

Bobcat Bulletin

YVONNE T. MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President's Message

Hello friends and families, welcome back!!! I'm very thankful to be your McKitrick Elementary PTA President for the 2020-2021 school year. It's the start of a new school year for our children. They are growing up so fast! This year we all had to make a hard decision on schooling for our children and I know you didn't take it lightly. We will be working hard to do what's best for all our McKitrick families and we will be supporting Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School in their efforts to do so as well.

NEW MCKITRICK FAMILIES

If you are a new McKitrick family, please email us at McKitrickPTA.newcomers@gmail.com so we can send you a welcome email kit. This is a great way to get tips on what to expect and ease into the new school year.

GET INVOLVED

As a parent, I know how busy life can get. It sometimes is difficult to find a good work/life balance but there are always things we can do. It can be as simple as asking your child about their school day or helping to get them started on their homework.

In addition to engaging your child directly, another great way to get involved is to partner with the PTA. The most common option is to BECOME a MEMBER of the PTA. Membership fees are \$4.80-\$6.00 depending on how many you are purchasing. Your membership even unlocks some corporate discounts (example: discounted LEGOLAND tickets).

Mark Your Calendar

August:

Open House
First Day of School

September

Parent/Teacher
Conference Night
All Pro's Dad Breakfast

October

Box Top Collection Due
End of 1st grading period
All Pro Dad's Breakfast
Reflections Deadline

McKitrick Elementary
5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road
Lutz, Florida 33558
813.558.5427
Principal/Administrator:
Allison Cline
[McKitrick Elementary](#)

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Another way to help is by DONATING. There are several options available. You can donate directly to the PTA, to the Track Fund (to build a new track for the McKitrick Students), or you can donate to the 5th Grade Activities fund. Don't forget to sponsor a child in our Boosterthon fundraiser!!!

Also, we always welcome BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS. If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner please reach out to Lindsay Jimison for details at mckitrickpta.vpwaysandmeans@gmail.com.

STAY INFORMED

Besides our newsletter, you can also like us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter.

Our school staff, teachers, and the PTA are all here with a goal of doing what's best for our children and we cannot do it without your support. Thank you for all you do. Let's have a great year!

Billy Stahl,

PTA President

SAVE THE DATE
MCKITRICK VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020
FROM 2:00PM-5:00PM



**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS COMING
SOON TO A MAILBOX  NEAR YOU AFTER AUGUST 12TH!!**

At School or At Home- Show Your School Spirit



Don't forget, show your school pride and wear your spirit wear on Fridays!

Mascot Universe is conveniently located at 19259 N Dale Mabry Hwy or shop online at Mascotuniverse.com and have your spirit wear shipped for a fee. Mascot donates 20% of all sales to McKitrick!

Please like Mascot on Facebook and watch out for social media updates!

Please contact Mascot at 813-933-2333 with any questions about your orders.



Join Our PTA Newsletter Mailing List

Our monthly newsletter is critical to how we connect with our McKitrick community on important updates about upcoming school events, how to get involved through volunteer opportunities, and other featured content that supports our purpose which is advocating for education, health and well-being of all children.

[Click here](#) to join the McKitrick PTA Newsletter mailing list .

If you wish to be removed off the distribution list, please email our McKitrick Newsletter Chair directly at mckitrickpta.newsletter@gmail.com.

Join the PTA today at mckitrickpta.com

McKitrick PTA (Parent Teacher Association) invites you to join us and become a PTA member for the 2020-2021 school year. The PTA is the largest organization of its kind dedicated to advocacy on behalf of our children and public schools.

Last year McKitrick had 702 members and received the National PTA School of Excellence award! Lets get that award again this year!

Becoming a PTA member does not require a time commitment from you, nor does it mean you have to volunteer. By joining the PTA, you are simply saying, "Yes, I support our children and public schools!" All family members are encouraged to join, along with extended family and friends!

PTA membership dues are as low as \$4.80

The class that has the most PTA memberships by October 31st will be rewarded with a party!
Your PTA membership affords you some awesome deals with the following companies:



Go to <https://floridapta.org/member-perks/> to learn more about the 50% discount at LegoLand.

Go to <https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers> to learn more about your PTA membership perks.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Hurst at mckitrickpta.vpleadership@gmail.com

Join the McKittrick PTA today!

Go to www.mckittrickpta.com to buy your membership now.



10 REASONS *You* Belong IN PTA



- 1** PTA creates the village that helps to raise our kids and strengthen our community.
- 2** PTA links families to important school and community information.
- 3** PTA hosts fun, educational clubs, programs and events for our families.
- 4** PTA raises money to support the specific needs of our school.
- 5** PTA engages in school and digital safety initiatives.
- 6** PTA offers kids the opportunity to explore the arts and develop critical thinking, teamwork and creativity.
- 7** PTA inspires a love of reading and enhances students' book and literary options.
- 8** PTA encourages healthy lifestyles and food choices for every family.
- 9** PTA tracks local, state and national policies every day so we can advocate for what's best for our students, families and schools.
- 10** PTA believes we can make every child's potential a reality ...
But we need more believers.
We need you.
No time required.
Show you believe today.
Join PTA.

Gain access to local, state and national resources. Visit PTA.org/Join to become a member today!

2020-2021 PTA Committee

President–Billy Stahl

VP 1 Leadership–Amanda Hurst

VP 2 Ways & Means–Lindsay Jimison

Co-Chair- Boosterthon-Erin Circelli

Co-Chair-Megan Wilson

VP 3 Programs–Megan McCardle

Co-Chair- Amy Sweeny

Recording Secretary–Katie Lawsonn

Corresponding Secretary–Jessica Campbell

Treasurer–Deanna Okun

Volunteer Coordinator–Jessica Irizarri

Co-Chair-Lymari La Llave

Special Events –Lindsay Whitney

5th Grade Activities-Sonal Patel Co-Chairs

Megan McCardle, Crissy Blair

Website/IT–Cassandra Johnson

Homeroom Coordinator–Open

Co-Chair-Michelle Walker

Teacher Representative–Mrs. Contreras

McKitrick Cares–Heather Foster

Holiday Shop–Jessica Diefenderfer & Janaki

Tuljapurkar

Yearbook–Danielle Lindblom

2020-2021 PTA Committee Cont'd

Newsletter-Leah Garcia

Social Media-Steve Clark

Reflections–Melissa Cauger

Co-Chair-Kat Bobinac

Bobcat Bash Coordinator–Katie Stahl,
Kara Coleman & Janaki Tuljapurkar

Box Tops/Recycles–Kimberly Olson

Concessions–Erika Brock

Teacher Appreciation–Lauren Borio &
Sandy Haley

Decorating & Hospitality–Crissy Blair &
Erin Dombrowsky

Tutoring–Erin Dombrowski

All Pro Dads Club–Jason Crow

Bobcat Parent's Club–Erin Circelli

Sweetheart Dance–Jessica Diefenderfer
& Anna Jonsdottir & Lisa Peluso

Knights Event–Kristina Crawford & Leslie
Kennedy

Newcomer/Kindergarten Round-Up–
Kimberly Thompson & Samantha Lyons

Business Partner Spotlight:

McKitrick PTA is looking for business partners for the 2020-2021 school year!

If you are a business owner or know of a business that would be a great fit for our school, please reach out to Lindsay Jimison.

The 2020-2021 Business Partners will be announced in the September newsletter!

Business Partners

Thank you to our local business partners that have generously helped provide needed resources for the students and teachers at McKitrick Elementary School.

If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner please reach out to [Lindsay Jimison](#).

Quick Links

[McKitrick PTA Website](#)

[McKitrick PTA Store](#)

[McKitrick PTA Facebook](#)

[McKitrick PTA Twitter](#)

[McKitrick Elementary Website](#)

[2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

[McKitrick Lunch Menus Meal Pre-Pay](#)



Lend your support while gearing up for school

Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.

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Whether it's back-to-school or everyday shopping, each time you start at smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1098015, Amazon donates to Yvonne Mckitrick Elementary PTA.



Stay connected and in the know with Mckitrick Elementary PTA's Social Media.

Find out important information regarding upcoming events, activities, volunteer opportunities, upcoming deadlines and more through Facebook and Twitter.

Like us on Facebook [Mckitrick Elementary PTA Information](#) or follow us on Twitter [@mckitrickpta](#).





MCKITRICK PTA 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

THANK YOU Mrs. Cline, parents, teachers, staff and business partners together we raised...

\$76,150

Various School Fundraisers

\$11,843

Business Partners Donations

\$2,971

Dine Out & Spirit Wear Donations

\$103

Amazon Smile

HERE ARE SOME THINGS WE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDING



600+ Student Planners



\$5,100 Teacher Grants



25+ Fun Family & School Events



\$330 Homeroom Parent support



Fun Run raised \$15,500 to school for technology, cafeteria renovations, & water fountains. \$32,000 towards the track, and \$5,340 paid out to teachers



\$12,900 payout to teachers from Bobcat Bash

THANK YOU to the 606 VOLUNTEERS that contributed ~8,530+ HOURS to help make these school events & programs possible...

- Open House
- Homeroom Parents
- Tutoring Program
- Family Fun Nights
- Holiday Shop
- Teacher Appreciation
- Junior Achievement
- Sweetheart Dance
- All Pro Dads
- Bobcat Bash
- Mentor Program
- Newcomer/ Kindergarten Round Up
- McKittrick Cares Coat & Toy Drive
- Reflections
- MobyMax Rewards
- Fun Run
- Ice Cream Socials
- Book Fair
- Holiday Concert
- Teacher Conference Desserts
- 5th Grade Food Drive