



July 2021

Dear MAS Family:

For our new and returning families to McIntosh Area School, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David Friedlander, and I am the Principal of the McIntosh Area School. On behalf of our staff and school board, I would like to welcome you to McIntosh Area School and to thank you for entrusting your child into our care. While I realize these are challenging times, I want to reassure you that we have been working diligently throughout the summer to ensure that the 2021-2022 school year puts your child's academic success, emotional growth, and personal safety as our top priority. I am writing to provide you with some important information as well as to assist you with learning more about our school. Enclosed with this letter you will find several documents that you will need to read prior to school beginning.

As we have done in previous years, McIntosh Area School typically follows the Marion County Public School instructional calendar year which officially begins on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> for students. Our normal school day hours of operation from 7:45 am to 2:20pm, however we do offer free breakfast for our students from 7:15 until 7:45. Our students are also entitled to a free lunch through the school district. In order to further assist you and help you and your child make a smooth transition into the new school year, we have scheduled a **Meet & Greet** afternoon for our families on Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. During this time, you may visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. You may also bring in any of your child's supplies at this time. In order to avoid overcrowding any room, we have established the following schedule for our families based on their last name to attend our Meet & Greet. Please visit your classrooms according to the schedule below. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please contact the office and let us know.

1:00-1:20 A-D  
1:20-1:40 E-H  
1:40-2:00 I-L  
2:00-2:20 M-P  
2:20-2:40 Q-T  
2:40- 3:00 U-Z

In our ongoing efforts to keep you informed as partners in your child's education, we have established the following methods to share information. Our website, [www.mcintosheagles.com](http://www.mcintosheagles.com), provides valuable information about our school along with forms that can be downloaded. In addition, this year, we will also be utilizing a school communication app called **REMIND**. This free app provides real time information and communication through your cell phone and email. The third form of communication for our families is our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/comesoarwithus/](https://www.facebook.com/comesoarwithus/) You may also contact us through email and phone as well. During the first week of school, you will also receive our parent/student handbook which provides you with important information you and your child will need to know about school policies and

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procedures. This handbook will also include information about state and county regulations which we must also adhere to.

Another program that is offered to our families is our Eagles Nest aftercare program. This program was developed to provide additional support to our families by providing supervised aftercare for our students beyond the typical school day hours. The hours of operation of our aftercare program are 2:30pm until 6:00pm. There is a nominal fee for this program. More information is available through the front office.

Once again, I wish to thank you for choosing McIntosh Area School as your child's school. The MAS board, staff and I look forward to partnering with you in order to ensure your child has a very successful and enjoyable school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office or me should you have any questions or concerns at **(352) 591-9797**

Sincerely,

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