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# BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President

Happy Spring Bobcat's! We have had quite the busy start to our Spring. Our PTA & the McKitrick music department hosted "Picnic in the Park". On campus, the PTA special events committee packed our field with fun for all including food trucks, family games and free popcorn & cotton candy! My kid's loved the obstacle course hosted by Cheval.

First through fifth grade presented a fantastic musical concert directed by Mr. Whiting; filled with familiar hits & classical music. My all time favorite, Jimmy Buffet's Volcano song sung by first grade, had the crowd of smiling parents singing along to the familiar tunes. It was indeed a great event and one our PTA hope's to make a continued tradition.

### About McKitrick PTA:

McKitrick PTA serves as a liaison between school administration, parents and teachers. We work closely with the school to support academic and extracurricular programs, organize fundraisers and facilitate communication between the school and families. Our PTA is an essential part of our school community, and we rely on the involvement & support of parents and faculty members to achieve our goals. Your participation is critical to the success of our school.

If you are interested in joining a committee for next school year, please contact [volunteer@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:volunteer@mckitrickpta.com) or [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com) and we will be happy to help guide you.

Lindsay Jimison  
PTA President 2021-2023



## CALENDAR

### April

- 1st Spring Concert
- 13th Three Brothers Dine Out
- 24-28 Teacher Appreciation Week

### May

- 4th PTA General Meeting
- 26th Last Day of School

## McKitrick Elementary

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Principal/Administrator:

**Allison Cline**

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join our online  
community today!



## Quick Links

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JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL  
DINE OUT OF THE YEAR!

# THREE BROTHERS PIZZA

April 13th | ALL DAY

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ALL PROCEEDS FROM SALES THAT DAY GO  
TO OUR SCHOOL! TELL THEM YOU'RE  
FROM MCKITRICK WHEN YOU ORDER!

We love our volunteers and cannot thank you enough! We thank you for those who have helped out with the **Sweetheart Dance, 5th Grade Service Project, Picnic in the Park, and Spring Portrait Day**. We are ALWAYS grateful for our many silent supporters and workers on and off campus. We look forward to having our volunteers participate in **Kindergarten Round Up** as well as **Teacher Appreciation Week** in April.

As always, we cannot stress how important it is for our volunteers to log your hours: <https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1>. We will be submitting these hours to the National PTA soon to strive to be a School of Excellence again in the upcoming year!



Last but not least, remember to have the [Y.E.S form](#) approved prior to participating in any volunteering activities. Thank you! We appreciate you!!

 A graphic with a light brown background. On the left is a white plate with a green border containing a piece of salmon, green leafy vegetables, and asparagus. To the right is the text "It's Lunch Time!" in a large, dark brown, cursive font. Below the text is a purple fork and a red-handled knife. A sprig of green herbs is also visible.
 

Volunteering in the lunchroom is a win-win! You'll have a chance to see your kiddos while helping out our hardworking staff.

Duties include assisting children with opening items, collecting garbage, and helping children socialize. Adult staff will remain in the lunchroom at all times to address student concerns and needs.

To participate, please contact Assistant Principal Kimberly Stone at [kimberly.stone@hcps.net](mailto:kimberly.stone@hcps.net) to schedule a quick orientation. Ms. Stone will provide the online signup sheet after you have completed the orientation.

McKittrick All Pro Dads,

The topic of Perseverance was an engaging one! To summarize, one Dad said, "I am proud of my child, because reading didn't come naturally for him, but not he persevered and reads the most out of the family!" One all pro kid shared, "I learned about perseverance from my dad that he can make mistakes as a parent, but still persevere to be the best dad ever." Thank you All Pro Dad's for your perseverance to support our wonderful community and school willing to overcome any challenge before you!



The next meeting topic for us to huddle up on is **Honesty** and the location is the cafeteria 7am to 7:30am Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Here is the next meeting RSVP link; we check in at the front office at 7am with a driver's license for our next impactful 30 minute meeting:

[https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter\\_meetings/45227/rsvp](https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/45227/rsvp)

Attached is a link to an All Pro Dad article on three ways we can learn to persevere from our parent's failures: <https://www.allprodad.com/3-ways-fathers-parenting-failures/>

Last month was the All Pro Dad Experience at Raymond James Stadium. We kicked extra points, threw footballs into the end zone and two-time Super Bowl winning WR Justin Watson shook hands and showed off his Bucs Super Bowl ring. It was a great day to meet amazing Dads and their kids from around our community! Orlando and Gainesville have events coming up if you are interested as the Raymond James event sold out.

Please ask questions and provide your feedback to [allprodads@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:allprodads@mckitrickpta.com). Thank you again Bobcat family for being and raising such involved compassionate leaders in our community!



Thank you to all the McKitrick families who came out to enjoy a sunny day for Picnic in the Park on April 1st! We loved hearing so many amazing songs during the spring concert, complete with great voices, incredible instruments, and even gymnastics dancers! Wow, we have some talented Bobcats!

We really appreciate our local business partners that supported the event with fun and games:

- The Club at Cheval
- Mathnasium
- Urgent Care & Wellness Center of Lutz
- IMX Pilates

We are so grateful for the delicious food provided by:

- Buzzy's Kitchen
- Kettle & Pit
- Calusa Pizza
- Pirate Ice

We also wanted to recognize the amazing teachers and staff that make McKitrick such a special place to be. They all go above and beyond to create a positive and fun learning environment for the students and families! And hats off to the awesome parents that give so much of their time to nurture their children and also volunteer to help at the school throughout the year. We hope everyone was able to stop by the PTA tents for complimentary popcorn and cotton candy.

Looking forward to our next school event to celebrate Bobcat style once again!



Thank You  
Volunteers  
For Helping Make  
This a Successful  
Event!

# MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

## Bobcat Bash 2023



**McKitrick Families! We raised over \$10,000 at this years Bobcat Bash! This will go directly into the classrooms. Thank you for all of your generosity!**



# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

McKitrick Families, How do you store your kiddo's school papers, award certificates, report cards and all those amazing memories??? If you silently mumbled "random shelves in my closet", "shoeboxes", "random bins"...and you need a better solution, check this out!

My Personalized Digital School Memory Kit Files are a organizational lifesaver! It's the perfect printable kit that every Mom needs to keep all those school mementos, pics and artwork in one place! You'll save space and get those piles of papers organized once and for all and includes everything you need to create a beautiful & personalized memory box for your child's school year memories.



**E** [Etsy.com/Shop/PaperPartyDesignInk](https://www.etsy.com/shop/PaperPartyDesignInk)

What does this Kit Include? Your Printable School Years DIY Memory Kit Purchase Includes:

- 1 (8.5" H x 11" W) Personalized Cover Sheet with your child's name
- 14 (8.5" H x 11" W) School Year Individual Fillable Sheets Starting from Pre-K up until 12th Grade (Includes a photo area to tape in your favorite yearly pic)
  - 1 Sheet of Colorful, Pre-filled and pre-sized Tabs for the Hanging File Folders with each grade, Extras (Early Years, Art, Report Cards, Medical, etc.) and Blank Tabs Included
- 1 Personalized Bonus 5.5" x 8.5" Sheet that Includes a First Day of School Interview for your Child to Complete Each Year (set up 2 on an 8.5" x 11" sheet, so you can print as many as you need- for each year)

2 Designs available! Check out the Digital School Memory Kits and other School themed Printable Keepsakes: [www.Etsy.com/Shop/PaperPartyDesignInk](https://www.etsy.com/shop/PaperPartyDesignInk)

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# McKittrick Business Partner Spotlight

Fresh Legal Perspective was founded by attorneys who believe there is much more to life than billable hours. We understand that to our clients' time is precious and resources are limited. That is why we are committed to working closely with our clients to develop a plan that will provide them with practical solutions, including cost effective legal representation.

We strive to:

- Provide legal services at a reasonable price. When possible, we will offer a flat rate for our services.
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- Be a socially responsible company by encouraging our attorneys to participate in Hillsborough County's free legal assistance program and encouraging attorneys and staff to volunteer with local non-profit organizations.

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  - Living Will, Health Care Surrogate, & Power of Attorney
  - Revocable Trust & Irrevocable Trust
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  - Business Transaction
  - Civil Litigation
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While everyone cannot always leave a monetary legacy, everyone does have the power of making the preparations that will make their family's lives easier during difficult times – a gift that is better than any sum of money. Contact our compassionate and experienced estate planning and probate lawyers to schedule a consultation, so that you can make a difference for your family today.

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**Recording Secretary: Tanya Kayani**

**Parent Outreach: Yasamine Viehland**

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**Open House: Tanya Kayani**

**Fifth Grade Activities: Jessica Diefenderfer**

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**Sweetheart Event: Lisa Peluso, Tanya Kayani & Jessica Diefenderfer**

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**Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker, Lacey Ranucci, & Barrie Vause**

**Teacher Appreciation: Lauren Borio, Jennifer Ptack, Cassandra Johnson, Viviana Lit, Melissa Weitzenfeld**

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**Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier**

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up: Chryssa Samhoury & Farheen Aldeen**