



Metcalfe Elementary School

August 2, 2021

Principal Corner

Dear Metcalfe Families,

Wow, what a wonderful first week of school! Our halls were buzzing with the sounds of new shoes, new teachers, sharpening pencils, opening fresh crayons, and reuniting with old friends. Thank you so much for all of your participation, support, and patience throughout the week.

As we move into August, we have many exciting things going on. We will be focusing on literacy! Students will be assessed in DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). This assessment is given three times a year to measure growth in reading. We will be doing some special read alouds in classrooms, reading challenges at home and at school, and hosting a Literacy Night. More information will be coming home soon!

Metcalfe Elementary will continue to participate in the Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Challenge. The Ronald McDonald House has helped many families in our community, and we would like to help in return. Metcalfe is always one of the leading schools in this competition because our families and community are so thoughtful and diligent. A quart size bag equals approximately one pound. Each pound helps families stay closer to an ill child. Save those pop tabs and help our school with this worthwhile community service project.

Thank you for choosing Metcalfe as your child's school! As always, we welcome any questions or concerns.

Chelsea Adams
Principal

A Pearl to Ponder

Beginning a new school year can be a big change in each family's routine. Change can be difficult, and mindset is so important. Some things to remember:

- It's okay to have a bad day.
- Tomorrow is a new day.
- Small steps lead to big results.
- Practice makes progress.
- It's okay to make mistakes.
- It's okay to ask for help.
- You can make today great.
- You are loved just the way you are.
- Everyone is equally important.
- Kindness is contagious.
- The present moment is all we have.
- We can always turn things around.

Please reach out if we can help with anything!



Upcoming Events

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| August 4th | Early Release Day - Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM. |
| August 6th | Metcalfe T-Shirt Orders are due |
| August 11th | Picture Day - Bring your smile! Picture packets with more information will be sent home soon. |
| August 25th | Early Release Day - Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM.
Literacy Night - Be our guest! More information will be sent home soon. |
| August 27th | Fired Up Friday - These are our assembly days. Please have your child wear red and black if possible. |

Other Information

Parking Lot – As you know, our parking at Metcalfe is very limited. We apologize for this inconvenience. With extra caution and extra patience, we can drop off and pick up safely. We all love our students, and safety is crucial.

Drop Off - Students riding in personal vehicles may be dropped off in the drop-off lane closest to the school on the West side of the building between 7:40 and 8:10. There are monitors available to help students out of vehicles and to help pedestrians in the crosswalk. Please drive slowly, and be aware of pedestrians. Please use designated crosswalks available on the north and west sides if you are parking and walking your child to the door.

Pick Up - All students are dismissed at 2:30. Kindergarten students must be signed out in the MPR. Please park to pick up your child; additional parking is available at Fairbanks Middle School. Please do not leave vehicles unattended near the median. Please drive slowly, and be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Please use designated crosswalks available on the north and west sides.