

November 3, 2023



### Dia de los Muertos and Obon Celebration

- A Huge Scottie Shout Out to our PTA Volunteers for making a memorable evening for us all!
- It was a joy to see our students last night and everyone practiced a successful fire drill as well. Many Thanks!

### **McDonald Lost and Found**

Are you missing a jacket, water bottle, or something else? Here's what to do:

- 1. Check the Lost and Found rack on the playground at drop-off or pick-up.
- 2. Label (First and Last name) your items. Our volunteer team regularly checks for labelled items to return to the kids' homeroom teachers.
- 3. Look out for monthly communications (like this one!) for a last chance to claim your items before they are donated.

If you recognize any of these items, please reach out to <u>mcdonaldlostandfound@gmail.com</u> to claim them. Unclaimed items will be donated after 11/09. Thanks!







#### Yuen Lui Studio will photograph makeup, retake, and class group photos at McDonald International on Tuesday, November 14

- **Missed picture day?** Students who missed picture day should plan on getting a photo taken on November 14. Families can preorder photos here: <u>2023-24 McDonald International Elementary</u> <u>Retake Day Pre-orders 11/14</u>
- **Preordered photos and would like a retake?** If you preordered portraits (ordered without viewing) and would like a retake, your student can return their portrait package in exchange for a complimentary retake replacement; please note that the retake photo will replace the picture day photo for PowerSchool and the yearbook.
- View and order photos from picture day using your student's SPS ID number and an email address: 2023-24 McDonald International Elementary Picture Days (print orders are shipped directly to families' homes in 10-14 business days; digital images are sent via email in 5-7 business days)
- **Class Group Photos** No need to order, as a part of our yearbook services, every student will receive one 8x10 print of their class group photo. Class group photos are processed and printed separately from student portraits and will be delivered in the spring. A link to order additional prints will be shared at that time.

# Veterans

- If you are a US Veteran and would like to join our school community to share your experience, we would appreciate it very much.
- Our assembly will be on **Thursday**, **November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am** in the Scottie Gym.
- Please respond to this email if you are willing to join us. Thank you for your service.

# Scottie Café Menu

- Monday
  - Breakfast: yogurt
  - Lunch: beef fiestada or tuna sandwich
- Tuesday
  - Breakfast: Coffee Cake
  - Lunch: rotini with marinara or chicken salad in a tortilla wrap
- Wednesday
  - Breakfast: cereal
  - Lunch: beef burrito or veggie wrap
- Thursday
  - Breakfast: cereal
  - o Lunch: tofu and bok choy with rice or Yakisoba noodle and cabbage salad with teriyaki

# **Important Upcoming Dates for this week**

- PTA/School Leader and Caregiver Coffee Chat in the Scottie Library following drop off on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- November 9<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am in the Scottie Gym: Veterans Day Assembly
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: No School for Veterans Day Observed

#### Communication

Dear Scottie Families,

I hope you are well. It was an incredibly busy week for us at McDonald and this edition of Mac's Notes is late. I apologize.

I want to remind everyone of my open-door policy. You are welcome here. You belong here. Your children are our priority, and we know they are your priority. You are our most valuable educational partner. I feel incredibly lucky to work with you every day. I have the best job in the world!

This Monday, I will co host a parent/caregiver coffee chat with Jackson Lum, our PTA President. These occur every first Monday of the month in the Scottie Library. If you have children who are younger than school age and would like to bring them, please do.

If you would like to meet separately, I'm available on Teams, phone, and in person. I prefer meetings outside of school hours because I like to be in classrooms and duty locations while students are present but will make anytime work for your schedule.

I apologize for communication that has failed or been delayed and am working to ensure there is clarity and timeliness to this system.

Many thanks for your continued strong partnership.

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