

McGraw Elementary

Fostering internationally minded, life-long learners, who all thrive in, and positively shape our global community.

November 19, 2020



Eagle Edition

Nov. 23	Phase 1 - Remote Learning starts
Nov. 25-27	NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
Dec. 2	McGraw night at STUFT!
Dec. 7	PTSO Zoom Meeting 4:00 pm
Dec. 21-Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

Phase 1 Remote Learning: Just a reminder that the district chose to return to Phase 1 – remote learning everyday starting Monday, November 23 through at least Winter Break. There will be communication in the next few weeks for the plan starting in January. Please look for communication from your child's teacher with the daily schedule and tips for a successful transition back to Phase 1. (Early Childhood parents...please see communication from the Early Childhood department so you know what that means for your child).

Just a reminder that our school day will still be 7:45 am - 2:20 pm each day. Teachers will provide a balance of synchronous, asynchronous, and independent activities. Students will not be on the computer all day, but we will be accessing them at different times throughout the day based on need, groups, activity, and grade level. Look for specifics from your child's teacher.

Attendance practices will remain the same: Students will log on at 7:45 am and teachers will take attendance by 8:00 am each day. Starting at 8:30 am, Mrs. Miller will make attendance phone calls home for any student that was not marked absent and that we had not heard from on the attendance line. Please continue to call the attendance line if your student will not be participating in class that day. Be sure to indicate the reason for their absence. Thank you!

Lunch provided at McGraw: McGraw Elementary has been identified as a community location to receive lunch. ALL students are eligible to receive a free lunch. Lunch will be set up outside in the front of McGraw, everyday from 11:00-1:00. It will be curbside pick-up so staff will hand the pre-packaged lunch to families inside their car. Just pull up curbside between 11:00 and 1:00 and we will hand you the number of lunches you need.

Laptop HELP!!! Please help your child understand the importance of protecting their laptop and all electronic devices. McGraw and the district are getting critically low due to the number of laptops that are damaged. Please continue to reach out if something is not working and we will troubleshoot solutions. Many of the issues we see are because it was dropped, students are eating around it and food gets in the keyboard and makes it unusable, liquids are getting spilled, etc. At school, we do very specific teach to's about how to safely carry and use their laptop which includes using two hands when transporting, do not carry it from the screen side, no food/drink etc. anywhere near their workspace. Thank you for your help!

Mental Health Matters: The 6th annual mental health event will be taking place virtually this year on December 3rd from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Please see the attachment in the Eagle Edition email for details on how to 'attend.'

Week 2 Typing Contest update!

- ALL classes had participation this week! Yippee!
- Top classes overall that also had at least 75% participation:
 - 1st place:** Mrs. Barnes 4th grade
 - 2nd place:** Mrs. Behm 3rd grade
 - 3rd place:** Mrs. Phipps 3rd grade
 - 4th place:** Mrs. Smith 2nd grade



Caps4Cash: We are collecting milk caps for the Caps4Cash program again this year from Morning Fresh Dairy. Keep sending your milk caps into school with your child!

AmazonSmile: You can make a difference while you shop during the upcoming holiday season. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/95-0660829 or with AmazonSmile on in the Amazon shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to McGraw Elementary PTSO.

Community Events/Outside of School Events (Please note: Poudre School District or McGraw Elementary does not endorse or take responsibility for programs or activities sponsored by other organizations).

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery: - TONIGHT!!

Schooling at Home Series: Family Social and Emotional Health: November 19 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm FREE

How is your family rolling with the ups and downs of schooling at home? Do you have family breaks? Do you have game nights or do you all run in separate directions after a day of working and learning at home?

Tune in for an informational Zoom webinar with a Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who is an expert in the fields of infant mental health, early childhood mental health, and children and family therapy. We invite you to stay on from 7:30-8:00 where you can enter questions into the chat.

Links to helpful handouts will be made available in both English and Spanish at the time of the presentation. Please click on this link to join – [Zoom – Family Social and Emotional Health](#).

Presented by Poudre River Public Library District. For more information about this event and additional Library programs please visit <https://poudrelibraries.evanced.info/signup>.

<https://fcmo.org/event/schooling-at-home-series-family-social-and-emotional-health/>

Cub Scouts! McGraw PTSO Chartered Cub Scout Pack 116 has a busy Nov, Dec and Jan planned. All are welcome to join cub scouts and help our community with volunteer opportunities and fun.

December pack meeting will be a "socially distanced" food drive and learning about woodworking safety (virtually). Pinewood derby cars will be available for building for our January Pinewood Derby Race.

See our website at: Pack116FortCollins.com or contact Robert@CO-Realty.com. or. 970-372-0691

Yours in Scouting,

Robert and Sterling, Cub Scout Pack 116