

Mac's Notes



February 2, 2024

Dear Scottie Families,

We are excited to welcome prospective families to McDonald International School as enrollment opens and we look forward to filling our Japanese and Spanish seats for school year 2024_2025.

If you are available to join us for our school tours this coming **Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm**, that would be wonderful! Prospective families benefit from hearing from current families.

We are offering guided tours in Spanish, Japanese, and English. Several staff members are planning to attend, along with PTA leadership.

If you have already volunteered to lead a guided tour, or would like to, please come to the Scottie Café at **5:45 pm on February 6**.

As a part of our budget and staffing planning for 2024_2025, please take 1-2 minutes to complete our [enrollment survey](#) for next year. If you have more than one child who currently attends McDonald International, please complete a separate survey for each. For current 5th graders, please **DO NOT** complete the survey. Many Thanks!

Unapologetically Black is this month's Black Lives Matter Year of Purpose Principle

- **Unapologetically Black means** there are lots of different kinds of people and one way we're different is the color of our skin. It's important to treat all people fairly and we work together to ensure all people are.

2024_2025 School Dates Released

- First Day of School 1-5: September 4
- No School Nov 11
- Elementary Conference Week: November 25-27 (28-29 are Holidays)
- Winter Break: December 23-Jan 3
- No School Jan 20
- No School: Feb 17-21
- No School: April 14-18
- No School: May 26
- Last Day of School June 18

From The Guest Teacher Committee

The Guest Teacher Committee is seeking parent/caregiver volunteers to help support the Guest Teacher program for 2024-2025. Specifically, we are hoping to fill the following volunteer roles:

- 1 Spanish-speaking volunteer to help recruit and support Spanish-speaking guest teachers
- 1 English-speaking (or bilingual) volunteer with connections to the Spanish side of our school to help recruit and support host families

The committee works collaboratively across the Spanish and Japanese sides to ensure a strong program for our guest teachers, host families, and the school community. Other volunteers are also welcome -- just get in touch and we can discuss more. Please email us at interns@mcdonaldpta.org if you are potentially interested in joining us!

Learn About our SPS Family Resource Center located at [Broadview Thomson K-8 here](#).

Advanced Learning/Highly Capable Designations

- When eligibility is available in The Source in the coming days, if you have any questions, please reach out and I will be happy to discuss with you.

Scottie Café Menu

- [Please click here to view](#) on our website.

This Week:

- Caregiver Coffee at 8:00 am on Monday, February 5th in the Scottie Library.
- School Tours for Prospective Families at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 6th in the Scottie Café.
- Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action February 5th-9th, 2024. [Click here to see the guide](#) to this year's event.
- PTA Movie Night for K-2 at 6:00 pm on February 9th in the Scottie Café.