



Bobcat

BULLETIN

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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Hi Bobcats! Thank you to our amazing teachers and volunteers for putting together the hands-on activities for our SMATH + Literacy Family Fun Night. Let's also give a round of applause to every student that created artwork that was on display in the SLAM Showcase. We also want to thank Meredith Renuart and Viviana Lit for their time running the PTA Reflections program. Congratulations to the participating students! We are so proud of the talent and creativity at McKittrick.

If you missed our January General PTA Meeting on 2/22, we uploaded the presentation and meeting notes to our website at [Meeting Agendas & Minutes \(mckittrickpta.com\)](https://mckittrickpta.com). It is filled with upcoming event information and highlights from the school year so far. Be sure to check it out.

Each year we get to nominate and elect the next PTA Executive Board. Applications open February 3rd - 17th for the following PTA positions - President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested, please check out the google form to apply: [Executive Board Nomination Form](#)

We are also looking to fill our committee and chair positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Do you enjoy all of the programs and events the school and PTA have? In order to make those happen, we have an amazing group of our McKittrick families working together. Please consider joining our team. We have many positions with varying time commitments and responsibilities that can fit your availability. Please reach out to anyone on the PTA to get more information on a role that would be great for you. Many hands make light work!

Heather Foster
PTA President

CALENDAR

February

Now-13th Kids Heart Challenge

14th Non Student Day
(FL State Fair Day)

17-21 Spring Book Fair

20th Conference Night /
Martinez 6th Grade
Open House

21st All Pro Dad Meeting

25th Kindergarten
Readiness Event /
Chick Fil A Dine Out

March

6th Spring Picture Day

7th Bobcat Bash /
Spring Concert

17-21 Spring Break

26th Boosterthon Kickoff

28th All Pro Dad Meeting

JOIN THE MCKITRICK *Parents Club*

Have you joined the McKitrick Parents Club Facebook group? It's a great place to connect with other families, ask questions, and share information relevant to McKitrick Elementary.



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



**Call For
Volunteers**

**Join the 2025/26
McKitrick PTA Team**



Seeking parents, guardians and grandparents that have a passion for making McKitrick and our community an amazing place for children.

Fulfilling our PTA mission at McKitrick Elementary would not be possible without the help of volunteers in our school community. Big or small, your help is needed and appreciated.

Follow QR code or link to see the open positions for 2025/26 school year.



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Questions? Contact Heather Foster at president@mckitrickpta.com

Quick Links

McKitrick PTA Website

McKitrick PTA Store

McKitrick PTA Facebook

McKitrick PTA Twitter

**McKitrick Elementary
Website**

**2024-2025 School
Calendar**

McKitrick Lunch Menus

Meal Pre-Pay

McKitrick Elementary

5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road

Lutz, Florida 33558

813.558.5427

Principal/Administrator:

Allison Cline



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MCKITRICK



Bobcats



 **JOIN NOW**

CALLING FOR PTA EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATIONS



APPLICATION OPENS: FEB 3RD

McKitrick Elementary PTA is looking for nominations for the Executive Officer positions on the 2025/26 school year!

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary

NOMINATION DEADLINE:

**MONDAY
FEB 17TH
2025**



**SCAN QR CODE TO GET MORE
DETAILS OR EXPRESS INTEREST.**

Kids Heart Challenge

McKitrick is collecting donations for the American Heart Association. You have until 2/13 to donate.

- Top class with the most donations = Pizza and Ice Cream Party!
- Top class with the most registered kids = Pie Coach Moffitt

Register and start collecting donations at [McKitrick Kids Heart Challenge Link](#)



**Kids Heart Challenge is coming soon,
McKitrick Elementary School!**



**SIGN UP YOUR
STUDENT NOW!**

Our school is participating in Kids Heart Challenge, and it's time for you to sign up your student to become an official Heart Hero.

Through Kids Heart Challenge we'll discover ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning to help others. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school!

Join us in learning to be a lifesaver when your family learns Hands-Only CPR with Finn's Mission. Students that complete Finn's Mission will get their own lifesavers cape and get entered into a drawing for 2026 NFL Super Bowl tickets.

**DOWNLOAD THE AHA
SCHOOLS APP OR SCAN
THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!**



Share the Love

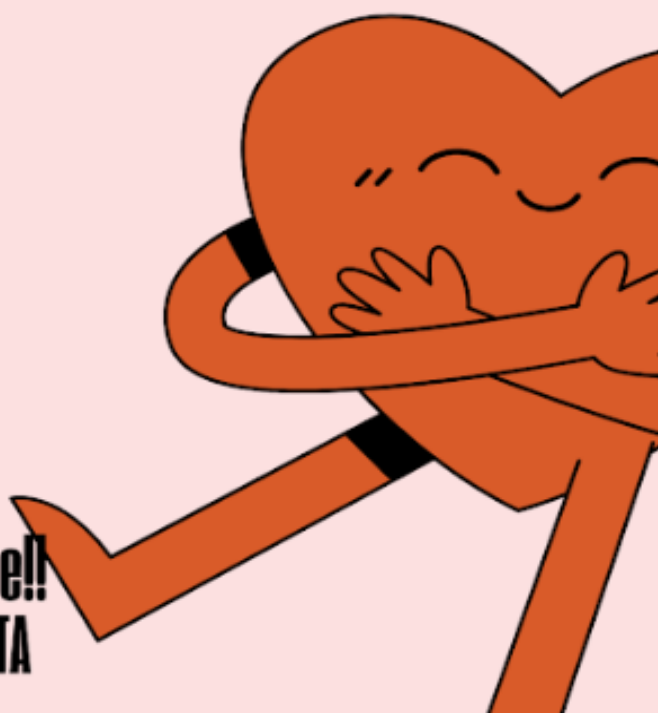
Join us in sharing the love with some of our local senior citizens as we make valentines to distribute at the local nursing homes.

A valentines card box will be located in the front office until Friday, February 7th to drop off valentines for the seniors. You can make as many valentines as you'd like. 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"

Thank you for sharing the love!!
-McKitrick PTA



Martinez Middle School - 6th Grade Rising Open House

Don't forget to attend the 6th-grade rising open house at Martinez Middle School. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about life as a Mustang. Tour the campus and learn about general expectations, electives, extracurriculars, and more! Hope to see you there! February 20th from 5:00-7:00.



READY FOR KINDERGARTEN WITH READY FREDDY™



JOIN US FOR A KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EVENT!

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for both a parent and a child. For some children it is their first venture away from home. For all children it is a new learning community with new faces and procedures.

Parents are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten before the current school-year ends.



SCHOOL:

McKittrick Elementary School



DATE:

Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025



TIME:

8:30am-10:00am



TO REGISTER FOR EVENT CONTACT:

Raquel 813-558-5427 ext. 234

Parents with complete documentation will be able to register at the event or any time after that. (Note that the Physical must be dated within one year of the first day the child will attend school and the shot record must be up-to-date). Some paperwork can be downloaded and completed at home ahead of time. Click for more information.

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN VISIT:

<http://www.SignUpForKindergarten.com>



VISIT THIS LINK FOR
MORE INFORMATION!



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MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE ACTIVITY FUNDRAISER

Chick-fil-A



CHICK FIL A DINE OUT

Support 5th grade activities with our Chick-Fil-A Dine out. Seating is limited so please consider placing a mobile order. Mention McKitrick at check out or use mobile code "MCKITRICK"

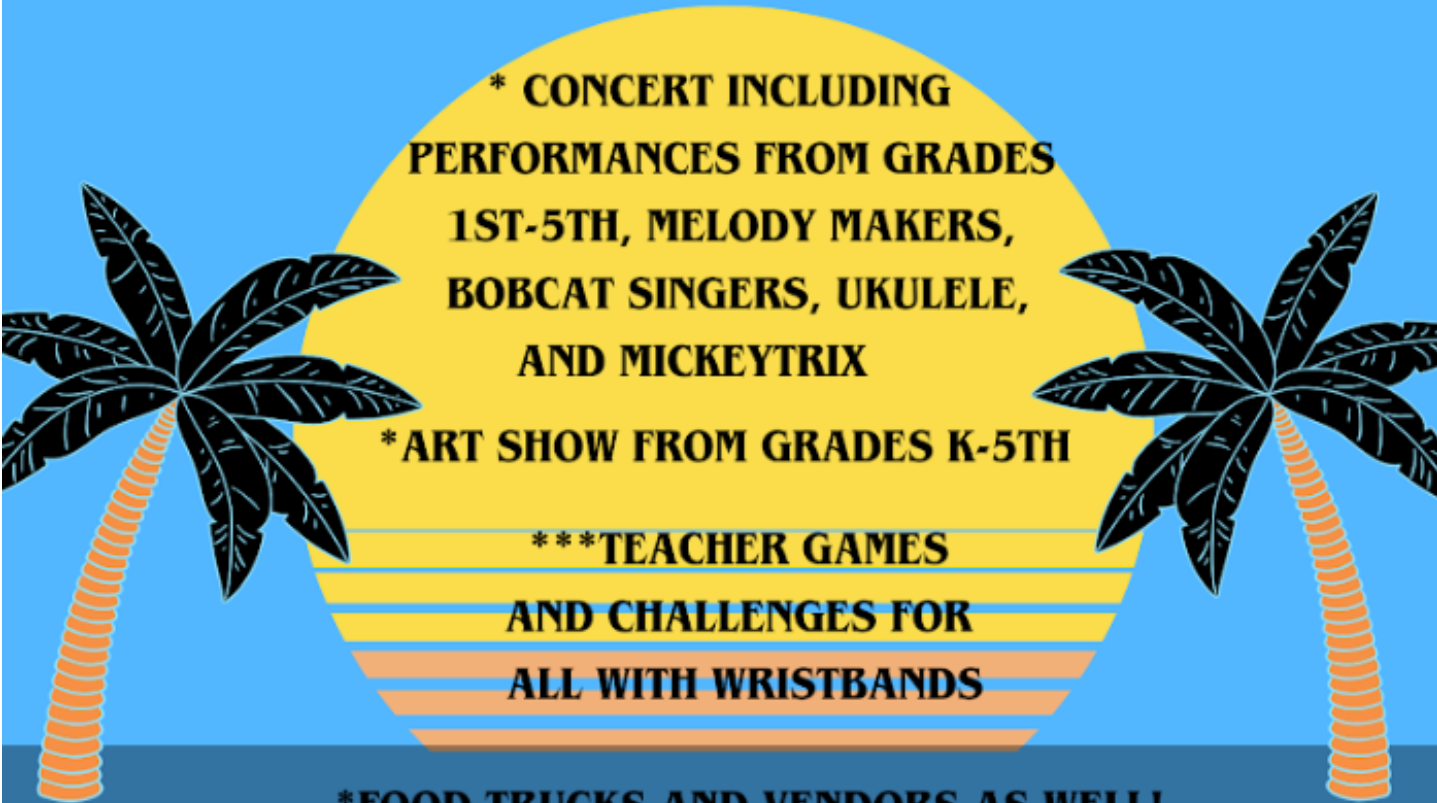
Where: Lutz location
17911 N Dale Mabry Hwy

When: Feb 25th
All Day

Can't attend?
Make a direct
donation



MCKITRICK PRESENTS
2025
BOBCAT BASH
FRIDAY MARCH 7TH 4-7PM



*** CONCERT INCLUDING
PERFORMANCES FROM GRADES
1ST-5TH, MELODY MAKERS,
BOBCAT SINGERS, UKULELE,
AND MICKEYTRIX**

*** ART SHOW FROM GRADES K-5TH**

*****TEACHER GAMES
AND CHALLENGES FOR
ALL WITH WRISTBANDS**

***FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS AS WELL!**

**COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

*****WRISTBANDS ARE \$10 TO PARTICPATE IN TEACHER GAMES AND CHALLENGES AND ALL
MONEY GOES DIRECTLY TO THE TEACHERS*****

MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY
5TH GRADE

LAST RODEO

THURS 2/20 – 6TH GRADE

@MARTINEZ

THURS 5/8 – FIELD TRIP

FRI 5/23 – FIELD DAY

WED 5/28 – BANQUET

THURS 5/29 – AWARDS

FRI 5/30 – CLAP OUT





It's Our Last Rodeo!

ORDER YOUR 5TH GRADE T-SHIRT TODAY



STEP 1: CHECK OUT THE 2025 CLASS SHIRT BELOW SPONSORED BY DeDOMENICO ORTHODONTICS & PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY! THIS MEANS THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!

STEP 2: SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE (OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW) AND FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM. ALL WE NEED IS YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER NAME AND SHIRT SIZE.

STEP 3: COMPLETE THIS BY FEBRUARY 14TH



<https://forms.gle/duTreZdCcN7aS6k>

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The poster features a black background with vibrant neon graphics. At the top left, a large cyan star outline is accompanied by a smaller purple star and a cyan chevron. At the top right, a bowling pin and ball are depicted in neon yellow, with a burst of orange dots behind them. The central text is arranged in a hierarchy: 'save the date' in a green script font, followed by 'FOR THE 2025 MCKITRICK SONS AND STARS EVENT' in bold white block letters, and 'AT 1UP ENTERTAINMENT' in large cyan block letters. Below this, the event details are listed in orange block letters: 'MCKITRICK BOYS, GRAB YOUR SPECIAL ADULT AND ENJOY BOWLING, ARCADE, FOOD & DRINKS'. The date and time, 'SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM', are enclosed in large cyan brackets. At the bottom, the phrase 'more info. to come!' is written in green script. Decorative elements include a cluster of orange geometric shapes (triangle, square, circle, cross) in the bottom left and a green star outline in the bottom right.

save the date

**FOR THE 2025 MCKITRICK
SONS AND STARS EVENT**

AT 1UP ENTERTAINMENT

**MCKITRICK BOYS, GRAB YOUR
SPECIAL ADULT AND ENJOY
BOWLING, ARCADE, FOOD & DRINKS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH
11:00AM - 1:00PM**

more info. to come!

2025 SWEETHEART DANCE WAS A FABULOUS NIGHT FOR ALL!

French berets and colorful silk neck scarves were the accessories of choice at this year's "Night in Paris" Sweetheart Dance. On Friday, January 31st, over 300 of our Bobcat girls enjoyed a memorable evening with their dads or other special adult at **SoireEstate**, complete with food, games, music, and dancing! A mini Eiffel Tower replica and Arc de Triomphe display made great backgrounds for unique photos, and the girls loved exploring and playing games around the beautiful venue grounds.



The fun, lively music was again sponsored by **Bach to Rock**, and kept the girls bopping and squealing all night! **DJ Rick** also played a few cherished slow songs that created even more precious memories with the adults dancing as well. We are so grateful for the continued generosity and support of **Bach to Rock Lutz!** Guests also loved the photo strips created in the photo booth by **Swag Rentals**, and the beautiful photos captured by **Robert Hudson** and **Jay Nolan**...just a few of which are included here.

We would also like to recognize our incredible volunteers that made the event smooth and successful. These helping hands were critical to ensuring a wonderful evening, and we appreciate all the time and energy that was dedicated by the committee, as well as PTA and student volunteers!

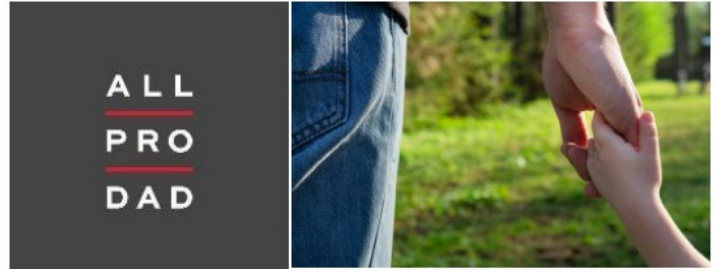
We will let you know as soon as we set a date for the 2026 McKittrick Sweetheart Dance!!!



All Pro Dad February Update

Recap of January's Meeting: Self-Discipline

Our January All Pro Dad meeting at McKittrick Elementary was a standout event, featuring an invigorating round of Freeze Dance that perfectly illustrated the session's theme of Self-Discipline. As our families maneuvered through the game, they experienced firsthand the challenges and rewards of self-control in a fun and interactive setting.



The highlight was the distribution of books donated by All Pro Dad, which were given to families who excelled in the game. These books, focused on building personal discipline and resilience, provided valuable take-home resources for our dads and kids. The combination of energetic activities and thoughtful discussions made this meeting not only educational but also incredibly enjoyable for everyone involved.

To keep the conversation going at home, here are a couple of questions to discuss with your children:

Dad to Kid: Why is self-discipline important?

Dad to Kid: In what ways do you think you need more self-discipline?

Kid to Dad: In what ways do you think I have self-discipline?

Kid to Dad: How can you help me grow in self-discipline?

February Meeting: Social Skills

Our next meeting will be on **February 21st, 2024, at 7:00 AM** in the McKittrick Elementary cafeteria. We'll dive into the theme of **Social Skills**. Having sharp social skills involves using our words, tone, expressions, and body language to connect effectively with others. These skills are crucial, not just in personal relationships but also in professional settings.

We'll explore how mastering these skills can significantly enhance our interactions and open doors to success for both us and our kids. From understanding others' perspectives to expressing our own thoughts clearly, this session is set to provide practical insights and engaging activities to boost our social savvy.



**Scan to RSVP
for February's
Meeting**

RSVP Now by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code.

Looking forward to another great session where we can all learn to communicate more effectively and build stronger connections in every aspect of our lives. See you there!





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Keeping Your Family Healthy and Pain-Free!

Optimal Health Chiropractic

At Optimal Health Chiropractic, we are dedicated to providing exceptional care for families in our community. Dr. Alexandra Joseph has been helping patients feel their best for over 12 years, offering expert chiropractic care for all ages and stages of life.

Our Services:

- **Prenatal Care** – Helping moms-to-be stay comfortable and aligned.
- **Pediatrics** – Supporting kids' healthy growth and posture.
- **Car Accidents & Slip and Falls** – Relieving pain and restoring movement after injuries.
- **Veterans** – We proudly accept **VA benefits** to care for those who have served.

Advanced Healing with Class IV Laser Therapy

Our state-of-the-art **Class IV Laser** reduces inflammation, relieves pain, and accelerates **healing**.

Better Rest, Better Health

In addition to laser therapy, we offer custom pillows designed to improve posture and sleep quality. **10% off all laser therapy and custom pillow sales** will be donated to the school.

We Accept:

- **Health Insurance, Medicare, Va Benefits**

Same-Day Appointments Available!

Your Family's Health is Our Priority!

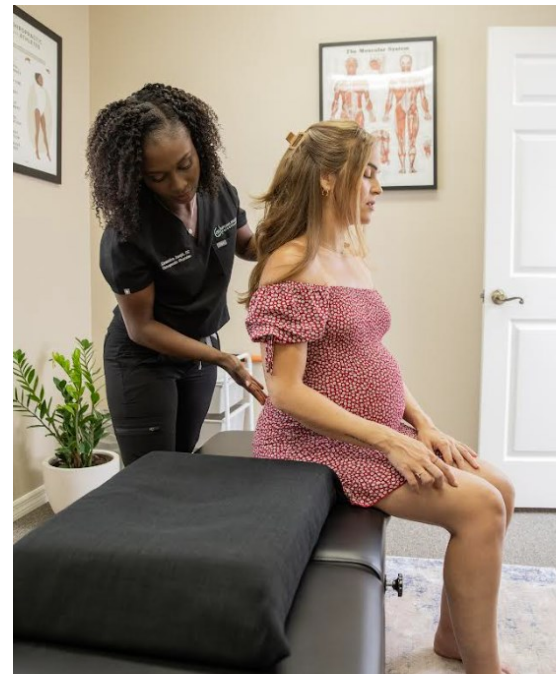
Schedule your visit today and discover how chiropractic care can keep your family healthy and active.

4929 Van Dyke Rd. Lutz, FL 33558

(813) 269-0020

www.optimalhealthchirofl.com

Mention this newsletter for a FREE consultation!





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Hello Bobcats and Bobcat families, it's Rick from Bach to Rock checking in! It was another year of DJ-ing for the Sweetheart Dance and it was awesome!

Speaking of awesome, did you know that kids could join a band with no experience? Our Rock Band summer camps are really fun and yes, kids will learn to play songs and have a recording and a show...all in one week. Kids 7+ can join us for Band or Glee camp and 8+ can try DJ camp. For more info, text, call or email - 813.398.ROCK or lutz@bachtorock.com You can also sign up online at <https://www.bachtorock.com/lutz/music-camps/>

If you are interested in private music lessons for kids 7+ or group piano lessons for ages 5-7, contact us or stop by our location at Van Dyke and Dale Mabry, a few doors down from Tijuana Flats. If you have experience or take lessons at another location, you can still join one of our bands.

Thank you for an incredible 6 years and we look forward to continuing our great partnership with the McKitrick PTA!



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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary School 2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Heather Foster

Vice President: Brandi Kenny

Treasurer: Gina Sciatcchitano

Recording Secretary: Erin Circelli

Teacher representative: Principal Cline,
Mrs. Contreras, Mrs. Behnke

Parent Outreach: Viviana Lit

Fundraising: Darbie Wilder

Special Events: **OPEN POSITION**

Student/School Support: Risa Anasky

Programs: Barrie Vause

Communications: Lauren Constantine

Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:
OPEN POSITION

All Pro Dads: Steve Attard

Homeroom Parents: Brittany Harake

Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica Irizarri

Memberships: **OPEN POSITION**

Spirit Wear: **OPEN POSITION**

Boosterthon: Lindsay Jimison, Erin Circelli,
Jincy Soler

Holiday Shop: Lisa Peluso &
Megan Wilson

Bobcat Bash: Barrie Vause, Jennifer
Teixeira

Business Partners: Cristine Whitman

Family Dine Outs: **OPEN POSITION**

Sweetheart Event: Lindsay Whitney,
Shelley Blanco

Sons & Stars Event: Alexandra Santana,
Michelle Dacanay, Heather Hubbard

Concessions: Louise Johnstone

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna
Tucker, Lauren Jennings, Patricia Baldwin

Fifth Grade Activities: Chryssa Samhoury

Open House: Heather Foster & Lindsay
Jimison

Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Ariel
Martinez, Jincy Soler, Dani Molla

Health & Safety: **OPEN POSITION**

McKittrick Serves: **OPEN POSITION**

McKittrick Cares: Hyojeong Bae

Reflections: Meredith Renuart & Viviana Lit

Tutoring: Ariel Martinez

Junior Achievement: Loren Mednick

Website/Givebacks: Hanyeh Pulver

Yearbook: Robert Hudson & Lacey Ranucci

Social Media: Chryssa Samhoury

Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

Interested in being more involved in the PTA? Please contact president@mckittrickpta.com to learn more about open positions and volunteer opportunities!