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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Hi Bobcat Families!

It's hard to believe we're already more than halfway through this school year!

If you missed our January Mid Year General Meeting we celebrated our accomplishments this year and highlighted the spectacular events / programs our PTA Team is planning for the remainder of the year. **Make sure you don't miss our monthly newsletters and follow our social media channels to stay updated!!**

Also during the General Meeting, our PTA members voted & approved our mid year budget which will allow us to allocate funds for:

- Fans for covered court
- Teacher grants
- Goat pen improvements
- Media Center renovation project
- Printers and other technology

This funding wasn't possible without our successful Fall Boosterthon fundraiser & our continued support from our Business Sponsors support. THANK YOU!!

Lastly, it's **that time of the year to open up the application process for current McKittrick PTA members to nominate themselves for a PTA Officer position for the 2023/24 school year. The application closes February 20th. See the flier in this newsletter on how to apply!!** Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions about the officer positions.



Lindsay Jimison
President

Jessica Campbell
Vice President

CALENDAR

February

- 5th Sons & Stars event
- 6-10 Sweetheart tickets on sales
- 17th Non-Student Day
- 20th PTA Nominations Due
- 23rd 6th grade orientation
- 23rd Bobcat Bash—1st, 3rd, 5th grades
- 24th Bobcat Bash—K, 2nd, 4th grades

March

- 3rd Sweetheart dance
- 6th Non-Student Day
- 13-17 Spring Break

PEACE, LOVE & YEARBOOKS



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Yearbooks sold out last year – don't miss out on the opportunity to secure a yearbook for your student. The only way to guarantee your child's yearbook is to preorder one before the end of January. After that date it's possible that we will not have enough yearbooks.

5th Grade Dedications are also for sale! You have until the end of February to purchase your ad. It's very intuitive and you have control over the photos, text and layout!

Order yearbooks and dedications today at <https://mckitrickpta.com/yearbook>

PEACE, LOVE & YEARBOOKS

Quick Links

McKitrick PTA Website

McKitrick PTA Store

McKitrick PTA Facebook

McKitrick PTA Twitter

McKitrick Elementary Website

2022-2023 School Calendar

McKitrick Lunch Menus

Meal Pre-Pay

INCOMING SIXTH
GRADE ORIENTATION
@Martinez Middle School
5:30PM-7:30PM

FEBRUARY
23
2023



SAVE THE DATE

McKitrick Elementary

5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road

Lutz, Florida 33558

813.558.5427

Principal/Administrator:

Allison Cline

JOIN THE
MCKITRICK
Parents Club



SCAN the QR code here to join our online community today!



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS THE
SONS & STARS EVENT

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GROWN UP BOWLING BUDDY &
LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 2023

2 TIME FRAMES FOR THIS EVENT, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

TIME SLOT 1: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

TIME SLOT 2: 3:30PM - 5:30PM

PIN CHASERS VETERANS

5555 W. HILLSBOROUGH AVE. ● TAMPA, FL

TICKETS ARE \$20 PER BOWLER

Includes Unlimited Bowling, Bowling Shoes, Pizza, and Soda

TICKET INFO: Tickets will be on sale between January 23rd - 31st ONLINE ONLY. Event is limited to 240 people per time slot. Tickets will be first come, first serve and will be limited to one adult per child. Purchase tickets through our online PTA store, and the tickets will be sent home through your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be sold at the door.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS ONLINE: [HTTPS://MCKITRICK.MEMBERHUB.COM/STORE](https://mckitrick.memberhub.com/store)



AN ENCHANTED NIGHT AWAITS...

McKitrick Elementary Presents

A SECRET GARDEN

Sweetheart Dance

Girls, Bring your Favorite Adult to Dance the Night Away!

Friday, March 3rd

from **6:00PM - 8:30PM**

Steinbrenner High School

5575 W. LUTZ LAKE FERN RD. | LUTZ, FL

Ticket Price: \$45/Pair

Additional Child Ticket: \$20

(One adult per family, please. Not a fundraising event - all proceeds go towards helping fund this event)

Tickets will be on sale online, between February 6th - 10th. Please purchase tickets through our online PTA store, and the tickets will be sent home through your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. To purchase tickets online, visit: McKitrick.memberhub.com/store. Limited amount of tickets available, and will be sold first come, first served.

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

McKitrick Elementary Presents
A SECRET GARDEN
Sweetheart Dance

The McKitrick Elementary PTA is proud to present the 2023 Sweetheart Dance on Friday, March 3rd at Steinbrenner High School, featuring a memorable "enchanted garden" theme. This wonderful annual tradition invites McKitrick girls to enjoy an evening with their dads or other special adult. The Sweetheart Dance is one of our most popular activities, typically attracting around 450-500 attendees. We would love to have local community businesses represented as sponsors to help defray costs, and in return, we hope to provide incredible marketing exposure in our school among staff and families. Please contact Emily at businesspartners@mckitrickpta.com if you are interested in discussing these sponsorship opportunities further...

GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR \$1000

- Includes premier banner space on the fence at McKitrick Elementary
- Includes 2 featured spotlights in the electronic school newsletter
- Includes recognition on McKitrick PTA social media pages
- Includes listing in the school yearbook
- Includes space to display business cards/brochures at the Sweetheart Dance
- Includes table signage on sponsor table and around the Sweetheart Dance
- Includes verbal recognition at the Sweetheart Event

SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR \$500

- Includes a mention in the electronic school newsletter
- Includes listing in the school yearbook
- Includes space to display business cards/brochures at the Sweetheart Dance
- Includes table signage on sponsor table at the Sweetheart Dance

BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR \$250

- Includes a mention in the electronic school newsletter
- Includes space to display business cards/brochures at the Sweetheart Dance
- Includes table signage on sponsor table at the Sweetheart Dance

Thank you for supporting our community!



Congratulations to Our Participants!

Alexandra Stroud

Alexis Collins

Asna Amir

Donovan Bliss

Elise Harake

Elizabeth Prentiss

Ivin Chirayath

Jacqueline Prentiss

Jordyn Borio

Kayla Benecke

Kinnari Patel

Lily Attard

Luisa Oliveira

Madison Robertson

Mason Bliss

Matthias Sierra

Ovi Tandlekar

Puran Naresh

Roxie Larrera

Saskia Mooney

Savannah Stahl

Swara Shervegar

The following McKitrick Students Reflections entries were selected to advance to the County competition. Congratulations and Best of Luck!

Dance Choreography

Alexis Collins (Intermediate Division)

Jacqueline Prentiss (Primary Division)

Roxie Larrera (Intermediate Division)

Savannah Stahl (Intermediate Division)

Film Production

Savannah Stahl (Intermediate Division)

Literature

Elizabeth Prentiss (Intermediate Division)

Jordyn Borio (Intermediate Division)

Kayla Benecke (Intermediate Division)

Ovi Tandlekar (Primary Division)

Swara Shervegar (Primary Division)

Music Composition

Kinnari Patel (Intermediate Division)

Madison Robertson (Intermediate Division)

Matthias Sierra (Primary Division)

Saskia Mooney (Intermediate Division)



Breaking News!



The Following McKitrick Students Reflections Entries have been selected to move forward from the County Competition onto the State Level Competition.

Alexis Collins

Dance Choreography—Intermediate Division

Kinnari Patel

Music Composition—Intermediate Division

Madison Robertson

Music Composition— Intermediate Division

Matthias Sierra

Volunteers!! We appreciate all of your continued effort to support our PTA. **We will be sending out signups to call for volunteers for the upcoming Bobcat Bash and the Sweetheart Dance shortly. In the meantime, we can still use one or two more tutoring volunteers.** No experience needed and you will be working with the teachers directly!



Please email our tutoring committee at tutoring@mckitrickpta.com if you are interested. As always, please remember to log your hours here: <https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1> and have the Y.E.S form approved prior to participating in any volunteering activities. We appreciate you!



*It's
Lunch
Time!*

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 to schedule a quick orientation. Ms. Stone will provide the online signup sheet after you have completed the orientation.



McKitrick All Pro Dads,

Our Happy New Year meeting on the topic of Loyalty sparked wonderful discussions about the importance of family and friends (especially those with younger siblings). So many Dad's are great encouragers of loyalty with their thoughtful feedback they shared with the group from their experiences!



The next meeting is **cancelled** because it falls on a non-student day. Keep an eye out for details on the March meeting.

Attached is a link to an All Pro Dad article on Kindness: [Five Reasons Kindness Matters - All Pro Dad](#)

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

MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

Volunteers Needed!

Bobcat Bash 2023

SAVE THE DATE

February 23 and February 24

2/23 - 1st, 3rd and 5th Grades
2/24 - Kinder, 2nd and 4th Grades

This is an **IN-SCHOOL** event.
Each class will be able to experience the fun.

The Bobcat Bash is a giveback event held each year that puts money back into the classroom. All money raised will go back to the McKitrick Teachers for classroom supplies. Purchase a ticket (and even sponsor another child) by visiting mckitrickpta.com.

Ticket Sales 2/10-2/20 Just \$10 per Ticket

Teacher Challenges \$10 More Info To Follow

MCKITRICKPTA.COM

McKitrick Elementary

JOIN US!

CALLING FOR PTA OFFICER NOMINATIONS

APPLICATION OPENS FEB 1ST
McKitrick PTA is looking for nominations for Officer positions for 2023/24 school year!

NOMINATION DEADLINE
MONDAY
20TH
FEBRUARY 2023

SCAN QR CODE TO GET MORE DETAILS & EXPRESS INTEREST.

Share the Love

Join us in sharing the love with some of our local **senior citizens** as we make **valentines** to distribute at the local **nursing homes**.

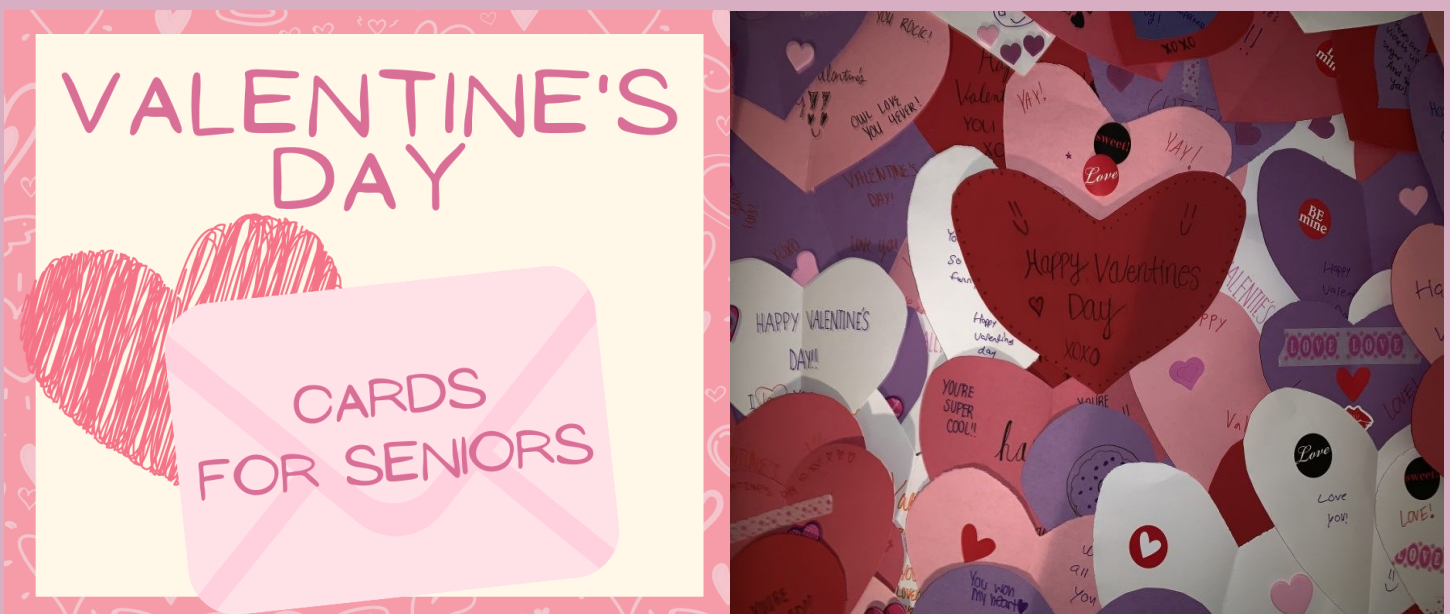
A valentines card box will be located in the front office until **Friday, February 10th** to drop off valentines for the seniors. You can make 1 or 1000 valentines to help share the love. The more the merrier.

You can sign the cards with your name or leave a signature off.

We will stamp the cards on the back to say

“Love, McKitrick Elementary School Students”

Any questions please contact Katie at: McKitrickServes@McKitrickPTA.com





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Grand re-opening of our Odessa location is February 1st!! We finally made it!!!! A huge thank you to everyone for their patience. We can't wait to see you soon!

THREE BROTHERS

WE
CATER!

★ NEW YORK PIZZA ★

ALL
EVENTS!

Odessa | Palm Harbor | Town N Country

+
www.3brothersny.com

Most major insurances accepted*

****On-site X-ray****

****No appointment needed****

At Urgent Care and Wellness Center we can treat most non-life threatening conditions from colds, flu, UTI's, asthma attacks, physical injuries, and much more. We are trained in suturing, abscess incision and draining, splinting, and other procedures. As an added convenience, we have an on-site X-ray machine!

We are happy to provide rapid testing for common illnesses such as influenza, COVID, Strep, and Mono. We can also send cultures for other viruses/bacteria and help provide therapy to keep your families healthy.

In addition to the urgent care visits, we also can help with sport and school physicals, along with medical clearances. We pride ourselves in serving the same community where we live and it truly is our pleasure to help keep everyone safe and healthy.



URGENT CARE
& WELLNESS CENTER

On-Site
X-Rays

18981 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 8:00pm Sat - Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm

813-388-5922

info@lutzuc.com | lutzuc.com

February is **National Children's Dental Health Month** - a great time to promote the benefits of good oral hygiene, because developing good dental health habits (including regular dental visits every six month) helps children get a jump start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Want to be cavity free, come see Dr. Bee! 813.530.3300






Francisco H. Bezerra, DDS, PA

21 DAY CHALLENGE

CREATE Healthy Habits, brush your teeth 2X day and floss 1X a day. Mark off when you have completed brushing and flossing your teeth each time.

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
WEEK 1 								
WEEK 2 								
WEEK 3 								

Once completed bring to a Dr. Bee office near you to receive 4 tokens!





Wesley Chapel | Land O' Lakes | Clearwater



VISIT THE DENTIST EVERY SIX MONTHS

Take your child to see a pediatric dentist by his or her first birthday to establish a DENTAL HOME. Your dentist can help you establish a daily regimen, provide recommendations and determine your next visit. The routine cleanings help remove bacteria like Tartar and gingivitis

WHERE DO CAVITIES COME FROM?

Everyone has harmful bacteria in their mouths that get energy from the sugar we consume, in the process it produces acid. This acid causes cavities to form. Here are important tips to help kids have cavity-free mouths— at all ages! BRUSH, BRUSH, BRUSH Remember to brush your child's teeth at least TWICE A DAY, once in the morning and once at night. The most important time to brush your child's teeth is RIGHT BEFORE BEDTIME.



Can I sit with my child during a cleaning or a treatment?

Yes! We allow one parent back in the room with the patient. We find that having more than one person in the room is distracting to the patient and to us. Some parents are nervous about treatment and opt to stay in the waiting room as not to pass the nerves onto the patient. Children can be very intuitive about what their parents are feeling, so if you feel like you will pass your feelings or anxiety onto them, we encourage you to consider staying out of the room.



Better words to say

INSTEAD OF SAYING.....	SAY.....
Dental Drill	Mr. Bumpy
Suction	Mr. Thirsty
Bite Block (to assist opening)	Tooth Chair
Shot	Blowing a Bubble
Pull a Tooth/Extract	Wiggle a Tooth
Nitrous Oxide (N2O)	Happy Air/ Silly Gas
Dental Exam	Counting Teeth
Cavity / Decay	Sugar Bugs



Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary School

2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Lindsay Jimison

Vice President: Jessica Campbell

Treasurer: Erin Circelli

Recording Secretary: Tanya Kayani

Parent Outreach: Yasamine Viehland

Fundraising: Megan Wilson

Special Events: Lindsay Whitney & Kelly Lynn Shultz

Student/School Support: Brandi Kenny

Programs: Jessica Diefenderfer

Communications: Lauren Constantine

Parents Club: Chryssa Samhoury

All Pro Dads: Clint Swigart

Homeroom Parents: Brittany Harake

Volunteer Coordinator: Viviana Lit

Memberships: Kim Hunt

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Ptack

Boosterthon: Darbie Wilder, Gina Willemin, Consuelo Benassi & Erin Circelli

Bobcat Bash: Darbie Wilder, Gina Willemin, Barrie Vause, Lacey Ranucci

Holiday Shop: Jessica Diefenderfer & Lisa Peluso

Business Partners: Emily Draper

Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Open House: Tanya Kayani

Fifth Grade Activities: Jessica Diefenderfer

McKittrick Cares: Heather Foster & Katie Metz

School-Wide Hospitality/Decorating: Cheryl Rodriguez & Jessica Williams

Sweetheart Event: Lisa Peluso, Tanya Kayani & Jessica Diefenderfer

Sons & Stars Event: Evan Walker & Adam Grier

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

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

Health & Safety: Jessica Greene & Katalin Vinci -Sierra

McKittrick Serves: Katie Stahl, Heather Foster & Michelle Dacanay

Reflections: Katie Stahl, Michelle Dacanay & Meredith Renuart

Junior Achievement: Rick Coleman & Loren Mednick

Tutoring: Paula Hamadani

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Memberhub: Steve Attard

Yearbook: Robert Hudson & Cassandra Johnson

Social Media: Chryssa Samhoury

Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

Front Marquee: Erin Circelli

Concessions: Louise Johnstone & Iris Sims

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Melissa Chevalier & Punit Shah

Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up: Chryssa Samhoury & Farheen Aldeen