- Dates To Remember -

2  Food Drive Begins
3  PTC Meeting @ 6:00 pm
6  Hat Fundraiser
7  Chess Practice Tournament @ RVHS—9:00 am
13  Food Drive Ends
13  Spirit Wear—Grade Level Colors
18  Christmas in the West @ 1:45 pm
19  1st Grade Christmas Performance
20  Spirit Wear—Holiday Red & Green
20  Generosity Assembly @ 2:45 pm

Dec 23—Jan 3
No School—Winter Break

- Principal's Message -

Dear McCall families,

Thank you for your continued partnership with our school and particularly with your child’s teacher. Over 96% of our families attended fall conferences. This is the best attendance rate we’ve had in 10 years! This, along with our excellent school attendance rates, results in strong academic outcomes for our students.

Annual Food Drive and Generosity

A tradition we’re proud of at Tom McCall is our partnership with John Tuck Elementary and our respective Family Advocacy Networks (FAN) to provide those families in need over the holidays with well rounded meals. Running from December 2nd - 13th our students will be collecting specific food items to fill our baskets. Seven students will be randomly selected to act as ambassadors of Tom McCall and visit John Tuck in a ceremonial food exchange. This entire event of giving is an excellent way for our students and families to take part in our December character trait - generosity.

Fun Run Results

Countless thanks go out to our PTC, students and families as we all made our annual Fun Run an absolute success! Our goal of $15,000 was achieved. This year’s money will fund a variety of enrichment opportunities. We’ll continue to improve our play structures on the intermediate playground with the purchase of additional swings. Additionally, we’re going to add an interactive sandbox on the primary side complete with trucks, shovels and other ‘diggers’. Remaining funds will continue to fund music and theatrical enrichment for our students. As a result of students meeting our monetary goal, they’ll be rewarded with a Bounce House extravaganza. All classes will have one hour of dedicated time to enjoy two large inflatables that will be housed in our gym.

WatchDOGS

We’re excited to officially start up our WatchDOGS program again. This program allows Dads of Great Students (DOGS) to volunteer at Tom McCall in any capacity they wish. Simply put, we want more dads on our campus and we want to make it very easy for them to do so. Past WatchDOGS joined in on recess, helped at entry and dismissal times, and gave lots of high-fives! In short, they added another layer of presence and positivity! If you’re interested in finding out more, please contact our counselor, Wendy VonSeggern at extension 4705.

Este documento no esta disponible en Espanol, Si usted tiene preguntas sobre este documento, favor llame a la Sra. Martha Mazon al numero 541-977-6926.
**Library Lowdown**

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was another resounding success!! What an amazing group of families we have here at Tom McCall! Thank you to all who participated to make this book fair so great!

- Read, read and read some more! December 9th is the deadline for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders to qualify for Redmond Battle of the Books.
- Students must read 3 of the RBOB titles to qualify. But don’t stop there! The Tom McCall battles will begin in January and the district competition will be held at the end of February. Remember, parents, you can help your student by reading aloud or helping them find an audiobook.
- As we approach Winter Break, please remember to return all overdue library books before December 20th!

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**Chess for Success**

Practice Tournament @ Ridgeview HS. December 7th 9:00-12:00.
- All chess club members are welcome and encouraged to participate.
- Players need to arrive no later than 9:00; battles begin at 9:30 am.
- No trophies will be awarded.
- Students will be paired with like level players and can move up or down based on wins/loses.
- Coaches will help with pairings and as needed on the floor.
- Bring a snack and water bottle.

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**News from F.A.N.**

The holiday season is upon us once again: a season for spending time with family and friends, and giving thanks for all that is good in our lives. Unfortunately, for some families in our local community, the holiday season brings a painful reminder of their struggle to try to meet their family’s basic needs.

If your family is in need of holiday assistance, information from the Salvation Army Holiday Assistance Program is attached. This program helps with gifts for children and also food for families, and has changed their process this year. Families can fill out an application Monday-Friday, 9am-noon at the Bend Salvation Army, 541 NE Dekalb Ave in Bend. Call (541) 389-8888 for more information. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 6th.

As the cold winter weather continues, please keep in mind that I have warm coats, hats and gloves, and a small supply of snow boots for students who need them. So if your child needs any of these winter items, or has other needs, please give me a call at (541)526-6400 ext 4715.

Warm holiday wishes to you and your family!

Jennifer Summerton
F.A.N. Advocate
**Holiday Food Drive**

Our Annual Holiday Food Drive will begin on December 2nd.

How can you help?

You can...
Bring in a canned food or non perishable food items.

You can....
Bring a gift card to a grocery store for perishable items.

You can.....
Bring in cash and we will use it to make sure every food box has everything it needs.

All donations need to be collected by Friday December 13th.

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**Christmas Programs**

The fantastic first-graders will perform their Christmas Program at 2:00 on **Thursday, December 19th** for parents and families.

The theatrical third-graders will be performing a favorite here at Tom McCall, “Christmas in the West”, on **Wednesday, December 18th**. They will perform for the student body and staff at 10:10 am. Parents and families are invited to come to the 1:45 performance.
Winter Safety Tips for Kids: How to keep kids warm, healthy and safe

Winter can bring lots of family fun — whether this involves sledding and romping around in the snow or just hanging around together at home. Here are a few ideas to keep kids warm, healthy and safe during winter.

How to dress your kids (not like little adults)

Parents with babies and younger kids should:
- Adjust winter clothes for children’s needs. Dress babies and young children in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.
- Keep exposure to the cold at a minimum. Babies and young children don’t have the same tolerance for cold that adults do. It’s important to limit time outside.
- Don’t forget winter accessories. Remember warm boots, gloves or mittens and a hat, which make a big difference in keeping young children and babies comfortable.

Be safe on sleds and snow tubes

- Always supervise children. Injuries can occur quickly when kids are sledding or snow tubing. It’s important to keep a close eye on them.
- Keep away from motor vehicles. Often, sledding hills are not far from highways or roads. It’s important to keep a safe distance.
- Sled in proper ‘form.’ Kids can prevent injuries by sledding feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down head-first.
- Find a clear area. Pick a sledding location that is clear of obstructions like trees or fences and is covered in snow.

Choose a good sledding hill. A sledding hill should not be too steep, with a slope of less than 30 degrees, and should end with a flat runoff.

Be safe on skis and snowboards

- Dress in layers. If you begin to sweat, remove layers as needed to stay dry. Wet clothes can cause your body to chill and can lead to hypothermia or frostbite.
- Wear a helmet. It’s important to protect your head from injury.
- Protect skin. Keep your skin from being exposed to harsh temperatures to avoid frostbite. Be especially careful with small areas of your body, such as your hands, feet and ears.

Be aware of weather conditions. Consider going inside if the temperature drops below 0 degrees F (-17.8 C).

Be aware of frostbite symptoms. If you notice your child’s skin turning red or becoming numb, move to a warmer location and protect them from further exposure. Use warm water or blankets to raise their body temperature.

Simple ways to avoid winter colds: It’s a common myth that cold weather causes colds. Colds are caused by viruses that we are more commonly exposed to in the winter. Viruses are spread even more easily when children are in school and in close contact with each other, typically through respiratory droplets in the air and on hands.

Prevent colds and the flu by getting kids to:
- Use soap and water. Washing their hands frequently will reduce the spread of germs.
- Cover their mouth. Sneezing or coughing into the bend of their elbows also helps prevent spreading germs.
- Get immunized. Keep vaccinations current, including the flu shot (for children 6 months and older).

Speaking of immunizations!

The state requires that each school post their own immunization rates in the building, that they be available on the district website and that each family receive a copy. These rates are from the previous year, but are representative of this year as well.

Families who have children with immune deficiencies may wish to use this information in their school selection process. Here are McCall’s rates for 2016-17:

![Graph showing McCall Elementary School's immunization rates for 2016-17.](image)
JOIN US ON OUR NO SCHOOL DAYS!!

REACH is open from 6:30am-6:30pm on No School Days.
Please register in advance for all No School Days. Contact REACH for registration due dates.

Come on in to our Main Site to register at 1379 SW 15th ST. You can also access full day registration forms by viewing our website: www.reachredmond.org, or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/reachredmond.

Winter Break No School Days:

December 23rd (Monday): A REACH Christmas Party
December 27th (Friday): A REACH Hot Coco Party and Pajama Day
December 30th (Monday): A Winter Craft Day
December 31st (Tuesday): A REACH New Year’s Party
January 2nd (Thursday): REACH Winter Olympics
January 3rd (Friday): REACH Idol and Talent Day

*REACH is CLOSED December 24-26 and January 1.*

We hope you can join us!

Questions? Call us at 541-504-9060.
DECEMBER
Champions Newsletter 2019

Announcements
We continue to count our lucky stars that we get to spend our mornings and afternoons with your amazing children. Thank you!
Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not attending on a day for which they are signed up OR if someone other than the Primary Sponsor is picking up. This is important for safety and planning.

- TOM MCCALL WILL NOW HOST NON-SCHOOL DAYS AT OUR SITE!!!! (NSD’s that do not coincide with teacher in-service days. See black dates to the right!
- **Clubs**: Clubs consist of activities focused around a specific interest the students have such as, Lego’s, Dragon’s, books etc…Please encourage your child to think about and suggest ideas!
- On **Adays**, students are free to bring a non-electronic toy from home to play with during free-choice time.
- **NON-SCHOOL DAYS**: Most non-school days excluding HOLIDAYS have sign-up opportunities in the classroom. Tom McCall, Sage, and Tumalo host most NSD’s. You may choose the site that works best for you!

Our Current Unit:
Weather and Natural Disasters

NEXT UNIT:
PUPPET PRODUCTION

Parent Engagement Night- Tuesday 12/17
Theme: GIFT MAKING!
Food, Fun, Family!!! 5 to 6pm
JR. COUNSELORS;
We are always on the lookout for Champions who enjoy helping others and who set a good example. These Champions will be invited to be JR. Counselors. Talk this over with your Champion to see if they are interested!

Upcoming Dates:
Tom McCall will now be hosting NSD’s at our site!!!!
ALL NSD’s EXCEPT the ones that coincide with teacher in-service day!!!

Parent Engagement Night
Tuesday 12/17. “Make a gift!”
5 to 6pm. Food, Fun, Family!!
Keep an eye out for postings and check out the school calendar.

Full Non-School Day Calender for Champions 2019-2020
12/ 26th, 27th
1/ 2nd, 3rd, 20th, 31st
2/ 3rd, 17th
3/ 13th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th
DATES IN BLACK WILL BE HELD AT SAGE OR TUMALO

CHAMPIONS WILL BE CLOSED:
12/ 24th, 25th, 31st
1/ 1
5/ 25th

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