



### What's Happening

**Feb 5** School Leader & Caregiver Coffee (8:00am, Library)

**Feb 6** McDonald Open House and Tour (6:00pm, Cafeteria)

**Feb 12** PTA Board Meeting (6:00pm, virtual)

**Feb 15** Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Team Meeting (6:30pm, virtual)

**February 19 - 23** No School for Mid Winter Break

[Full online calendar](#)

### Join the PTA

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### Donate Now

[Donate](#) to the McDonald PTA fundraising campaign which funds our language immersion curriculum and other enrichment programs.

### Visit the PTA Website

[For more news and events](#), including an archive of the [Mac's Notes](#), [our Principal's Newsletters](#).

### Shop for Scottie Gear

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### 2024 McDonald Open House (School Tour) Feb 6

McDonald will offer two Japanese and two Spanish Kindergarten classes for the 2024 - 25 school year.

#### Open House:

Date: Tues, Feb 6, 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: McD Cafeteria

- Tour will be in English, Japanese, and Spanish

- Adults only as our cafeteria has limited capacity



#### ◆ We need your help! ◆

Please help spread the word about our wonderful immersion program opportunity and share our flier with potential families and your friends/neighborhood community!

Flier: [English](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Spanish](#)

### Calling for Student Artwork to Support BLM and Seattle Public Schools Week of Action!

Your child's artwork could be on this year's McDonald DEI Team shirt!

Our amazing art teacher, Ms. Rule, is facilitating a project with the 4th & 5th grade classes to create art



inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, but students from every grade level are encouraged to submit their art, to be shared online and displayed at school! Each art submission should include a general message of love, support, protest, resistance, or one of the [BLM at School Guiding Principles](#).

- If your student works on their art at home, they can turn it in to the front office when finished. Please label back of artwork with the student's name, grade, and homeroom teacher. **Deadline to submit art to the office is Friday, February 16!**

- Parent volunteers are always welcome to help out in Art class. Please contact Ms. Rule directly at [nrule@seattleschools.org](mailto:nrule@seattleschools.org).

- The DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Social Justice Team supports the work of our community to make McDonald anti-racist and inclusive.

### International Night - Planning Volunteers Needed

**Save the date: International Night will take place on Saturday, May 4!** This is an annual all-school



community celebration to complement the fall Obon/Dia de los Muertos event, with class performances from different grades and a variety of activities.



**Volunteers are needed!** We are looking for parents who want to be more involved in the planning process to help us plan a great event. Please reach out to our parent lead this year, [Colleen Korby](#), with your interest. Participation includes meeting with the parent lead, providing ideas and taking ownership of different event needs.

## Add or Edit Your Information for the School Directory

The PTA's communication team is working on putting together the 2023 - 2024 school directory. The directory is a great way to stay connected with families and find resources within the school.



If you wish to participate in the directory, please [use this link to add your information](#). If you were in the 2022 - 23 directory and do not need to update your information, you do **not** need to complete this request. Share only what information you feel comfortable being published. **Please complete the survey by Friday, February 2.**

Since Seattle Public Schools does not share contact information with the PTA, the PTA must collect this information directly from you. The directory will be shared via the class Google groups\* and will never be published outside of our community.

If you have further questions, please contact your PTA Communications Chairs: [Stephanie Rothfuss](#) and [Darrell Akana](#) at [info@mcdonaldpta.org](mailto:info@mcdonaldpta.org).

\*Have you signed up for your class Google group? Here are those [sign-up instructions](#) if you need them.

## McDonald Ultimate Frisbee Team: Disc Jockeys

We are excited about the return of the all-gender Elementary School Ultimate Frisbee League in the Spring 2024 for 3rd - 5th graders!

[Overview - 2024 Spring ES Mixed Team League - DiscNW](#)

- No prior ultimate frisbee experience is necessary.
- Practices will be once a week on Wednesdays beginning in February at Meridian Playground.
- Games will be on Saturdays March - May, 6-8 regular season games plus 1-3 playoff games.
- Minimal equipment needed: cleats, athletic layers, water bottle.
- Registration costs: sliding scale payment structure to dismantle barriers in participation.



If your 3rd/4th/5th grade student is interested in joining the McDonald Disc Jockey Ultimate Team, please email [Lisa Gehret](mailto:Lisa.Gehret) with the student's name, grade and gender identity.

## Mid-Winter Break Registration for Kids Co. Centers

Mid-Winter Break sign-ups will be available from Tuesday, January 16- Sunday, February 11, 2024



[Full Day Care information](#)

**Care dates – Tuesday, February 20-Friday, February 23, 2024**

**Kids Co. is CLOSED Monday, February 19 for the holiday.**

- For currently enrolled families or families who have attended breaks, select the link [here](#) to register for Mid-Winter Break.
- For NEW families who are not currently enrolled or have never attended a break camp, select the link [here](#) to register for Mid-Winter Break.

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