

Bobcat Bulletin

YVONNE T. MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Message from the PTA President

Hello McKitrick Family!!! Thank you so much for the support you have shown us by participating in our September Spirit Week at Planet Smoothie. Your support means so much to both the school and the local businesses that support our PTA. This month we will be having our Spirit Week with Bahama Bucks. Also, we are happy to see that we have an increase in traffic to both our website and our Social Media accounts as this is one of our main sources of sharing information with all our McKitrick parents during this COVID environment.

Memberships:

We continue to see new PTA memberships being purchased. Thank you so much!!! It is so encouraging to see our McKitrick families rallying to support the PTA and the School during these difficult times. We are getting closer to our goal every day. If you haven't had a chance to purchase your membership, please use this [link](#).

OWN A BUSINESS?

We still have a few spots available for Business Partnerships. There are several ways to become a sponsor/partner (donations, in kind donations, spirit weeks, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner please reach out to Lindsay Jimison for details at McKitrickPTA.VPWaysandMeans@gmail.com.

Boosterthon

Boosterthon is around the corner in November and we would love to get your support. This is a fun and exciting fundraiser that our children love to participate in. Last year, approximately 74% of our kids were sponsored for Boosterthon proving this is the most popular fundraiser they participate in. Let's make sure they get our encouragement and support!!!

Lastly, a special thank you to the McKitrick Elementary teachers and staff for all their hard work and dedication to our children during this time. It is truly appreciated, and we can't thank you enough.

Billy Stahl, PTA President

Mark Your Calendar

October

20th PTA Board Meeting
23rd All Pro Dad
23rd End of 1st grading period
21 Spirit Day- Bahama Bucks

November

3rd Boosterthon Pep Rally
11th No School- Veterans Day
13th Boosterthon DanceFit
17th PTA Board Meeting
23rd -27th Fall Break

December

12/15- PTA Board Meeting
12/18- End 2nd Grading Period
12/21-1/5 Winter Break

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

FUNDRAISER

WHAT'S OUR FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR?

Hi McKitrick Bobcats! Your PTA Ways & Means committee has been hard at work this summer to come up with a fundraiser that everyone can do whether learning at home or in the classroom. This year we are doing Dance Fit! Mark your calendars for November 3 kickoff and Dance Fit event on November 13. This is similar to dance revolution where you follow along to the dancers. The kids will have a lot of fun doing this in class or at home (teachers and parents can join in too!).

Since last year's fundraiser was so successful, we decided to team up with Boosterthon again this year. With the money raised from last year's Boosterthon fundraiser, we were able to provide homeroom teacher payouts, teacher grants and allocate funds toward water fountain upgrades, cafeteria improvements and half our track. We were hoping to start those projects over the summer, however, covid had other plans.

Due to the school being on a spending freeze over the later part of Spring and Summer, we had to push off our projects and re-evaluate this year where our fundraiser dollars are best spent. It was voted upon by your PTA that our students need a track. Our goal this year is to complete the track and in order to do that we need to raise the rest of the funds. I believe we can raise the funds needed this year. There is a process in getting it approved by the school board, but we have high hopes we can get this approved quickly and hopefully be able to start construction over next summer. I know we can do this! Our school is an amazing community and with your help and donations I know we can complete this project and provide our kids with a fun, safe area to play in.

Please watch for updates on the fundraiser and mark your calendar for November 13!

Wednesday, October 21st



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Odessa, FL 33556

[813-616-8801](tel:813-616-8801)

www.bahamabucks.com

*Visit Bahama Bucks on
OCTOBER 21st
Mention McKitrick Elementary when
ordering and proceeds will go back
to the school.*

SPIRIT DAY



McKitrick

Membership Leaderboard

KINDERGARTEN

Atkinson 14
Figueroa 22
Bump 24
Spear 5
Valcin 13
Draper 32
Peterson 15

FIRST GRADE

Baker 24
Leske 22
Granell 17
Chisholm 74
Nolan 21
Bedessem 13
Monaghan 17

2ND GRADE

Kashansky 9
Moffatt 15
Franko 17
Brangaccio 29
Agoncillo 16
Gaudineer 14
Jones 5
Goff 27

**The class with the most memberships
bought by October 31st wins a PARTY!**

Visit www.mckitrickpta.com to buy your membership today!

THIRD GRADE

Hill 7
Prentiss 15
Jones 18
Casiano 15
McDonnell 23
Contreras 32
Rives 12
Zweben 10
Alderman 24

FOURTH GRADE

Orijuela 17
Abbett 19
Streicher 2
Bocklund 4
Moon 4
Arnold 4
Kappris 3
Brice 12
Brewer 8
Flynn 9

FIFTH GRADE

CT 12
Peraza 9
Olson 22
Mountain 26
Lockwood 21
Manrique 12
Steckman 12
Strain 11



SPIRIT WEAR

Bobcats, show your spirit on Fridays!

NEW DESIGNS FOR 2020-2021,
COTTON, DRY FIT, MASKS & MORE!

VISIT MASCOT UNIVERSE AT 19259 N. DALE
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Mascot donates 20% of all sales to McKitrick!

MCKITRICK PTA MEMBERSHIP!

IT'S ELEMENTARY!

**JOIN
PTA
TODAY!**

COST:
1-\$6.00
2-\$12.00
3-\$16.00
4-\$20.00
5-\$24.00

Be part of the
larger **VOICE
VOTE**

on hot issues

Be in the **KNOW**

Help **ADVANCE**
State, local & national
LAWS!

**WHO
CAN
JOIN?**

Anyone

Boys & Girls

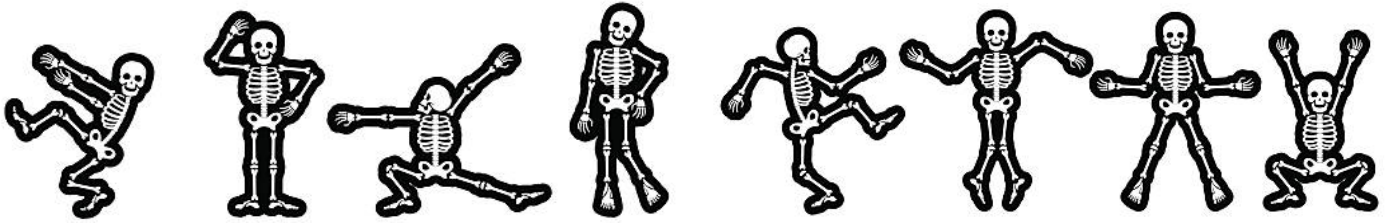
Community
Members

family, friends, neighbors, students
siblings! Every member counts!

How do I join?

Buy online @ mckitrickpta.com

VOLUNTEERS



Due to current COVID-19 protocols, the district has suspended school based volunteer activities until further notice. As new information becomes available, we will post notifications as to when volunteers can resume volunteer activities.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to offer your time for off campus volunteering, including picking up supplies the teacher may need.

We value your time and any time you spend volunteering is important to us. Please log your off campus volunteering hours at the link below or by visiting our website, McKitrickPTA.com and clicking the Volunteer link.

Thank you for supporting the wonderful teachers at our school even from a distance! YOU truly do make a difference!

[Track Your Hours Here](#)

Please reach out to me, Jessica Irizarri, if you have any questions at mckitrickpta.vpvolunteers@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

**Planet
Smoothie®**

Our Spirit week at Planet Smoothie was a big success! Thank you to our Business Partner Planet Smoothie for donating a portion of the smoothie sales back to our school.

Business Partner Spotlight: ACHIEVA

Achieva Credit Union was founded in 1937 by a group of seven teachers, so our roots run deep in education. Achieva proudly supports many local schools and community events and provides classroom grants through fundraising efforts of the Achieva Foundation. We believe in community and have created multiple 'Partner' accounts, offering special benefits for those who work in education, healthcare, law enforcement/fire/military, and government employees. We also believe in instilling financial literacy from a young age and offer specialty savings accounts for youth and teens, preparing our youth to achieve financial peace of mind at every stage of life. Come meet our team and enjoy a free cup of coffee at your local branch, located at **2115 Collier Parkway, Land O Lakes, FL 34639**, and let us show you what GOOD banking is all about!

We are also excited to announce the addition of our Trinity branch – located at **12006 State Road 54, Odessa, FL 33556**.

Achieva Credit Union is federally insured by NCUA.



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GOOD™**



A BIG shout out and special thank you to McKitrick Business Partner Achieva Bank for donating hand sanitizer and lanyards (to be converted to mask holders) last month! We appreciate the support!

Quick Links

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[McKitrick Elementary Website](#)

[2020-20201 School Calendar](#)

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



Business Partner Spotlight: Almost Home

Almost Home is a family owned business created by Lutz native Natalie Zambito Nelson. Almost Home is a fully licensed facility that has just begun its 9th year of business. Almost Home offers a wide range of child care. After School Care is designed for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade for \$60.00 per week. The After School Program focuses on having the children complete their homework before they start the variety of indoor and outdoor activities daily. These activities include Air Hockey, Wii Games, Art, Board Games, Football, Basketball, Field Hockey etc. The After School Program closes at 6:30 PM to give parents ample time to leave work and pick up their children without feeling rushed.

The Child Sitting Program gives parents of children ages 3 years old to 13 years old a chance to have an evening out on Friday and Saturday nights. The Child Sitting Program is membership based for children not enrolled in our After School program. We have 2 memberships available a One Use per Month for \$30.00 and The Unlimited for \$59.00 per month. Both memberships cover up to 2 children. For children enrolled in our After School program, the cost is \$15 per evening per child. The Summer Program also accepts children ages 3 to 13. The summer program is packed with exciting field trips, special guests, and activities. This program is designed to keep kids engaged all day long by rotating them to the various activities every 45 minutes.

Almost Home also offers an academically and socially focused VPK Program designed to get your 4 year old ready for Kindergarten. This program offers various rollover times to accommodate every parent's needs.

The center has a child capacity of 113 students and maintains an 18:1 staff to child ratio for the After School, Child Sitting and Summer Camp Programs and a 1:10 ratio for the VPK Program.





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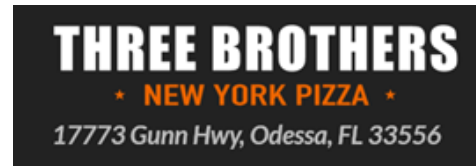
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2020-2021 PTA Committee

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Co-Chair-Megan Wilson

VP 3 Programs–Megan McCardle

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Tuljapurkar

Yearbook- Danielle Lindblom

Junior Achievement- Rick Coleman

2020-2021 PTA Committee Cont'd

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