



McCarthy-Towne Bulletin

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Congratulations McT Class of 2017!

by David Krane, McT Principal

Sixth grade is the end of the McCarthy-Towne journey and the start of the next part of your school adventure. The way that every single one of you has demonstrated leadership and compassion during this past year makes me confident of your continued success as you head into the Junior High. You have been a remarkable part of my time at McT.

The McCarthy-Towne School salutes you and thanks you for all that you have done in your years here. We look forward to hearing about all of your newest adventures when you return for a visit. Good luck!

Laura Martin's Class

Aeden Barnett
Graham Benway
Sarah Chang
Gabe De Souza Palacio
Charlie Deese
Oliver Driscoll
Rubaina Hasan
Brady Hoitt
Ava Kobelski
Maggi Lischer
Alex Liu
Sammy Liu
Camden Matthews
Bella Mojica
Rita Narbonne
Umit Nazar
C.J. O'Brien
David Olano
Freud Pierre
Grace Poisson
Camille Robbe
Marley Smith
Amelia Starr
Stephen Starr
Cole Traywick
Tejas Suri

Tara Matthews' Class

Kacie Benn
Lexa Champoux
Matthew Chytil
Tristan Dowell
Hamilton Fong
AJ Hippensteele
Christian Kabuye
Sarah Keefe
Alex Landry
Becca Mabardy
Peter Maxwell
Donovan McCammon
Amelia O'Donnell
Daniel Pan
Jiun Park
Mackenzie Pfefferkorn
Mitchell Poisson
Olivia Pucillo
Sheilagh Senecal
Luke Silverman
Hailey Smith
Stephen Sullivan
Rachel Walker
Evan Zhang

Callie O'Connor's Class

Aryan Bangalore Preetham
Jack Blattenberger
Peter Busse
Jon Byrne
Madeleine Cardone
Fiona Casey
Tyler Clayton
Vanessa Conley
Cady Doughty
Vika Estabrook
Callie Garnett
Ben Hirschberg
Finn Jaros
Mariella Laria
Nathan Lubets
Alex MacNeill
Nosara Maxwell
Jonathan Melo
Swabra Mpanga
Dylan Schrock
Connor Sheehan
Eliza Straayer
Irene Tsitlenko
Gabe Winawer
Elmond Yusufzai

Mark Your Calendar

JULY

29, Saturday
McT Playground Playdate,
9–11 AM

AUGUST

15, Saturday
McT Playground Playdate,
5–7 PM

22, Tuesday
Student class placement
available online at Noon

28, Monday
McT Playground Playdate,
10 AM–Noon

29, Tuesday
Kindergarten Orientation,
10:30 AM

New Student Orientation,
1:30 PM

Class lists available
online at Noon

SEPTEMBER

5, Tuesday
First Day of School, 8:20 AM

7, Thursday
Early Dismissal, 12:20 PM

14, Thursday
Early Dismissal, 12:20 PM

16, Saturday
McT Playground Playdate,
9–11 AM

21, Thursday
NO SCHOOL, Rosh Hashana

28, Thursday
Early Dismissal, 12:20 PM

June Endings and Beginnings

by David Krane, McT Principal

This is the last Bulletin article for the year and the second one this month. Fortunately, the air conditioning is operable and it is helping cool down the frantic nature of the end of the year. Popsicles help, too, though, as year-end celebrations are all over our school! It is a time to say good-bye, but also a time to look forward...

There is much to celebrate at an elementary school as summer begins, especially at a school like McCarthy-Towne, and there is much to be grateful for in our lives. In the midst of all this celebration, however, we need to acknowledge loss. It has been a difficult year for our school community and for the district, too. Memory is a helpful instrument, as it helps us to keep close those no longer here.

When you read this, school will be finished for the academic year 2016–2017. We will watch a group of students move into the Junior High and we will welcome new Kindergartners in August, for our Kindergarten Orientation, with carnations and pencils. But first we will end our year with our Community Assembly, where our current Kindergartners will present our Sixth Graders with a carnation and a pencil. A simple ceremony, for sure, but one that closes a memorable seven-year circle.

I am grateful to all of the teachers who have worked with these students through their years at McT for their part in shaping these children into the thinkers and do-ers that they have become. They will have a great time at the Junior High and beyond, well prepared by all of us at McT. I am sad to see them leave, but I am happy that they are going on to experience different things in life.

Sixth Grade, it's been a great seven years! Thanks for the memories and good luck with this next phase of your rich lives!

Grade K–5: Not at McT Next Year?

from the office

Are you moving out of Acton this summer or is your child going to a different school next year? Please complete a "Release of Records" form as soon as possible. The school office is open for limited hours during the summer, so call ahead to make sure someone will be available, 978-264-3377. Since the Health Office is closed, health records will not be available during the summer.

Summer Playground Playdates!

Every summer, our PTO hosts a series of playground playdates. These playdates are open to ALL McT families, but especially geared towards welcoming kindergartners and new families. Whether you have an incoming kindergartner or are a veteran McT family, we invite you to join in the fun. The playdates take place on the back playground and are weather-dependent. In the event of a cancellation, a notice will be posted on the McT Facebook page. Please also note that the building will not be open during these playdates so bathrooms and water will not be available. Please plan accordingly. Here are the dates:

- Saturday, July 29, 9–11 AM
- Tuesday, August 15, 5–7 PM
- Monday, August 28, 10 AM–Noon
- Saturday, September 16, 9–11 AM

Thank You from Tom

Thank you for the opportunity to teach here at McT. Next school year I will be teaching P.E. at RJ Grey. It will be exciting to see you all again in a few years at the Junior High. It will be nice to see some familiar faces and know some names as you come to 7th and 8th grade. I hope you all have a safe and happy summer!

Thank you Parent Volunteers!

from the Office and the Parent Involvement Coordinator

Thank you to our incredible group of office volunteers. They keep things running smoothly by helping with dismissals, bus passes, sorting mail, laminating and an ever-changing list of special projects. Thank you to:

Martha Brandt, Jesse Busiek, Aditi Chandra, Tracey Estabrook, Pam Hippensteele, Ashlee Kim, Christine Kobelski, Bibiana Knell, Cura Pfeifferkorn, Erin Pittorino, Jenny Reynolds, Sara Russell, Fiona Starr, Mariah Straayer, and Julie Weir. We will also be saying goodbye to Fiona as an office assistant as her youngest is now on her way to the junior high! Thank you Fiona!

Thank you to Jesse Busiek and all of our teachers and classes that have helped collate the Bulletin this year.

Finally (and sadly) we say goodbye and many thanks to our long term Bulletin editor, Rebecca MacNeill. Rebecca's youngest is on his way to the junior high. Rebecca has edited every issue of the Bulletin (eleven a year!) for the last nine years! That's almost 100 issues if you're doing the math!! Through it all she has always managed to track down important articles, squeeze stuff in at the last minute, and stay on deadline. Thanks Rebecca! We will miss you! Thankfully, for most good-byes, we have a hello! In this case, we'd like to welcome our brand NEW Bulletin editor: Sara Russell! Thanks Sara, we're excited to have you editing the Bulletin!



Judy Bourdon, PTSO

As the end of the school year is here, I write my first PTSO update as Senior Chair. Most of the changes for next year's PTSO are in place with a few key openings still remaining: Junior Chair and Secretary. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to be part of the 2017–2018 PTSO steering committee.

A special thank you to all those who volunteered for the steering committee this school year! The gifts of your time and support have made a difference at McCarthy-Towne. We have a few people stepping down from their positions on the PTSO this year and I'd like to thank them for all they have done.

Chris Hanlon is moving on from Senior Chair, but will still be involved in the Mileage Club for one more year.

Julie Maranian is leaving the treasurer position after a couple of years and is working with the new treasurer **Allison Forseter** for a seamless transition.

Kerry Lewis is moving on from the secretary position. Kerry's meeting minutes were always comprehensive and will be missed.

Rebecca MacNeill is leaving the Bulletin after nine years in the hands of **Sara Russell**.

Fiona Starr is retiring from the Fall Fundraiser and School Photography Coordinator. We welcome **Susie Maxwell** to the Fall Fundraiser position and **Virginia Tawa** to the School Photography Coordinator.

Maya Minkin and **Liz Walker** have made Family Field Day a success for a number of years. They are turning over the reins to **Virginia Tawa** who is in need of a co-chair.

Christine Brault is retiring from the PTSO website and **Kate Gilbert** is stepping into that role.

Becky Barnett is remaining to coordinate the yard sale and will be joined by **Erika Hanley-Onken**.

Thank you for all your help!

We look forward to a great and successful year next year with many familiar events and maybe some new or returning events. We will have PTSO meetings with informative and interesting topics that you won't want to miss. If you have any thoughts or questions about PTSO happenings, please contact the senior chair (Judy Bourdon (judyandroland@gmail.com)).

Student Placement for Fall 2017

The Parent Portal of Power School will open at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 22nd. Please sign in using your login. Your child(ren) are linked to your PowerSchool account. After you update their emergency and health page, and the permission page, you will be able to see the name of their teacher for 2017–18. On Tuesday, August 29th at 12 noon, you can sign in to view the class list.

You are required to review and update the information before every school year. However, you can access the Parent Portal now until July 1 to make sure you know your username and password, and to check to make sure all the information is up to date. Then you will be able to quickly confirm everything in August when it reopens.

If you have any problems logging on to the PowerSchool website, please call McCarthy-Towne office at 978-264-3377 X 3701.

AB High School Cafe

The High School Cafe will be open again this summer and available to all students from June 26–August 4. If your child currently receives free or reduced lunch, their eligibility will continue through the summer.

Breakfast and lunch will be sold daily from 9–11:30 AM. Breakfast items available are bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, yogurt, and breakfast sandwiches. Lunch items available are wrap sandwiches, pizza, hummus and pita, salads, and daily lunch specials. All lunches are served with choice of milk, fruit and vegetables.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Nelson, Food Services Director (knelson@abschools.org or 978-264- 4700 x3221). Have a wonderful summer!

See Reverse for our
2017–2018 PTSO Steering Committee

First Day of School

The first day of school for 2017–2018 will be on **Tuesday, September 5**. McCarthy-Towne will be on the “early elementary” schedule—8:20 AM – 2:50 PM, Thursdays 8:20 AM – 12:20 PM.

The district calendar for 2017–18 available for download at <http://www.abschools.org/district/calendar>.

Scrip Thank You!

Thank you to all the families who ordered Scrips in June, as well as all the families who ordered Scrips on a monthly basis. It really does make a financial difference for McT! **We earned just over \$1,000 this year with the Scrip Program!** We appreciate your participation and look forward to your support again in the fall. Have a safe and fun filled summer!

Doli Atamian Campership Program

The Doli Atamian Campership Program has been providing opportunities for camp or summer school to income eligible families in Acton/Boxborough. Camperships are up to \$250 per child, 18 years and younger. The sources of funding are local businesses, service organizations, camps, churches and individual donations. Campership requests are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. In order to qualify, a family’s income (before deductions) must not exceed the following guidelines:

2 person household \$55,800	5 person household \$75,300
3 person household \$62,750	6 person household \$80,900
4 person household \$69,700	7 person household \$92,050

If you meet the income guidelines please complete the Campership application and return it by June 30th. A \$5 application fee for each child must accompany the completed application. If you do not receive a Campership the \$5 application fee will be returned. For more information and to access a Campership application, visit www.doliatamiancampership.com.

2017–2018 McT PTSO Steering Committee

There are still some open positions for next year. WE NEED YOU! If you are interested in any of the open positions, or if you want to be involved but are not sure which position would best fit you, please contact Chris Hanlon (hanlonchristopher@hotmail.com).

Sr. Chair	Judy Bourdon
Jr. Chair	Position Open
Treasurer	Allison Forester
Secretary	Position Open
Faculty Rep	Jen Pratt
School Committee Liaison	Maya Minkin
Auction Co-chairs	Cura Pfefferkorn Alyssa Robinson
Book Fair	Amy Stimac Julie Weir
Book Gifting	Jen Lewy
Bulletin Editor	Sara Russell
Buddy Family	Position Open
CPAC	Sandra Hinds Laura Kelly
Directory	Christi Andersen Martha Brandt
Donelan’s Receipts	Julie Weir
Fall Fundraiser	Susie Maxwell

Fall Social	Bibiana Knell Position Open
Family Field Day	Virginia Tawa Position Open
Family Photo Day	Shelley Cole Alex Mojica
Funding Factory	Pam Hippensteele
General Mills Box Tops	Julie Weir
Grant Writing	Colleen Daly
Hospitality	Sarah McBride
Howler	Prasoon Thippana
P.D.B. Lost & Found	Mariah Straayer
P.D.B. Landscape Committee	Position Open
Potlucks	Position Open
PTSO Website	Kate Gilbert
School Photo Coordinator	Virginia Tawa
SCRIP	Pam Hippensteele
Spiritwear	Lisa Thermidor
Yard Sale	Becky Barnett Erika Hanley-Onken