learn more at [PenniesforPatients.org](http://PenniesforPatients.org).

### **Yearbook Pictures Needed!**

We need your help! In case you didn't know, PTO puts together a yearbook for the school every year. This yearbook will be for sale at a later time and completed and delivered to students the last week of school. We have so many fun and exciting activities going on right now and would love pics throughout the year. Not every photo is guaranteed to be published in the yearbook, but we would love the variety. Please email your photos to:

**[mmeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:mmeyearbook@gmail.com)**

Thanks for your help!





# Mary McPherson Wildcats Kindergarten Orientation

We would like to invite our 2019-20 incoming kindergarteners and their parents to join us on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in our gymnasium.

## What to expect:

- Instructions on how to register for kindergarten
- What documents are needed for registration
- Question & answer time for parents
- Information on tuition (all-day) kindergarten
- School tour including a kindergarten classroom
- Transportation department with a visit from Buster Bus
- Fun activities for our “soon to be” kindergarteners



Kindergarten registration  
April 11<sup>th</sup> **by appointment only.**