MCCOY ELEMENTARY
FAMILY NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear McCoy Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! The start of a new school year is always filled with anticipation, fresh supplies, and bright smiles. Whether you are returning to McCoy or joining our school family for the first time, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome you.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to prepare inviting classrooms, engaging lessons, and safe spaces where every child can feel supported, challenged, and inspired daily.

Strong schools are built on strong partnerships between home and school. We deeply value your collaboration, energy, and shared commitment to your child's success. Together, let's make this our best year yet!

Warmly,

Mrs. Kari Milam

Principal, McCoy Elementary

HELPING OUR YOUNG LEARNERS BUILD INDEPENDENCE

To help our students feel comfortable as they transition into a new school year, families are warmly invited to walk their children directly to their classrooms during the first week of school as needed.

Starting Monday, August 24, we kindly ask that families say their goodbyes at drop-off and allow our staff to guide students to class. This gentle shift helps our younger students build confidence, practice independence, and settle smoothly into their morning routines. Thank you for your partnership in making this a successful start for everyone!

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DROP OFF & PICK UP

As we prepare for a wonderful school year, we want to share our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures to ensure a safe and smooth experience for all students.

Morning Arrival Procedures

- 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM – Morning Drop-Off Window: All students should be dropped off in the car line between 7:30 AM and 7:55 AM. Once dropped off, students may either come inside to eat breakfast or head out to the playground.
- 7:55 AM – First Bell: The morning bell rings for students to head to their classrooms.
- 8:00 AM – Tardy Bell: The tardy bell rings at 8:00 AM and classes begin.

We kindly ask that you try your hardest to get your child to school on time every day so they do not miss crucial instruction or disrupt morning routines.

Late Arrivals: If your child arrives after 7:55 AM, please park in the front lot and walk them inside to check them in at the front office.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

- Kindergarten through 3rd Grade: ALL K–3 students will be picked up in the car line.
- Pre-Kindergarten: Pre-K students will be picked up at the front of the school in the cafeteria.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our drop-off and pick-up processes efficient and safe for everyone!

SCHOOL SAFETY & SAFETY DRILLS

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. During the first four weeks of school, we will conduct weekly safety drills, including fire evacuations and "Secure" drills (used for potential dangers outside the building; during a Secure drill, learning continues inside as normal, but no one is permitted outside).

Additionally, all visitors must check in at the front office with a valid photo ID before entering the building at any time. Thank you for helping us keep McCoy safe!



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CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS: SOCIAL CONTRACT

At McCoy Elementary, our school follows the Capturing Kids' Hearts framework as we work together to build true "kids of character."

All staff members at McCoy are focused on creating safe, supportive environments where every student can learn and grow. As part of this process, each classroom is working together as a team to create a Social Contract. This agreement outlines the shared expectations and social norms the class chooses to live by throughout the year. Your child's teacher will share their classroom contract with you soon so you are familiar with the expectations, too.

Additionally, our campus will focus on a different monthly character trait to empower our students. Learners who excel in modeling these traits will be recognized and celebrated throughout the year!

We look forward to partnering with you to nurture a positive, thriving culture for all our students.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – DROP-OFF BEGINS
7:55 AM – FIRST BELL
8:00 AM – TARDY BELL
3:00 PM – DISMISSAL

LUNCH & RECESS SCHEDULE

KINDERGARTEN: 11:15AM – 11:45 AM
1ST GRADE: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
2ND GRADE: 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM
3RD GRADE- 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

AUGUST CALENDAR

- Monday, August 10: All Staff Returns
- Thursday, August 13: The Tiger Summit
- Thursday, August 13: Kindergarten Meet & Greet 12:30-3:30
- Friday, August 14: First Day of Kindergarten!
- Monday, August 17: First Day of School for all other students- PreK, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- Tuesday, September 1: McCoy PTO Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Friday, August 28: Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off
- Tuesday, September 1: PTO Meeting at McCoy 3:30



Welcome to

CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS

Your child's schoolbelieves in the importance of establishing an environment where every student feels valued. We will all be working together to build a high-performing school culture where students know they are loved and are challenged to grow.

DEAR FAMILIES:

At Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH), we believe that it's an entire community's responsibility to help equip and empower students to grow into adults who are ready to***lead with heart***.We also know how challenging it can be to create intentional time and space to help grow students' leadership skills and prepare them for success. The truth is, it's never too early (or late) to start, and we are here to help!

This year, we will be working directly with:

- STUDENTSthrough lessons and activities that equip them with ways to understand, practice, or reflect on their leadership skills, their relationships with others, and their potential impact on the community.

- STAFF MEMBERS to flex new muscles and intentionally lean into processes that help lower student anxiety and maximize performance. We know that students learn more through connection!

- FAMILIESto link arms with you at home. Each month you will receive a newsletter from your school and Capturing Kids' Hearts that aligns with a monthly theme.

These newsletters include ideas, challenges, and activities to help you connect, reflect, and grow as a family.

Each family newsletter will:

- Define and explain the focused character trait for the month.
- Provide you with ideas and activities to help you grow your child's character.
- Equip you with conversation starters you can use to talk with your child and make their learning personal and relevant.

Get started this month with the first family newsletter. We are excited to be on this journey with you!

We are BETTER Together,
Your Friends at Capturing Kids' Hearts

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Bienvenidos a

CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS

La escuela de tuhijo cree enla importanciade establecer un ambiente donde cada estudiante se siente valorado. Todos estaremos trabajando juntos para construir una cultura escolar de alto rendimiento donde estudiantes saben que son amados y son desafiados a crecer.

QUERIDAS FAMILIAS:

En CapturingKids' Hearts(CKH), creemos que es la responsabilidad de la comunidad entera a ayudar en equipar y empoderar a estudiantes crecer a adultos que están listos para liderar con corazón. También sabemos que tan desafiante puede ser para reservar un tiempo y espacio intencional para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de liderazgo de los estudiantes y prepararlos para tener éxito. La verdad es que nunca es demasiado temprano (o tarde) para empezar, ¡y aquí estamos para ayudar!

Este año, estaremos trabajando directamente con:

- ESTUDIANTESpor medio de lecciones y actividades que los equipa con maneras de entender, practicar, y reflexionar en sus habilidades de liderazgo, sus relaciones con otros, y su impacto potencial en la comunidad.

- FUNCIONARIOS para flexionar nuevos músculos e inclinarse intencionalmente en procesos que ayudan para bajar la ansiedad estudiantil y maximizar su rendimiento. ¡Sabemos que los estudiantes aprenden mas

- FAMILIASpara enlazar los brazos contigo en la casa. Cada mes, vas a recibir un boletín de tu escuela y de CapturingKids' Heartsque alinea con un tema del mes.

Estos boletines incluyen ideas, desafíos, y actividades que pueden ayudarte a relacionar, reflexionar, y crecer como una familia.

Cada boletín familiar va a:

- Definir y explicar el rasgo de carácter enfocado para el mes.
- Proveerte con ideas y actividades que te ayudarán a desarrollar el carácter de tu hijo.
- Equiparte con iniciadores de conversación que puedes usara para hablar con tu hijo y hacer que su aprendizaje sea personal y relevante.

Empieza este mes con el primer boletín familiar. ¡Estamos emocionados para estar en este camino contigo!

Somos MEJOR Juntos,
Tus Amigos de CapturingKids' Hearts

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McCoy Elementary PTO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026-2027

August

8/13 – Kinder Meet and Greet
8/14 – 1st Day of School (Kinder, Tears and Cheers)
8/28 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff

September

9/1 – 1st PTO Meeting
9/18 – FroYo Friday

October

10/6 – PTO Meeting
10/9 – Harvest Carnival
10/16 – FroYo Friday
10/22-23 – Parent Teacher Conference / Fundraiser Pickup

November

11/10 – PTO Meeting
11/13 – FroYo Friday
11/21-29 – Thanksgiving Break

December

12/1 – PTO Meeting
12/9-11 – Christmas Store
12/15-16 – Christmas Store
12/19-1/1/27 – Winter Break

January

1/12 – PTO Meeting
1/22 – FroYo Friday

February

2/2 – PTO Meeting
2/19 – FroYo Friday
2/26 – Kickoff Assembly

March

3/2 – PTO Meeting
3/11 – Literacy Night
3/12 – FroYo Friday

April

4/6 – PTO Meeting (Officer Elections)
4/16 – FroYo Friday

May

5/3-7 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
5/14 – FroYo Friday
5/28 – Last Day of School

Reminders

PTO MEETINGS ARE AT 3:30 IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

We are only as successful as we are supported. Your participation makes all the difference!

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August 2026

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Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	**4** MAIN ENTREE • Breakfast Pizza • Hot Honey Chicken Biscuit Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Breakfast Bento Bites Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**5** MAIN ENTREE • Blueberry Muffin • Egg and Chorizo Breakfast Burrito COLD ALT ENTREE • Strawberry Banana Smoothie Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**6** MAIN ENTREE • MTO WAFFLE BAR • Homestyle Waffles • Waffles Pancake & Waffle Bar Toppings • Blueberries • Fresh Strawberries • Fresh Banana • Raisins • Syrup • Topping, Whipped Creamy Aerosol • Spiced Apple Topping • Apple Sliced Compote • Peach Compote • Sausage Egg & Cheese Pocket COLD ALT ENTREE • Extreme Strawberry Parfait • Homemade Cinnamon Raisin Granola Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**7** MAIN ENTREE • Breakfast Chilaquiles • Sausage & Egg Pancake Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Cinnamon Ultimate Breakfast Round Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange
10 MAIN ENTREE • Bacon & Cheese Frittata Cup • Turkey Sausage Biscuit Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Apple Frudel Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**11** MAIN ENTREE • Stuffed French Toast Bake • Breakfast Burrito COLD ALT ENTREE • Bagel • Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**12** MAIN ENTREE • Frosted Cinnamon Rolls • Pancake Sausage on a Stick COLD ALT ENTREE • Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**13** LoadedScramble Bar • Cheesy Scrambled Eggs BYO Scramble Bowl_Toppings • Seasoned Home Fries • Fresh Housemade Salsa • Jalapenos • Salsa • Apple Spiced Pocket • Potato Rounds COLD ALT ENTREE • Blueberry Overnight Oats Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**14** MAIN ENTREE • Scratch Biscuits with Sausage Gravy • Sausage & Egg Waffle Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Banana Bread Squares Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange
17 MAIN ENTREE • Ham, Egg & Cheese Muffinwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Whole Grain Donut Ring Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**18** MAIN ENTREE • Breakfast Flatbread • Green Chile & Potato Breakfast Quesadilla COLD ALT ENTREE • Mini Bagels with Strawberry Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**19** MAIN ENTREE • Banana Muffin • Turkey Sausage Egg & Cheese Burrito COLD ALT ENTREE • Cinnamon Roll Smoothie Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**20** MTOPANCAKE BAR • Whole Grain Pancakes Pancake & Waffle Bar Toppings • Blueberries • Fresh Strawberries • Fresh Banana • Syrup • Topping, Whipped Creamy Aerosol • Spiced Apple Topping • Apple Sliced Compote • Peach Compote • Pear Compote • Spinach Egg & Cheese Pocket COLD ALT ENTREE • Banana Apple Muffin Trifle Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**21** MAIN ENTREE • Breakfast Tater Tot Nachos • Egg & Cheese Breakfast Bagel COLD ALT ENTREE • Homemade Cinnamon Raisin Granola • Blueberry Parfait Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange
24 JUMP-START PLATTER • Whole Grain Pancakes • Turkey Sausage Patty • Cheesy Scrambled Eggs • Egg & Cheese Muffinwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Cinni Mini Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange • Syrup Cup	**25** MAIN ENTREE • Bake Apple Cinnamon French Toast • Hot Honey Chicken Biscuit Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Breakfast Bento Bites Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**26** MAIN ENTREE • Frosted Cinnamon Rolls • Egg and Chorizo Breakfast Burrito COLD ALT ENTREE • Blueberry Bliss Smoothie Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**27** MAIN ENTREE • MTO WAFFLE BAR • Homestyle Waffles Pancake & Waffle Bar Toppings • Blueberries • Fresh Strawberries • Fresh Banana • Raisins • Syrup • Topping, Whipped Creamy Aerosol • Spiced Apple Topping • Apple Sliced Compote • Peach Compote • Pear Compote • Sausage Egg & Cheese Pocket COLD ALT ENTREE • Strawberry and Yogurt Parfait • Homemade Cinnamon Raisin Granola Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange	**28** MAIN ENTREE • Bacon Florentine Omelet 2 Go • Sausage & Egg Pancake Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Homemade Breakfast Cookie Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange
31 MAIN ENTREE • Veggie Breakfast Bowl • Turkey Sausage Biscuit Sandwich COLD ALT ENTREE • Apple Frudel Fresh Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Banana • Fresh Orange				

August 2026

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Lunch

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 MAIN ENTREE • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Tomato Soup GRILL • Cheese Pizza DELI • Buffalo Chicken Caesar Salad • Bento Bites: BYO Pizza • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll SIDES • Carrots w/Dill • Herbed Tomatoes • Garden Side Salad	15
16	17 MAINENTREE • Gumbo w/ Chicken • Cajun Brown Rice GRILL • Popcorn Chicken DELI • Vegetarian Chef Salad • Baked Whole Grain Roll • Turkey & Cheese Deluxe Hoagie SIDES • Garlic Roasted Potatoes • Cucumber • Garden Side Salad	18 NACHO/TACO BAR • Beef Taco Meat • Shredded Cheese • Corn Tortilla BYO Nacho/Taco Toppings • Romaine Lettuce • Fresh Tomatoes • Jalapenos • Red Onion • Cilantro • Green Onion • Fresh Housemade Salsa • Sour Cream • Salsa GRILL • Hamburger DELI • Tuna Salad • Cobb Salad • Whole Grain Bread SIDES • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Seasoned Black Beans • Elote Salad • Garden Side Salad	19 MAIN ENTREE • Teriyaki Chicken • 5 Spice Brown Rice GRILL • Sonoran Dog DELI • Vegetarian Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips • Italian Hoagie • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll SIDES • Orange Glazed Carrots • Celery Sticks • Garden Side Salad	20 MAINENTREE • Beef & Noodles with Cream Sauce • Seasoned Breadstick GRILL • Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich DELI • Ham and Cheese Chef Salad • Ham & Cheese Hoagie • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll SIDES • Roasted Brussels Sprouts • Fresh Baby Carrots • Garden Side Salad	21 LoadedFries • Seasoned French Fries • Shredded Beef • Yellow Cheese Sauce • Housemade Ranch Dressing GRILL • Sausage Pizza DELI • Buffalo Chicken Caesar Salad • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Bento Bites: BYO Pizza SIDES • Garlicky Braised Kale • Herbed Tomatoes • Garden Side Salad	22
23	24 MAINENTREE • Homestyle Waffles • Roasted Chicken Thigh GRILL • Chicken Tenders DELI • Vegetarian Chef Salad • Turkey & Cheese Deluxe Hoagie SIDES • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Garlic Mashed Potatoes • Cucumber • Garden Side Salad	25 MAINENTREE • Chicken Pot Pie Over Biscuit GRILL • Cheeseburger DELI • Cobb Salad • Tuna Salad • Whole Grain Bread • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll SIDES • Carrots w/Dill • Red Bell Pepper • Garden Side Salad	26 MAIN ENTREE • Orange Chicken GRILL • Hot Dog on Bun DELI • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Vegetarian Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips • Italian Hoagie SIDES • 5 Spice Brown Rice • Sesame Green Beans • Fresh Broccoli • Garden Side Salad	27 GRILL • Chicken Patty Sandwich DELI • Ham and Cheese Chef Salad • Ham & Cheese Hoagie • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll VEGETARIAN OPTION • Cheesy Baked Penne SIDES • Garlic Breadstick • Lemon Parmesan Roasted Broccoli 1 • Fresh Baby Carrots • Garden Side Salad	28 MAIN ENTREE • Homestyle Macaroni and Cheese with Shredded Beef GRILL • Pepperoni Pizza DELI • Buffalo Chicken Caesar Salad • Bento Bites: BYO Pizza SIDES • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Sweet Potato Waffle Fries • Herbed Tomatoes • Garden Side Salad	29
30	31 MAIN ENTREE • Baked Chicken GRILL • Chicken Nuggets DELI • Turkey & Cheese Deluxe Hoagie • Vegetarian Chef Salad SIDES • Seasoned Baked Whole Grain Roll • Tater Tots • Cucumber • Garden Side Salad					

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