

BEEHIVE HERALD

McGaughey Elementary School

AUGUST 2022



Welcome to McGaughey Elementary School and the 2022-2023 school year! We are very excited to get the upcoming school year started soon.

A nurturing, family friendly environment with academic excellence for all students is the culture that we strive for at McGaughey. This year, McGaughey Busy Bees will follow the motto of **"Be the Best You Can Be!"** All students will be encouraged to follow the 3R's: **Be Ready, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.**

Students will be taught the 3R's across all settings of the school. We have many opportunities planned to practice these expectations as well as to celebrate our success in achieving the 3R's!

This issue of the Beehive Herald contains vital information related to school policy and procedure. McGaughey staff feel that these rules and policies are vital to the health and wellbeing of all students. Please review all information in the Beehive Herald, as well as all other information you will receive via mail and email as well.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at ethellh@mtzschools.org or at 217.864.2711. I'm looking forward to a great school year!

First Week of School

PreK	Kindergarten	1st Grade/ASPIRE
<p>*Parents and students are invited to attend PreK Orientation on Monday, August 22nd. The AM class is to attend from 8:00-9:00AM. The PM class is to attend from 9:30-10:30AM.</p> <p>*The first full day for PreK attendance will be Tuesday, August 23rd. AM PreK hours will be 8:00-10:30AM. PM Pre-K hours will be 12:00-2:30PM.</p>	<p>*Parents and students are invited to attend an evening Kindergarten Open House on Monday, August 15th from 4:00-5:30PM. Students can bring their school supplies, see their classroom and meet their teacher.</p> <p>*Students first day of attendance is Tuesday, August 16th with an 11:35AM dismissal time. There will be no food service on this day.</p>	<p>*Parents and students are invited to attend an evening 1st Grade & ASPIRE Open House on Monday, August 15th from 6:00-6:30PM. Students can bring their school supplies, see their classroom and meet their teacher.</p> <p>*Students first day of attendance is Tuesday, August 16th with an 11:35AM dismissal time. There will be no food service on this day.</p>

Student Dress Code: Students at McGaughey should wear clothing that will encourage play, safety, and comfortable learning. The following are guidelines to follow:

- *Properly fitting clothing should be worn.
- *Refrain from wearing items of clothing that reveal bare backs and midriffs.
- *Shirts with shoulder straps should be 1-1/2" in width
- *Girls should wear skorts or shorts under a skirt/dress (students' recess activities may be limited if they are wearing only a skirt/dress)
- ***Tennis shoes must be worn for PE every day.** Students will be asked to sit out due to safety risks if they do not have tennis shoes.
- *Please avoid flip flops due to safety risks at recess.

PE and Recess Guidelines

- *Students can be excused from participation in PE and recess with a note from a parent/guardian for up to 3 consecutive days or less. If a student needs longer than 3 days, the student will need a note from a doctor.
- *Students that cannot participate will be allowed to sit outside during recess. They may bring a book, game, or activity from the classroom to play with a friend.
- *A note from the doctor must also be provided prior to the student participating in PE and recess that states the student can participate.

Please review the McGaughey Handbook (pages 6 & 7) for full Recess Guidelines.

Absences & Student Illness

Attendance is vital to your child's social and academic development. However, there are times when your child may be too sick to attend school. Please follow the guidelines below and keep your student home if any of the following symptoms are present:

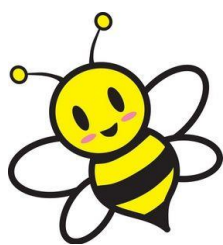
- *Illness that prevents child from participating in daily activities comfortably
- *Fever 100.4 degrees or more
- *Lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing
- *Vomiting twice or more in 24 hours
- *Diarrhea
- *Mouth sores accompanied by drooling
- *Pink eye and/or white or yellow discharge from the eye
- *Impetigo (skin infection marked by a weepy, scaly, or crusty rash until 24 hours after treatment)
- *Strep throat until 24 hours after treatment
- *Head lice until the child is free of nits (the school nurse will check the child before he/she can return to the classroom)
- *Chicken pox until 5 days after the rash appears or until all lesions have dried and crusted.

Please call the school office at 217.864.2711 prior to 9:00AM when your child will be absent. You may leave a message prior to 7:30AM.

McGaughey Student Expectations

On the Playground:	In the Lunchroom:	On the Bus:
Be Ready! *Whistle, watch, walk *Line up by your teacher *Wear appropriate clothing	Be Ready! *Wait patiently *Be quick *Stay seated	Be Ready! *Look & listen for your bus *Face forward *Be seated
Be Responsible! *Follow directions *Play safe *Use equipment properly	Be Responsible! *Follow directions *Accept consequences *Ask permission *Clean up	Be Responsible! *Walk to your seat *Stay seated *Keep the bus clean
Be Respectful! *Use kind words *Honor others space & things *Be a good sport *Take turns *Include others	Be Respectful! *Use inside voices *Raise your hand *Use table manners *Honor others space and food	Be Respectful! *Use inside voices *Greet your driver *Use kind words *Honor others space

Please be sure to review our McGaughey Parent/Guardian Handbook for specific information regarding our arrival and dismissal procedures. It is very important that these procedures are followed to ensure the safety of all of our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 217.864.2711 or ethellh@mtzschoools.org.

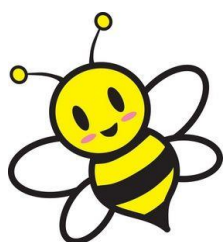


McGaughey Elementary 3 R's

**Be Ready!

**Be Responsible!

**Be Respectful!



Upcoming Dates

- August 3rd: Onsite Registration 12:00-6:00PM
- August 15th: Teacher Institute Day (No School)
- August 15th: Kindergarten Open House 4:00-5:30PM
- August 15th: 1st Grade & ASPIRE Open House 6:00-6:30PM
- August 16th: First Day of Student Attendance
11:35AM Dismissal
- August 17th: First Full Day of School
- August 22nd: PreK Orientation
AM PreK 8:00-9:00AM
PM PreK 9:30-10:30AM
- August 23rd: First Day of PreK Attendance
AM PreK 8:00AM-10:30AM
PM PreK 12:00PM-2:30PM
- September 5th: Labor Day-No School
- September 16th: Hike for the Hive @ 9:00AM