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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

We hope you had a lovely Spring Break and are ready to finish up the final months of school strong! We are kicking April off with our Boosterthon Fun Run. I want to thank our generous Bobcat families and community. The money we raise will help fund additional phases of updating our Media Center and provide teacher grants that will benefit our students and teachers' classrooms. We appreciate any donation in helping us meet our goal. Be sure to celebrate with us on Friday, April 4, 2025 to cheer on our Bobcats during their grade-level Fun Run!

We are looking for volunteers for PTA Committees for the 2025/26 school year. There are many types of positions available, including opportunities that can be completed remotely. Please click [here](#) to review the positions and sign up to help ensure that we can continue to provide the events and activities that are important to our school. Our PTA is an essential part of our school community, and we rely on the involvement & support of parents to achieve our goals. Your participation is critical to the success of our school.

Our Final PTA General Membership Meeting (Annual Meeting) will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at 5:30 PM virtually. We will be voting to approve the Executive Board for the 2025/26 school year and voting on a proposed budget and the summer interim budget. We can't wait to see you there!

Heather Foster

CALENDAR

April

- 4th Boosterthon Fun Run
- 6th Sons & Stars at 1Up
- 8th Dine out: Andy's Frozen custard
- 16th McKittrick Dads Social
- 18th Non Student Day
- 25th All Pro Dad Meeting
- 28-May 2 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 30th PTA General Meeting

May

- 8th 5th grade field trip
- TBD Volunteer appreciation breakfast
- 23rd 5th grade field day
- 26th Non Student Day
- 28th 5th grade banquet
- 29th 5th grade awards
- 30th 5th grade clap out & yearbook signing/
Last day of school

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!



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





HELLO FROM THE MCKITRICK PTA

The purpose of PTA is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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 to see the open positions for 2024/25 school year. Link: <https://forms.gle/ueUVRxMj3j5Jb38PA>



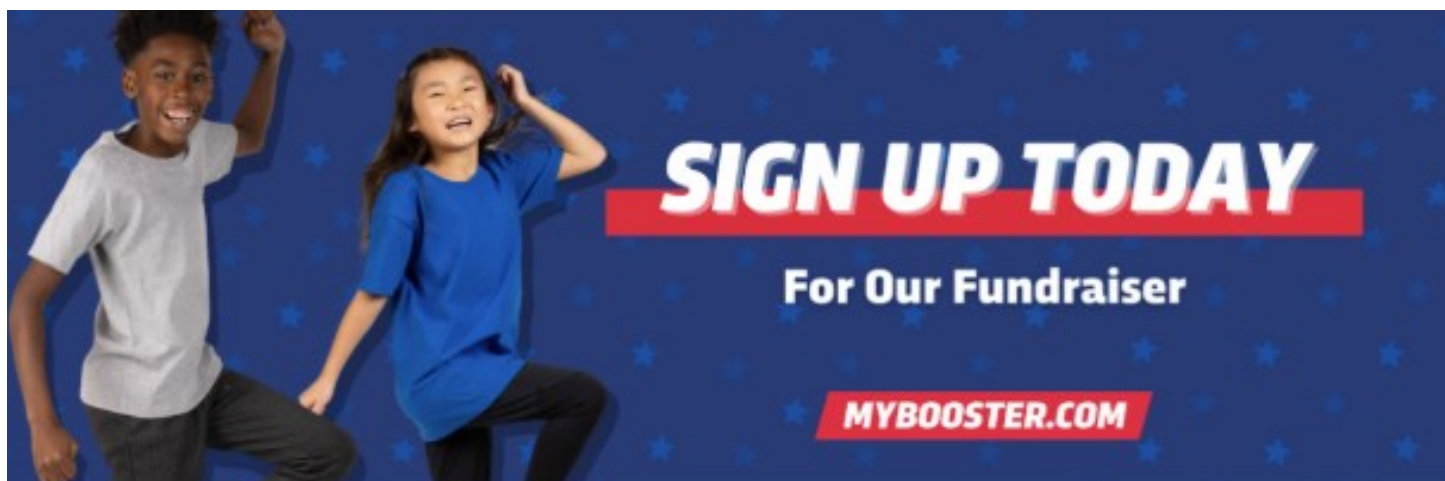
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MCKITRICK PTA ORGANIZATION

We are a large organization comprised of 44 officers, chairs and special committee members. We currently have 733 PTA members. The PTA facilitates and organizes various programs and fun events for our Bobcat community. We also raise funds for students, to support teachers/staff and to help make improvements to classrooms and campus.

PRESIDENTVICE PRESIDENTTREASURERSECRETARY						
PARENT OUTREACH	FUNDRAISING	SPECIAL EVENTS	STUDENT/ SCHOOL SUPPORT	PROGRAMS	COMMUNICATIONS	SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
NEWCOMERS/ KINDERGARTEN READINESS	SPIRIT WEAR	SWEETHEART EVENT	OPEN HOUSE	REFLECTIONS	YEARBOOK	PRINCIPAL
ALL PRO DADS	BOOSTERTHON	SONS & STARS	TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION	TUTORING	WEBSITE/ GIVEBACKS	TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE
HOMEROOM PARENTS	HOLIDAY SHOP	CONCESSIONS	HEALTH & SAFETY	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT	SOCIAL MEDIA	
VOLUNTEER COORDINATION	BOBCAT BASH	FAMILY NIGHTS		MCKITRICK CARES	NEWSLETTER	
MEMBERSHIPS	BUSINESS PARTNERS	FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITES		MCKITRICK SERVES		
	DINE OUTS					

If you are interested or have any questions, please email Heather Foster at president@mckitrickpta.com / Brandi Kenny at vicepresident@mckitrickpta.com



McKittrick Elementary School Families!

Don't forget to sign up for our Bobcat Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for phase two media center improvements, technology enhancements, and teacher grants. Signing up is easy and free!

★ Sign Up Today On **MYBOOSTER.COM** ★



Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

Key dates to remember:

Sign Up Online OPEN at **MYBOOSTER.COM**
Start TODAY!

Fundraiser Kickoff Day in school

03/26/2025

Event Day

04/04/2025

Follow our social pages for updates on our fundraiser.



Fun Run Times:

8:00a - 8:15a	VPK
8:15a - 9:00a	Kg & 2ND
9:15a - 10a	1st & 3rd
10:15a - 11a	4th & 5th

Please allow time to check in & have your ID ready.
Don't forget to bring your water bottle!



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



Attention 5th Grade Families

Order your 5th grade yard sign on givebacks now until **April 21st**. Pick up will be at the beginning of May. <https://mckitrick.givebacks.com/store/items/1008155>



The poster features a light beige background with stylized green trees and pink and green triangular bunting flags in the top left corner. The main text is centered and reads: "5TH GRADE YARD SIGN FUNDRAISER" in large, bold, brown letters, followed by "ON SALE NOW \$20 EACH" and "SALE EXPIRES APRIL 21" in bold black letters. Below this, it says "PICK UP WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MAY 9TH FROM 5P-6P. MORE DETAILS TO COME" in bold black letters. At the bottom, it says "BUY NOW AT MCKITRICKPTA.COM OR SCAN QR CODE" in bold black letters. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the bottom of the poster, there is a brown picket fence with green bushes. On the left side of the fence is a blue yard sign that says "MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND! WILLIAM 2025 MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE" and features a tiger head and a paw print.

**5TH GRADE
YARD SIGN
FUNDRAISER**

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND!
WILLIAM
2025
MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE





5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES



**Top your day
with a smile**

5th Grade Fundraiser

Sweeten someone's day with every scoop!

4.8.2025 | 3-7 PM
ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD
19081 WINGSHOOTER WAY

SUPPORT 5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES WITH OUR
ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD DINE OUT! MENTION
MCKITRICK AT CHECK OUT

Can't attend?
Make a direct
donation



Bobcat Bash was a blast this year! From the singing, music & art displays to the teacher games & food trucks, what a great time! Thank you to all the volunteers including McKittrick PTA, teachers, staff members and business partners/vendors for making this event such a fun filled evening with our Bobcat family. Cherished events like these wouldn't happen without them!



Thank You, Volunteers!

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped with spring portraits last month! Your time and effort made a huge difference, and we truly appreciate your support. Our school community is stronger because of amazing volunteers like you!

As we move further into the second half of the school year, we have an exciting way to make a difference with **Boosterthon, our biggest fundraiser!** We need volunteers to help with packing and distributing prizes to students, as well as to assist at the Fun Run to keep things running smoothly. If you're able to lend a hand, please check out the signup links below.

Before and after the event – Help us pack and distribute prizes. Click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAEAC29A75-55937937-boosterthon>

Event day – Help out during the Fun Run! Click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAEAC29A75-55938924-funrun>

Thank you for all you do to support our school!



All Pro Dad April Update Recap of March's Meeting: Diligence

Our March All Pro Dad meeting at McKitrick Elementary was another strong gathering, filled with great energy and thoughtful conversation. We focused on the theme of **Diligence**—what it looks like to stick with something even when it's hard. Dads and kids worked together on the "Diligence Dominoes" activity, mapping out step-by-step goals and talking through what it really takes to stay on track.



It was awesome to see so many kids sharing goals that mattered to them, and hearing dads encourage and support those goals made the room feel really connected. Big thanks to all the families who showed up and shared.

To keep the conversation going at home, here are a few simple questions to ask each other:

- Dad to Kid:** Can you think of a time when you were diligent?
- Dad to Kid:** How is being diligent difficult?
- Kid to Dad:** Why do you think it's important to be diligent in what you do?
- Kid to Dad:** What can we do this week to work on our diligence?

April Meeting: Empathy

Our next and final meeting of the school year will be on **Friday, April 25th, 2025, at 7:00 AM** in the McKitrick Elementary cafeteria. This month we're focusing on **Empathy** - the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Empathy helps us connect, listen, and support the people around us, especially when they're going through something tough.

This session will be a great chance for dads and kids to talk about how we can be more thoughtful and present with others, even when emotions are challenging. We'll start the morning with breakfast and finish by walking our kids to class like always.

RSVP now: https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/62316/rsvp

April Special Event: McKitrick Dads Social

Finally I'd like to invite all McKitrick Dads to a chance to hang out together! Join us for a **McKitrick Dads Social Night** on **Wednesday, April 16th from 6:30 PM** onwards at **Thirsty Buffalo Brewing Company** in **Bexley**. This is a casual, no-agenda evening, just a chance to connect with other McKitrick dads (no kids!).

RSVP here: https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/62317/rsvp

Hope to see you at both events!

For questions or more information, don't hesitate to reach out directly to Steve at allprodads@mckitrickpta.com





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

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McKittrick Business Partner Spotlight



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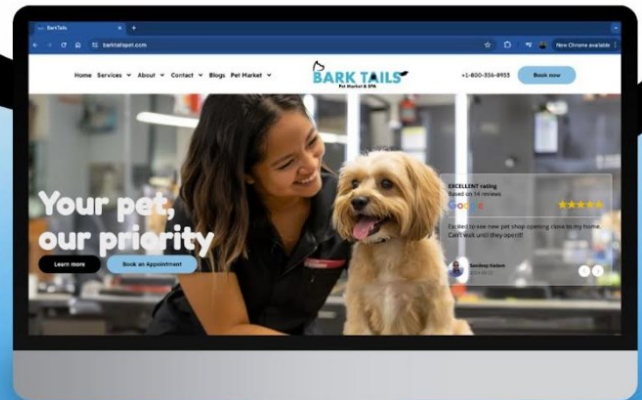


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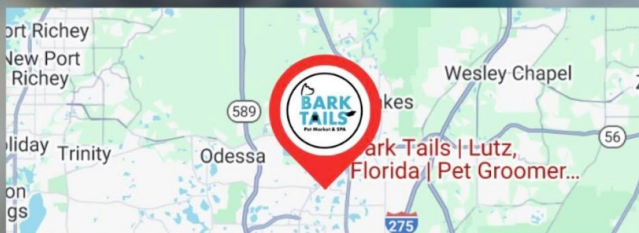
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located in Lutz?**

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2024-2025 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Heather Foster

Vice President: Brandi Kenny

Treasurer: Gina Sciatcchitano

Recording Secretary: Erin Circelli

Teacher representative: Principal Cline,
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Special Events: **OPEN POSITION**

Student/School Support: Risa Anasky

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Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:
OPEN POSITION

All Pro Dads: Steve Attard

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Spirit Wear: **OPEN POSITION**

Boosterthon: Lindsay Jimison, Erin Circelli,
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Megan Wilson

Bobcat Bash: Barrie Vause, Jennifer
Teixeira

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Family Dine Outs: **OPEN POSITION**

Sweetheart Event: Lindsay Whitney,
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Sons & Stars Event: Alexandra Santana,
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Concessions: Louise Johnstone

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna
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Fifth Grade Activities: Chryssa Samhoury

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Jimison

Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Ariel
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McKitrick Serves: **OPEN POSITION**

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Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

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