



McDonald International

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Mother's Day Weekend Flower Sale

Celebrate Mother's Day and support Hmong farmers, Title 1 schools, and the Central and North Seattle Schools PTA Alliance (CANSSPA) by purchasing gorgeous flower bouquets! Prices are \$60 for one bouquet or \$100 for two. [Pre-order](#) by **May 4** to pick up your bouquet on **May 11**.



Select McDonald International Elementary at checkout, and CANSSPA will receive \$10 per bouquet sold. Plus, Title 1 schools in SPS benefit from pooled funds of \$10 per bouquet sold. Up to \$30 per sale is tax-deductible. Bouquets can be picked up at the host site of your choice (pick up at McDonald is from 10am-noon). [See here](#) for all pick up sites. [Pre-order here!](#)

Plant and Seed Exchange for Earth Day

This Sunday, **April 21** from **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, the 3rd annual Plant and Seed Exchange will be held on the **McDonald School playground**. Bring your family & friends and any plants, seeds or gardening items to share (optional) to this community event to celebrate Earth Day, horticultural science and spring!



In addition to sharing plants and seeds, folks will have the opportunity to check out a **worm bin**! One (or more) of our parents is passionate about this and will set-up an education station teaching recycling (sorting), compost and garbage.

Volunteers will be helpful! If you can help with set-up, clean-up, during event, or have questions please contact [Melody Datz Hansen](#).

International Night Volunteer Ask

Spring is in the air, and **International Night** is around the corner! This event is an all-school celebration to complement the fall Obon/Dia de los Muertos night. There will be class performances from each grade, food trucks, cultural performers, activity stations, and a bake sale to benefit the PTA. You don't want to miss it.

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When: 3:00-6:30pm on Saturday, May 4th

Where: all around the school grounds

Detailed schedule coming soon!



Join in the fun to help make this event a success! **Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles and time**

commitments: [review needs and sign up now](#). In particular, we urgently need volunteers to organize the following activities:

- face painting
- craft booth (craft instructions and materials provided)
- photo/selfie booth

We also need contributions to the **delicious bake sale:** [sign up here](#).

Most importantly, save the date and bring the family to celebrate McDonald International School! If you have any questions about the event or volunteer roles, please reach out to [Colleen Korby](#) and events@mcdonaldpta.org.

Plastic Film Recycling Drive

McDonald International is keeping Plastic Film from landfills with Ridwell this spring! As part of this limited-time drive, you can bring these types of [Plastic Film](#) to a collection bin in our school hallway from May 1st-21st. Ridwell will make sure they stay out of landfills and are turned into new decking materials instead—start collecting these items at home now.



You can also help McDonald recycle our school's plastic film for the entire '24/'25 school year! Be sure to use [this link](#) to join Ridwell with an at-home membership by May 31st, 2024. If we sign up 10 or more new members by this date, we will be awarded monthly Plastic Film pickups for our school next year!

Spring Enrichment Logistics

Spring enrichment registration has closed and classes have started. In case any enrichment parents didn't see the email from enrichment.mcdonaldpta@gmail.com, here are the spring pick-up locations:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: playground
- Thursdays: Outside the gym (SW portable) / Cooking: main staircase / Playdate: playground
- Fridays: SW staircase (near the gym) / Karate: gym

Absent / leaving early? Please email the enrichment provider and enrichment.mcdonaldpta@gmail.com if your student will be leaving early or missing enrichment. A PTA volunteer will be near the front door to let you in for early pick-ups.

Medication: Once the regular school day is over, students do NOT have access to medication stored in the nurse's office for emergency/ongoing use. If your student may need medicine during after school enrichment, please (1) provide a separate set of their necessary medication in their backpack or (2) contact the school nurse.

McDonald Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Team Meeting

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Virtual via [Zoom link](#).

Our awesome DEI team gathers together monthly to discuss a wide variety of concerns, needs, issues, and advocacy. We focus on bringing an equity perspective to McDonald events and activities, and providing opportunities for community engagement. Participation is open to all and you are welcome to join any meeting! We hope you can join us!

Please reach out to DEI@mcdonaldpta.org with any questions, and to be added to our Google group: mcd_deiteam@googlegroups.com

[Details here.](#)

Be part of the Cultural Immersion Experience! Share your home with a Guest Teacher next school year!

McDonald is planning to have **8 GUEST TEACHERS** join us next school year (SY 24-25), which means we need 16 Host Families! **Right now, we only have 2 families signed up. We must have at least 8 families signed up by April 15**, so that we have enough to match them with each Host Family for the first half of their stay.



WHAT DOES IT TAKE: (1) A private bedroom (no private bathroom required, read our FAQ for more details), (2) Ability to provide meals, and (3) Willingness to share your home for 3-5 months. If you are potentially interested, please let us know via our ["Host Family Interest Questionnaire" form](#) or send your questions to [<interns@mcdonaldpta.org>](mailto:interns@mcdonaldpta.org). (You do not have to commit yet.) Learn more from previous host families - [CLICK HERE](#) to read their testimonials & pictures.

What are the benefits? Having guest teachers enables each immersion classroom to have two native language speakers – an essential component of a successful language learning environment. As a host family, you will: Cultivate international friendships and cultural understanding for your family and our community; Learn about the world & see your life in the US from new perspectives; Be a part of the once-in-a-lifetime

experiences of young Guest Teachers; Make your contribution to McDonald School in a unique way.

Without Host Families volunteering, WE CAN'T WELCOME GUEST TEACHERS TO McDONALD for SY24-25. PLEASE SIGN UP!!

Seattle Reign Fundraiser: Get Your Tickets!

Calling all McDonald International families, friends, & teachers!

Let's celebrate the end of the year together with an unforgettable night at the Seattle Reign vs Orlando Pride soccer game: **May 19th, 2024!**

🍌⚽ We've got a special section just for us!! Every ticket sold benefits our fundraising efforts. A BIG thanks to the Seattle Reign for their support!



[Grab your tickets now](#) and send [the link](#) to all your family & friends, and/or post it on your social media platform. For every ticket, \$10 is donated to McDonald International!

Go Reign! Go Scottie Dogs!

PTA Board Nomination

Join or Nominate someone for the PTA Board!

The deadline for executive board nominations is April 19, 2024.

Position descriptions are available [here](#). Nominations can be made by filling out [the online form](#) or submitting a printed version via email or hard copy to the PTA mailbox in the main office.



The election for Executive Committee positions will be at the April 29 PTA General Meeting, after which the Board of Directors will be appointed. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, or have any other questions, please contact any Nominating Committee member: [Barbara](#), [Katie](#), or [Michelle](#)

Kids Co. Summer Camp Registration

Kids Co. summer camp 2024 registration opened for all families on February 1. Kids Co. is offering fun themed weekly camps at McDonald and nine other locations ([see the full list here](#)).

Key information:

- New families register [here](#)

- Returning families register [here](#)
- Camp registration opens on February 1 to all families
- There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee
- Camp is \$420 per week
- Required full week enrollment, no partial schedules available
- Opened M-F 8-5pm
- Families must cancel at least two weeks in advanced to not be charged

For more information, see [the weekly themes](#) for Kids Co summer camp at McDonald for 2024.

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