



What's Happening

Apr 1 School Leader & Caregiver Coffee (8:00-8:30 AM McDonald Library)

Apr 4 PTA Budget Committee Meeting

Apr 15 Host Family Sign-Up Deadline- **NEED 6 MORE!**

Apr 15 PTA Board Meeting (6:00-7:30 PM, in person)

Apr 21 Plant Seed Exchange

[Full online calendar](#)

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Spring After-School Enrichment Closes Sunday

Spring After-School Enrichment **registration will close Sunday, 3/31 at 7pm**. Here is the [class schedule](#). Prices are listed in 6crickets, our online registration system.



There are still openings in the following classes. **Bolded** classes need more students to run; you will get a full refund if a class is canceled.

- Mondays: **Robotics** (grades 3-5), **Basketball** (3-5), Club Espanol (K-5), Painting & Drawing (3-5)
- Tuesdays: **Pickleball** (3-5), Math Club (3-5), Circuit Creators (K-3), Ceramic (K-5), Machine Sewing (2-5)
- Wednesdays: **Floor Hockey** (3-5), Machine Sewing (2-5)
- Thursdays: **Finding Nemo** (1-5), All-Sport (K-2)
- Fridays: Karate (K-5), Origami (K-5)

Questions? Contact the [ASE Coordinator](#).

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. (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!!

Plant and Seed Exchange for Earth Day

Happy Spring! The 3rd annual Plant and Seed Exchange will be on **April 21 at the McDonald School playground**. This is a community event to celebrate Earth Day, spring and horticultural science. Bring your family and friends, and any plants or seeds to share (optional). More event details to come.



Plant seeds during March and they'll be ready to share at the plant exchange! Use Dixie cups, egg cartons, or used plastic pots or containers make seed starts easy to share.

PTA Board Nomination

Join or Nominate someone for the PTA Board!

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

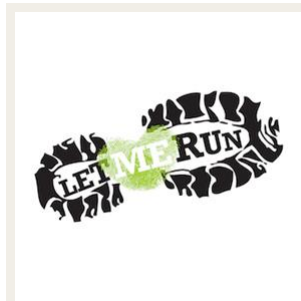
Position descriptions are available [here](#). Nominations can be made by filling out the online form or submitting a printed version via email or hard copy to the PTA mailbox in the main office.



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](#)

Join the McDonald LET ME RUN Team

Through the power of running, **Let Me Run** inspires boys to be courageous, to be themselves, to build healthy relationships, and to live an active lifestyle. The boys train twice a week for 7 weeks and compete in an end of season 5K.



- Program open to 3rd-5th graders
- Registration: open now - April 17
- Season: April 17th - June 5th 2024 (5K on June 9th)
- Practice location: McDonald Int'l Elementary School
- Practice date/time: Mondays 2:25 - 3:55 and Wednesdays 1:10 - 2:40

- Fee (5K included): \$150 (financial aid available)
- Contact: [Jen Shevitz](#)
- Register: <https://seattle.letmerun.org/teams>

Join the PTA Budget Committee on Mar 23rd, Mar 26th, Apr 4th

Want to have a voice in the planning of the PTA budget for next school year? Be part of the budget committee! We will put together the PTA budget for the upcoming school year. The only requirement to participate is being a PTA member (scholarships available). Reach out to [Jessica Villar](#), PTA co-Treasurer for any questions. Meeting dates/times below. Please join any or all meetings.



[Zoom Link.](#)

- Sat Mar 23rd at 10 - 11:30 am
- Tue Mar 26th at 6 - 7:30 pm
- Thu Apr 4th at 6 - 7:30 pm

BLM Artwork Video

With tremendous thanks to our McDonald art teacher, Nicole Rule, and the DEI Social Justice Team, we present student artwork inspired by the [BLM at School Guiding Principles!](#)

Look for your student's name and art in the video. It's unlisted on youtube, so you need the link to access: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD4cYgV6Hpk>



Spring Break Registration for Kids Co.

Kids Co. will be open for full day care the Monday - Thursday of spring break, April 8-11. Kids Co. is closed Friday April 12.

- Hours are 8am-5pm
- Spring break enrollment is open March 11-31. All families may enroll or cancel through March 31.
- Kids Co. will be open for care 8am-5pm
- Families will need to pack a NUT-FREE lunch for their child.
- Break day camp costs \$55 per day and families must sign up for each day individually.



New families enroll [here](#). Returning families enroll [here](#). Questions? Email [LaFawnda Williams](#).

Dual Language Bill Awaiting Signature

The McDonald community has been advocating for dual language. We are so excited to share that we are expecting the dual and tribal language bill [HB 1228](#). It is awaiting



Governor Inslee's signature.



Brief summary of the bill:

- Establishes, subject to appropriation, grant programs for establishing or expanding dual language education programs and tribal language education programs.
- Requires provision of literacy supports in service of American Indian and Alaska Native students.
- Makes changes to requirements related to the seal of biliteracy and the Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program.
- Requires reports from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Professional Educator Standards Board, and the Paraeducator Board on specified topics.

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