



## Message from the PTA President

Welcome back McKitrick Family! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break. Can you believe we are at the end of 2020? Our first half of the school year is now coming to an end. Together we have adapted to a virtual environment this year where we conducted a PTA Open House, several PTA meetings, completed a coat drive, and we even did the Boosterthon DanceFit all VIRTUALLY. It's so difficult to do more with less but here we are doing just that. We are successful because we have one unified goal... to support the school our children go to.

#### **Spirit Week:**

Our next Spirit week will be at Sharky's Car Wash from December 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to use promo code "2020".

#### **Boosterthon:**

Wow, wow, and wow!!! We raised \$49,709 (not including corporate matches). Once again, the McKitrick community proved that we support our school even during times of adversity. We are so proud. We are now around \$5,300 away from our goal. For this, we have a track fund in our online store (https://mckitrickpta.com/online-store\_1). We have just one last run to do to get cross the finish line.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### December

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> McKitrick Care Toy Drive 12<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> End 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period 21<sup>st</sup> -1/5 Winter Break

#### January 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Return to School 15<sup>th</sup> Nonstudent Day 18<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> No School Martin Luther King Holiday

#### **February**

12<sup>th</sup> Nonstudent Day 12<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> No School President's Day 17<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting TBD Book Fair TBD Conference Night

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#### **President's Message Continued**

Your PTA is already working to get the wheels in motion to deliver a track as promised. Please note, this does take time as there is much planning involved. The good news (mainly thanks to your Ways and Means VP) is we have already started much of the pre-work to get updated quotes, a project timeline, and of course get final approval from the school/schoolboard. We do have to consider child safety as well (as this will be a construction site) so the work needs to take place while school is out of session. This means we most likely will have to break ground in the summer. We do promise to keep you informed as more info becomes available.

Once again, thank you all for being part of the McKitrick family. We can't do this without you.

Billy Stahl

PTA President



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or visit YearbookOrderCenter.com and enter school code: 10651

This year, more than ever, we need you to submit photos for inclusion in the yearbook. **Upload your candid school photos** *TODAY*!

Visit <u>hjeshare.com</u>

School Code is: McKitrick (case-sensitive)

#### SPIRIT PARTNER



# Shine Up Your Car for the Holidays!

Just visit Sharky's Car Wash Odessa

and use code "2020" from December 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
and a portion of wash sales will be donated back to McKitrick!
This code can be used for any level of wash in the automated bay.

#### Want More Than One Wash?

Consider joining **Sharky's "Unlimited Wash Club"**for just \$XX to wash your car as many times as you want in a year,
and a generous donation will be made to our school!







## TREE BROTHERS

#### **▲CHRISTMAS**

Dear Santa,



"Rudolph! Grab the sleigh we're going ice skating at tree brothers- today!" #treebrotherschristmas

We cordially invite you to our amazing Christmas Village, located at Keystone Prep High School in Odessa, 18105 Gunn Highway starting November 22nd! Our family has been working hard to impress you! Please come inspect our Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Food trucks, Live music, and outside vendors. We have planned amazing events for the community every Saturday until Christmas! We want to make sure everything is up to your Merry Standards!

Oh yeah, don't forget to come try out our ice skating rink! We want to be on the Nice List this year, so when a customer tells us they are from McKitrick Elementary School we will donate \$10.00 of their tree purchase to their school!

We can't wait to see you!

Merry Christmas!

The Tree Brothers Family



More Information can be found on our website:

#### www.treebrosxmas.com

Remember to follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information!

Every day through 12/24: Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Bows, Arrangements, GraveBlankets, Photographs, Ice Skating & Holiday Gifts!

### Special Events 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. every Saturday

#### November 22nd

**Christmas Trees Arrive!** 

#### Ice Skating begins!

will be available each day through Christmas!

#### November 28th Family Fun Day!

Pictures with Santa Christmas Carolers

#### Tampa Bay Lightning

Painting for kids

Food Trucks
Sunday 11/29 Holiday Yoga for kids & adults

#### December 5th

Pet Costume Parade & Contest See website for all vendors and details!

> Pictures with Santa Music by Kim Kady

> > Food Trucks

#### December 12th

Car Show

Live DJ

Auto Detailing

Painting for kids

Food Trucks

#### December 19th

Singer Faith Reyonlds

Snowballs

Painting for kids





\$5.00 off

Ice Skating

One coupon per person, per session

Coupon good for up to 10 skaters.





#### **Congratulations to the following Reflection Winners:**

**Primary Visual Arts** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Ovi T.
2<sup>nd</sup> place Elise E.
3<sup>rd</sup> place Nikola B.
Honorable Mention Luka B.

Intermediate Photography

1<sup>st</sup> place Punya D. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Savannah S.

**Primary Literature** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Ovi T.
2<sup>nd</sup> place Aarush V.
3<sup>rd</sup> place Nikola B.

**Primary Photography** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Aarush V.

**Intermediate Dance Choreography** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Savannah S.

All 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will advance to the next level of judging at the county level. All 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Visual Arts and Photography entries will be on display in January at the West Shore Mall in Tampa. Be on the lookout for dates to go see and support our talented McKitrick students.

#### **Intermediate Visual Arts**

1st placeNatalie R.2nd placeGabriel V.3rd placePunya D.Honorable MentionPranjal M.Honorable MentionAudrey L.Honorable MentionSavannah S.

**Intermediate Music Composition** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Duncan M. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Savannah S.

**Intermediate Literature** 

1<sup>st</sup> place Swayam S. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Savannah S.

**Primary Music Composition** 1st place Saskia M.

#### McKitrick Cares News

We first want to give a HUGE thank you to our McKitrick Business Partner and official spirit wear vendor, Mascot Universe. They kindly donated school spirit shirts for our all our McKitrick Cares students. Be sure to check them out at <a href="http://www.mascotuniverse.com/">http://www.mascotuniverse.com/</a>.

Last month, we had an amazing turn out for the annual McKitrick Cares Coat Drive. We delivered well over 200 clothing items to students at McKitrick and our sister school Alexander Elementary.

These coats will keep so many students warm during the winter. We would like to thank you for your generosity and participation. We couldn't have done it without you!

Next up is our annual Toy Drive which runs December 7-11. Please help us spread some holiday cheer. We had such a great turnout last year and are hoping we can do it again. Your donations make the holidays brighter!

Thank you from McKitrick Cares

#### **Quick Links**

McKitrick PTA Website

McKitrick PTA Store

McKitrick PTA Facebook

McKitrick PTA Twitter

McKitrick Elementary Website

2020-20201School Calendar

McKitrick Lunch Menus Meal Pre-Pay



#### Boosterthon is over!!!

Thank you to all the McKitrick families, staff and administration for helping pull off this successful fundraiser under such stressful times. Our pledge total from our school family donations was \$49,709. With corporate matching we add another \$3,630. So, all together that puts us at \$53,339. Just shy of our \$55,000 goal... but STILL AMAZING! We are very much aware that this year is not a conventional year with half our students learning at home, so we were blown away with getting so close to our goal. We are moving forward with plans for the track and have a meeting coming up this month with another company to discuss layout and vision. We hope to break ground this summer. We will keep you updated with the progress of our track.

If you were an e-leaning family and participated in Boosterthon but didn't get your prizes, we will be holding them in the PTA room till January. Please email the Ways & Means committee to set up a time to collect your child's prizes at <a href="mailto:mckitrickpta.vpwaysandmeans@gmail.com">mckitrickpta.vpwaysandmeans@gmail.com</a>.

If you would like to still donate to our track, please go to <a href="https://www.mckitrickpta.com">www.mckitrickpta.com</a> and visit our online store and make a donation today!





'Tis the season to give a toy

# McKitrick Cares Holiday Toy Drive

**DECEMBER 7-11, 2020** 

Toys will be distributed to families at McKitrick and our sister school Alexander Elementary. Let's spread some holiday cheer!

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to school and place in the marked boxes located across campus. E-learners can drop donations outside the front office until 3:30pm each day.



# COFFEE FOR OUR AWESOME MCKITRICK TEACHERS & STAFF!

The Mckitrick PTA provided coffee and KIND bars to all teachers on and off campus on November 9th as a special thank you for their hard work and dedication to our students.



THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF!!







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McKitrick Cares-Heather Foster

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