



Start with
Hello

Get ready for an exciting week ahead! We're thrilled to announce our upcoming "Start With Hello Week" at McPherson! This fantastic initiative is all about spreading inclusivity and preventing social isolation among our amazing students.

Throughout the week, we're encouraging our students to take those small yet incredibly powerful steps – saying "hello," sharing a warm smile, and reaching out to their peers with kindness. These simple gestures have the incredible power to brighten someone's day and contribute to a more positive and welcoming environment for everyone in our school community.

We've prepared a lineup of engaging activities that promise fun, connection, and positive communication. From interactive games to thoughtful discussions and creative projects, we're focused on boosting interaction among our students. By participating, we're not just making new friends; we're also building a safer, more tightly-knit school community.

Let's come together and make "Start With Hello Week" an incredible success. Together, we'll demonstrate to our students the profound impact of inclusion and empathy. Get ready to witness the wonderful positive energy it will bring to our school!

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH-18TH

Monday 9/14	<u>"Hey" Day:</u> Students and staff will wear nametags so they can reach out to one another by name to say, "Hey!" Students will also be encouraged to say Hello to at least 3 people they don't already know.
Tuesday 9/15	<u>"Post a Positive" Tuesday:</u> Each classroom will create a "Smile Wall" for students to post kindness notes to each other.
Wednesday 9/16	<u>"Mix it Up" and Wear Green Wednesday:</u> Students will get to mix and mingle with their classmates looking to see what they have in common through various activities. Students are also encouraged to "mix it up" and invite new friends to play with at recess.
Thursday 9/17	<u>Thankful Thursday:</u> Students will draw a picture or write a special note to someone at school whose kindness they are thankful for. They can write as many as they like to show their appreciation.
Friday 9/18	<u>"Moving Forward" Fri-yay:</u> Each classroom will debrief the purpose of the week and discuss how students can move forward with kindness, empathy and friendship. Students will also sign a "Start with Hello Pledge" showing commitment to showing these traits at McPherson.