

The McComb Reader

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McComb students and staff participated in a district wide day of fun on November 24th prior to Thanksgiving break. Staff members had the opportunity to lead something that is an interest/hobby of theirs and students had the opportunity to sign up for various activities. At the elementary, students in grades K-6 took part in 3-4 rotations in their grade levels where they got to enjoy a different activity led by elementary staff. Some of the activities were: making thanksgiving crafts, learning a thanksgiving song, playing minute-to-win-it games,



making giant snowflakes, painting ornaments, playing bingo and Wii, learning origami, making a candy corn catapult, escape room, thanksgiving freeze dance, thanksgiving price is right, mad libs, zoom in games, Mario Kart tournament, coloring, board games, and capture the flag. Some of the activities students in grades 7-12 participated in included: making paracord bracelets, rock painting, coloring, puzzles and card/board games, line dancing, playing cornhole and

rugby, making of cultural crafts and foods like tamales, making yogurt and cheese or stuffed shells and rice krispie treats, learning metal detecting, playing guitar and wildlife trapping, blending essential oils, and making tie blankets for charitable donation. This was a wonderful day for the students and



staff. It was a much needed day of connection, laughter and an opportunity to recharge for both students and staff. The building and hallways were filled with laughter, big smiles, and happiness. As a Leader-in-Me district it is important to take time for Habit 7: Sharpening the Saw. Sharpening the saw is taking time for physical, social/emotional, and mental self-renewal. This day of fun did just that! Fun and learning was had by all and we cannot wait to do another fun day this school year!



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From the Office of the Superintendent

Connecting Without WiFi

I'll never take for granted all the advances in technology and how much more convenient our lives have become. If I started making a list, I am not sure if I would ever be able to stop. But do those same conveniences have consequences?

This past summer while camping, I listened to a couple of kids walk down the campground paths complaining about the limited WiFi access and how they were not able to connect very well to use social media. I've been to restaurants and heard patrons seated nearby ask staff what WiFi passwords were before a server even took drink orders.

Signage on most doors to retail stores, businesses, medical facilities, hotels, and yes, even campgrounds, advertise WiFi networks and passwords. Why does our culture feel the need or urgency to stay so connected to WiFi?

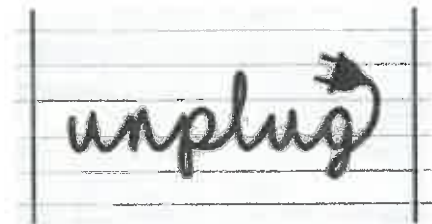
Are we worried we may miss the next "flash in the pan" news cycle? Do we need to catch up on the opinions of others (regardless of their credibility) on social media? Are gaming apps being launched simply to keep children entertained?

My hope for all of us moving into 2021 is to double down your efforts on connectivity **WITHOUT** WiFi. I encourage all of you to connect on a personal level starting with yourself and your family. Connect with those around you as friends and neighbors.

Being a positive role model for children is difficult. You are the unsung hero. Your actions often go unpraised. Your affection and grace often go unnoticed. But you ARE one of the most valuable assets in our community.

Happy New Year!

Mr. Fenstermaker



No Contact, Non-Food Give Away.

McComb Presbyterian Church is hosting a Non-Food Pantry Give away
January 20, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
at 100 South Church Street.

This is a no contact give away. People will be able to drive up in their cars, open their trunks and the items will be placed in the trunk.

Items available will be laundry detergent, toilet paper and other non-food essentials.

THANK YOU

Thank you Jackson, Pleasant, Portage, and Blanchard Townships for both the supplies and monetary donations to help support McComb School.

General Information

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Class of 2023 Fundraising Dinner

The sophomore class will be hosting a dinner on January 29th, 2021.

The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, baked potato, dessert, and water.

It will be a drive thru pick up from 3:30-6:30pm at the door behind the school cafeteria.

The ticket price will be \$9.00.

If interested in purchasing tickets, contact any sophomore or Mrs. Florence or Mrs. Stratton.

JUNIOR CLASS CHICKEN DINNER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1/2 BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

BAKED POTATO

APPLE SAUCE

ROLL

DRIVE THRU PICK-UP

AT DOOR #7 ONLY

FROM 3:30-5:30 PM

TICKETS ARE \$9.00 EACH

McComb School will be moving to Instant Connect for Notifications

Instant Connect is linked to the McComb One-View Parent Portal. Phone numbers and email addresses will automatically be populated to send out notifications. **Please be sure to check your OneView Parent Portal and make sure phone numbers and email addresses are current.**

For those in the community without a OneView Parent portal account, more information will be sent out about how to sign up for Instant Connect messages through the school website. This will replace the Ohio Alerts system that is currently used.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this year's "College Credit Plus Night" will be virtual. A video with PowerPoint will be posted to the McComb website on January 20th for parents and students to watch at their convenience. Any 7-12th grade student wanting to participate in a college credit plus (CCP) course for the 2021-2022 school year either at McComb, Millstream or at another institution of higher education must watch the video and complete the necessary 'Intent to Participate' form and return it to Mrs. Becker by May 1st, 2021. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Becker, High School Counselor.

High/Middle School Information



Message from Principal Herr

Growing up, I played three sports in high school. It seemed almost like an expectation within both my household and at our school. I enjoyed all three sports and though I saw more team success on the football field, I excelled individually on the mound during baseball season. I had (and still do) a wicked two-finger curve ball and averaged at least a half dozen strikeouts per game. Batters hated that pitch, but if I leaned on it too much, especially later in a game, I would hang it and better hitters could swing for the fences.

Let's be honest – the year 2020 has thrown all of us curveballs! We've struck out much of the year as it has unfolded. Our focus in education has shifted a bit compared to other years. We still want to provide a quality education but are more in tune with other needs, arguably more important needs. We are looking at the whole child (physically, mentally, and emotionally). I feel more than other years we must lean on parents to form a much-needed partnership to make each child's education more effective. There is also a greater dependence on students to find intrinsic value to their education. Teachers have learned and are still learning new ways to deliver instruction. Students have learned and are still learning new ways to study and receive information. Some things have worked, and others have not - but we keep swinging. I feel as though we are near the end of the game and eventually, the curve ball thrown will be one we can take to the fences. Let's hope that 2021 will give us that opportunity.

12/31/2020
@ 11:59.59 PM



13/01/2020
@ 12:00.00 AM



Have a blessed 2021!

Mr. Jeremy J. Herr
7-12 Grade Principal
McComb Local Schools



Positive Panther Trip

Even though COVID has provided an obstacle for going on Positive Panther Trips, that did not stop the middle school from bringing this "trip" to the school. Students worked hard the 1st nine weeks and still deserved to be rewarded for their efforts. Any student who had less than 4 missing homework

assignments, no discipline write-ups, and great attendance got to watch a Christmas movie in the auditorium with popcorn and a drink provided and a mini concession stand to enjoy. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. The students enjoyed it!



Middle School Academic and Arts Students of the Month

Academic

7th grade- Caroline Bryan

Caroline sets a good example for her peers as she is always polite and considerate of others. She is organized and participates in class daily. Her work is always on time and of a high quality. Congratulations Caroline!

7th grade- Grady Schroeder

Grady exhibits all characteristics of a model student. He is polite, well-behaved, participates in class and has excellent work ethic. He is an asset to all classes. Way to go Grady!

8th grade- Catalina Jimenez

Catalina is a quiet leader who has a hard work ethic. She continues to push herself academically and never settles for anything less. She is always a good example for others and is kind. Keep it up Catalina!

8th grade- McKenzie Siferd

McKenzie is a leader by example student who always has her work completed. She strives for high quality work. She is dependable in class and has a positive attitude. Congratulations McKenzie!

Arts

7th grade- Brayden Heller

Brayden always comes to choir with a positive attitude, and is friendly to all. He tries his best in class on a consistent basis. His work ethic does not go unnoticed. Way to go Brayden!

7th grade- Caleb Robinette

Caleb is a very hard worker and his efforts are appreciated. He is consistent and always knows his part. He is a very strong player for a 7th grader. Congratulations Caleb!

8th grade- Trace Bryan

Trace tries his best consistently in Choir and has a positive attitude. He is a leader among his peers and his work ethic is appreciated. Keep up the good work Trace!

8th grade- Joseph Alvarado

Joseph has shown great leadership this year in band and is always eager to learn. He especially stepped up the week of the concert and did it all with a smile. Way to go Joseph!



Elementary School Information



Message from Principal Jackson

January 1, 2020 was a new beginning. If you are like me, you anticipated the new year with hope and enthusiasm. And then? Covid hit. Anxiety and uneasiness; maybe even fear accompanied the Covid pandemic. We simply don't like things that are beyond our control!

I have listened as so many have made it clear that they cannot wait for 2020 to come to an end. The truth is that none of us know what lies ahead in 2021. But the one element that continually keeps us going? Hope. As long as we have hope that those things out of our circle of control will not consume us, will not defeat us, and that perhaps those elements will actually make us stronger, we cannot lose.

What IS within our Circle of Control? One of our habits says, "Begin with the end in mind". THIS we can control: Having a plan, setting goals, being visionary, establishing our mission statements for the year...all of these provide the path for a healthier, happier 2021. THIS is what we are about at McComb Elementary. We continue to push our staff and students to live the habits of Leader in Me everyday. Why not start the new year with "beginning with the end in mind"? We want our students to be successful, but more importantly, to claim small victories each day.

Maybe this is something you could instill at home; beginning with the end in mind by establishing personal as well as family goals. Perhaps develop a family mission statement for the year. Be accountable to each other and look for those small victories each day. THIS is my hope for each of our students and their families. Embrace each day with hope and enthusiasm. Happy, Blessed New Year 2021!

Noteworthy news items:

We have added a new section of kindergarten for the second semester. Miss Lindsey Hall, the long term substitute for Mrs. Dawn Hunt during the first semester, will remain with us for the rest of this academic year. This provides us the opportunity to downsize two large kindergarten classes and allow for all three sections to be provided with more one to one instruction. Welcome, Miss Hall!

Ms. Kirsten Long will be remaining in the Title I position for the remainder of the year. She continues to provide valuable support and intervention in our Title program.



Thanks to the CARES Act Mini-Library Grant, our school was able to purchase Sora for our K-8th grade students. Students are able to check out eBooks/Audiobooks with the Sora reading program. Information on how to access Sora can be found on our McComb School Webpage.

McComb Public Library

We are looking forward to offering "In Person" programming!
Keep checking our Facebook page for current information.

Please continue to check our website,
www.mccombschool.org, for continuous
 updates.

No School-January 18th

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SPORTS SCHEDULE

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
 BOLD GAMES ARE HOME**

Boys Basketball

1/6 **Hardin Northern**
 1/8 **Liberty Benton**
 1/9 Ada
 1/15 Leipsic
 1/20 Mohawk
 1/22 Arlington
 1/23 Patrick Henry
 1/26 Bluffton
 1/29 **Riverdale**
 2/4 **Van Buren**
 2/6 Temple Christian
 2/9 **Elmwood**
 2/12 **Pandora Gilboa**
 2/19 Vanlue

Girls Basketball

1/5 Calvert
 1/7 Riverdale
 1/9 Ada
 1/12 Miller City
 1/14 **Arlington**
 1/16 **Ayersville**
 1/21 Vanlue
 1/23 **Holgate**
 1/28 **Liberty Benton**
 1/30 **Mohawk**
 2/2 **Cardinal Stritch**
 2/4 Arcadia
 2/11 **Leipsic**

Reserve Boys Basketball

1/5 **Arlington**
 1/7 Liberty Benton
 1/14 Arlington
 2/1 Pandora Gilboa

Wrestling

1/7 PH/Carey
 1/16 Riverdale
 1/28 Cory Rawson
 1/29 LCC Invite
 1/30 LCC Invite
 2/6 **BVC**
 2/13 Van Buren



JH Wrestling

1/7 Carey
 1/16 Ayersville
 1/23 Delta
 1/28 Cory Rawson
 1/30 Lakota
 2/13 Van Buren
 2/20 **BVC**

HS Swim

1/11 **St. Mary/Van Wert**
 1/14 **Kenton**
 1/21 **Bath/Elida**

JHBBK

1/4 Pandora Gilboa
 1/11 Cory Rawson
 1/12 **Patrick Henry**
 1/18 **Riverdale**
 1/20 Arlington
 1/25 **Vanlue**
 2/1 Liberty Benton

JHGBK

1/4 **Pandora Gilboa**
 1/5 Glandorf
 1/9 **Leipsic**
 1/11 **Cory Rawson**
 1/16 Patrick Henry
 1/18 Riverdale
 1/19 Bath
 1/20 **Arlington**
 1/21 **Ottawa**
 1/23 **Miller City**
 1/25 Vanlue



December Athletic Booster Winners:

TJ & Tracy Jenkins



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McComb Local Schools – Hybrid Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

ATTN: BREAKING NEWS!!!

ALL CHILDREN AGES 1-18 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH THRU APPROVED USDA FUNDING UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021 OR THE FUNDING RUNS OUT. NO STRINGS ATTACHED

**** Weekly Remote Meal Pick-up will on Wed's from 11:45a-12:30p and 5:45p-6:30p (subject to change). Go to the school website (www.mccombschool.org) and click on the "Remote Lunch Pick-up Form" to sign-up & for more info. Sign-up must be done weekly ****

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| 28 | | | | | |
| 4 | Mini Pancakes | 5 | Breakfast Burrito | 6 | Remote Learning Day Remote Meal Pick-up from 11:45a-12:30p & 5:45p-6:30p. Online pre-order required for meal pick-up. |
| 11 | Breakfast Bar Breaded Chicken Sandwich or Mini Corn Dogs, Salad Bar, Spicy Curly Fries, Fruit Bar, Milk | 12 | Donut Holes Crispitos or Chicken Fries (Sticks), Salad Bar, Refried Beans, Fruit Bar, Milk | 13 | Remote Learning Day Remote Meal Pick-up from 11:45a-12:30p & 5:45p-6:30p. Online pre-order required for meal pick-up. |
| 18 | NO SCHOOL | 19 | Funnel Cake Sweet & Sour Chicken or Mongolian Beef, Salad Bar, Asian Blend w/ Baby Corn, Fruit Bar, Fortune Cookie, Milk | 14 | Pancake Wrap Pepperoni Filled Breadstick or Cheese Pizza Cruncher Bites, Salad Bar, Carrots, Fruit Bar, Milk |
| 25 | Pancake Wrap Bacon Cheeseburger or Popcorn Chicken, Salad Bar, Baked Beans, Fruit Bar, Milk | 26 | Breakfast Sandwich Grilled Cheese (Amer only) w/ Tomato Soup or Chili, Salad Bar, Broccoli, Fruit Bar, Milk | 15 | Breakfast Sandwich Chicken Nuggets or BBQ Pork Sandwich, Salad Bar, Green Beans, Fruit Bar, Milk |
| 27 | Remote Learning Day Remote Meal Pick-up from 11:45a-12:30p & 5:45p-6:30p. Online pre-order required for meal pick-up. | 20 | Remote Learning Day Remote Meal Pick-up from 11:45a-12:30p & 5:45p-6:30p. Online pre-order required for meal pick-up. | 22 | Breakfast Burrito McRib or Hot Dog Sandwich, Salad Bar, Straight Cut Fries, Fruit Bar, Milk |
| 28 | Breakfast Bar Pepperoni Calzone or Cheese Pizza (Deep Dish), Salad Bar, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Bar, Milk | 29 | Donut Holes Chicken Strips or Popcorn Fish Basket, Salad Bar, Tater Tots, Fruit Bar, Milk | | |

News

BREAKFAST INFO

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| Breakfast | \$1.25 |
| All Grades & Adults | \$2.55 |
| Reduced | \$0.30 |
| Extra Milk (1/2pt) | \$0.50 |

Breakfast served 7:25-7:50 a.m.

BREAKFAST MENU

Hot Breakfast: Daily Hot Breakfast Option is stated on the Menu (at left)
Alternate Daily Breakfast Options: Instant Oatmeal, Cereal, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Muffins, Whole Grain Donuts.
** Breakfast includes whole fruit, juice, and milk **

LUNCH INFO

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|--------------------|--------|
| Lunch | \$2.25 |
| Grades 1-5 | \$2.55 |
| Grades 6-12 | \$3.15 |
| Adult | \$0.40 |
| Reduced | \$0.50 |
| Extra Milk (1/2pt) | \$0.50 |

All grain products are **WHOLE GRAIN** unless otherwise noted.

*** Menu Subject to Change ***

*** We are an Offer vs. Serve school which means students can build their own meal by choosing a minimum 3 of the 5 daily meal components (meat/veget alternative, grain, fruits, vegetables, & milk) being offered with one being a fruit or vegetable to make it a complete healthy meal. ***