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# BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

## HAPPY SPRING BOBCATS!!



### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### April 2022

- 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - On Campus Bobcat Bash Event
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Non Student Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Orientation at Martinez Middle School
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - Every Kid Healthy Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Dine Out

#### May 2022

- May 1<sup>st</sup> - School Principals Day
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11<sup>th</sup> - Final PTA General Membership Meeting
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - National School Nurse Day
- Date TBD: McKitrick Parent Appreciation Day hosted by PTA
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

**McKitrick Elementary**  
 5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road  
 Lutz, Florida 33558  
 813.558.5427

*Principal/Administrator:*  
**Allison Cline**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



## Help Save Our Goats

With rainy season approaching our goat pen is in desperate need of renovations to help keep them dry. Looking for 5-6 volunteers to lay new soil and renovate their existing wooden home.

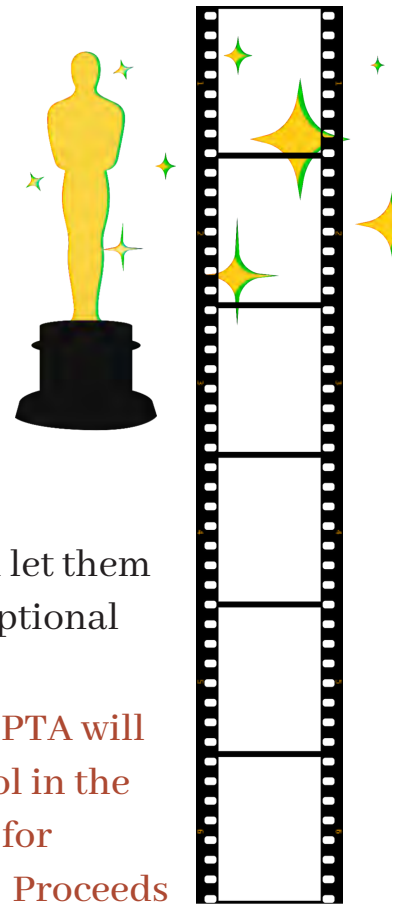
**If your interested in helping, please contact our Parent Outreach Chair, Amanda Hurst [parentoutreach@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:parentoutreach@mckitrickpta.com)**

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MCKITRICK PTA PROUDLY PRESENTS



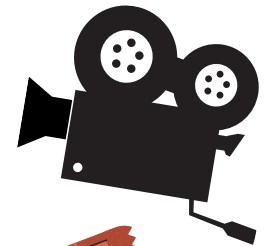
**MON** Fan Mail!! Write your teacher a letter and let them  
5/2 know how they are a star! See attached optional template.

**TUE** Curtain Call!! Get your teacher flowers. PTA will  
5/3 have flowers at the entrances of the school in the morning. PTA suggests a dollar per stem for donation. This is not a fundraising event. Proceeds will cover the cost of the flowers.



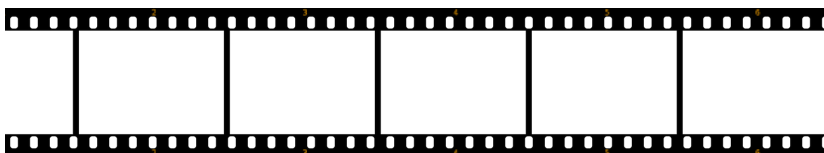
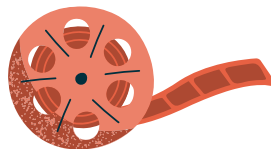
**WED** Oscar Night!! Dress to Impress!! Wear your  
5/4 favorite school appropriate formal wear!

**THUR** Trouble on the set!! Bring in a needed school  
5/5 supply! Pencils, whiteboards, post-its, markers, glue sticks, sharpies, tissues,..etc.



**FRI** VIP Treatment!! Bring a sweet treat or  
5/6 something from your teacher's favorite things list!

<https://mckitrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers>





Are you on Facebook?

**Join Our McKitrick  
Parents Club**

SCAN ME



*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.

## McKitrick Volunteers!

Be prepared for on-campus volunteer opportunities! Please have your required HPCS Volunteer Application completed, submitted and on file. Visit our McKitrick PTA website to be linked directly to the S.E.R.V.E form.

<https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1>



## QUICK LINKS

**McKitrick PTA Website**

**McKitrick PTA Store**

**McKitrick PTA Facebook**

**McKitrick PTA Twitter**

**McKitrick Elementary  
Website**

**2021-2022  
School Calendar**

**McKitrick Lunch Menus**

**Meal Pre-Pay**



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ELEMENTARY**

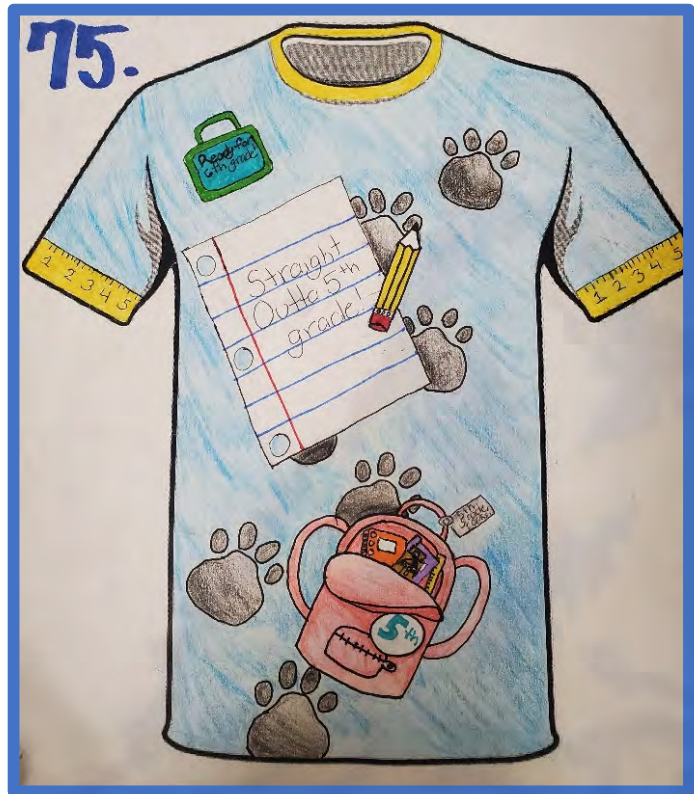
**The School  
Where "It" Happens!**



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities - 7 weeks until we're "Straight Outta 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!"

There are a lot of fun things happening in the next few months! Below are updates to our BIG Events:

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirts** - Please wear your t-shirts whenever you've got the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade McKitrick spirit!
- **Service Project** - The service project to benefit Mercy Full Project was a huge success! On March 11<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class donated enough materials to fill several suvs! It was a full morning, with a presentation from Mercy Full Project, toy making, writing thank you notes to the charity for their work, sorting donations, pictures with friends, and meeting puppies! Thank you for your donations and hard work!
- **Donut Sale Fundraiser** - We held our second successful donut fundraiser last week. These sales help support transportation for the field trip and well as to off set the cost of the Dance Party and Field Day.





- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at Martinez** - Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. Tours are from 5pm-6:30pm and a presentation in the gym begins at 6:30pm.

- **Field Day** - Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll be spending the first half of the day outside, playing games, and enjoying AJ's Snowballs!

- **All Day Dance Party & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet** - Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will dance and party the day away as the cafeteria is transformed!



- **Field Trip** - Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan for a long day of off campus fun at Busch Gardens. Wear your McKitrick 5<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts! Please reach out to your teacher if you would like to chaperone. All permission slips and payment are due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



- **Last Day** - Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Awards Ceremony - The school will host their annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade awards!
  - Yearbook signing and refreshments
  - Clap Out - 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be able to come and line the pathways of McKitrick and clap out our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2022!!



- **Volunteers and Donations** - There will be volunteer opportunities, please make sure you have completed a SERVE form. Please be on the lookout for sign-ups from your Homeroom Parent.





## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Amazon Wish List

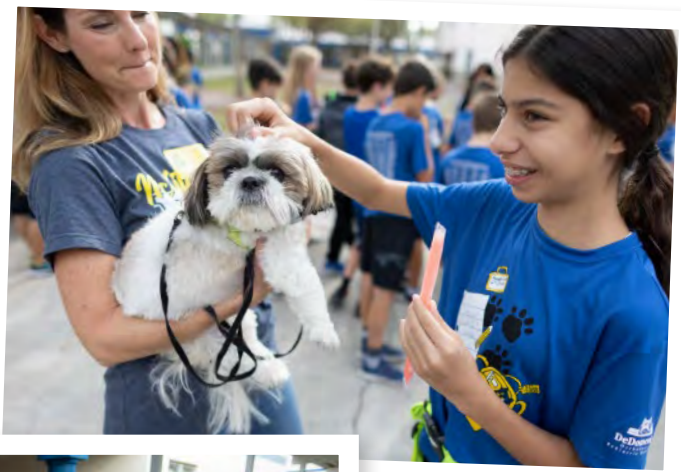
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/397QYDONK273Z?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/397QYDONK273Z?ref=wl_share)

Parents, please help with additional needs to blow out our Dance Party and Events by donating from our Amazon Wish List!



# 5th Grade Service Project

*Photo credits to McKittrick Yearbook*





# Congratulations!!!!

Please Help Us Celebrate The Bobcats Who Participated In Reflections This Year!

## Dance Choreography (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Sloan Siembak\* (1st Place)**

Elizabeth Prentiss\*  
Nicholas Fisanich  
Savannah Stahl\*

## Film Production(3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Savannah Stahl\* (1st Place)**

Alexis Renuart\*

## Literature (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Emily Locke\* (1st Place)**

Elizabeth Prentiss\*  
Savannah Stahl\*

## Music Composition (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Mikaela Diorio\* (1st Place)**

Saskia Mooney\*  
Savannah Stahl\*

## Photography (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Savannah Stahl\* (1st Place)**

## Visual Arts(3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):

**Zoe Johnson\* (1st Place)**

Alexis Renuart  
Elizabeth Prentiss  
Kara Hurst\*  
Salma Samhoury  
Savannah Stahl  
Serena Samhoury  
Savannah Stahl\*

## Film Production(K-2<sup>nd</sup>):

**Matthias Sierra\* (1st Place)**

## Literature (K-2<sup>nd</sup>):

**Ovi Tandlekar\* (1st Place)**

Asna Amir\*

## Visual Arts(K-2<sup>nd</sup>):

**Ovi Tandlekar\* (1st Place)**

Elise Erb\*  
Evie Erb  
Jacqueline Prentiss  
Kina Hurst\*  
Nikita Shah

\*These students placed top three in their category. They received Awards of Excellence and their submissions proceeded to the Hillsborough County Competition.



EXPLORE THE ARTS AND  
EXPRESS YOURSELF!



## Want to Volunteer to Help Next Year?

If you would like to volunteer with the Reflections Committee please email Katie at:

[Reflections@McKitrickPTA.com](mailto:Reflections@McKitrickPTA.com)

# Every Kid Healthy Week

## April 25-29, 2022

Every Kid Healthy Week is an annual observance to shine a spotlight on how schools and families can take action to improve the health and wellness of their kids. The McKittrick PTA will celebrate April 25-29 with special activities and information on physical activity, mental health, and nutrition. Stay tuned for more details!

To get prepared for Every Kid Healthy Week and the upcoming Summer break, we have included a list of 40 fun activities that your family can do together to stay active and connected to each other.

### 40 Tips for an Active Family

Cut out each tip below. Place in a bag/jar. Have your children draw from the jar each night to help plan the family's activity for the next night!



Go for a family walk or bike ride	Shoot hoops	Play catch	Try roller blading
Try a new park in your area	Sign up for a run/walk promoting health	Plan active vacations	Plant a garden
Check out the library for books on family fitness and activities for kids	Take a picnic	Take the family bowling	Head to the zoo, park, or putt-putt course
Create an obstacle course in your yard or living room	Let your child be your personal trainer	Create some healthy snack ideas	Board Game Night!
Write a script, dress up and act out a play	No screen time night!	Make crafts to give as gifts	Go outside! Hopscotch, sidewalk chalk, hide-n-seek, tag, etc.
Get out the blocks, erector sets and fiddlesticks to build	Play Go-Fish	Crank up the music and dance	Cook dinner together as a family. Find tasks for even the little ones
Read to your children, or let them read to you	Go to the local pool for the day	Go to the driving range or batting cages	Find out about your local farmer's market – even during the winter
Get crazy and fun during household chores	Go on a nature walk and discover new things	Take the family out for a special treat	Arrange a play date with friends or neighbors
Organize a neighborhood game of kickball	Clean out your closets and donate unwanted items	Make puppets from construction paper or old socks	Take a class at a local art supply store or the library
Play soccer or football	Get involved in local community family activities	Make up a card game	Enroll in a recreational sport



# FUNdraising Corner

## Spirit Night

### For McKitrick Elementary Families

Join us on Wednesday, April 27th, 2022!

**BurgerFi** will host our final McKitrick Spirit Night of the year.

BurgerFi is located in the Preserve Marketplace Shopping Center on Hwy. 54 in front of the Publix GreenWise Market. There will also be special appearances from many of our fabulous McKitrick Elementary teachers.

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 27th!**



### BurgerFi

16120 Preserve Marketplace Blvd.  
Odessa, FL 33556

## All Birthday Marquee Orders **DUE BY APRIL 15th!**

With the end of the year fast approaching we are cutting off all Birthday Sign orders on April 15th. So anyone with a child that has a birthday between now and the start of next school year, place your orders online at [McKitrickpta.com](https://mckitrickpta.com) before it is too late!



## SCHOOL Fundraising UPDATES

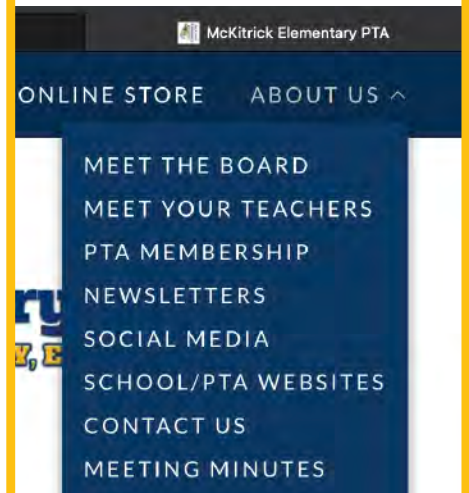
### HOW TO EARN BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. **Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!**

## Meet Your Teacher

A brand new feature called "Meet Your Teacher" can now be found on the McKitrick PTA website under the "About Us" tab.

**CHECK IT OUT RIGHT HERE!**  
<https://mckitrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers>



# Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is back this year! Virtual programs are coming soon to many classrooms this Spring. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for taking the time to learn about the JA program and help teach our kids!

**McKittrick's**



Earn a  
Compass  
Charm!  
Top 3 in  
each class  
also win a  
Bahama  
Bucks  
Certificate.

**MOBYMAX**

*April Contest*



April 1-30

**Navigate your way through Science and SS**

K/1 Earn 80 or more focused minutes

2/3 Earn 120 or more focused minutes

4/5 Earn 150 or more focused minutes



## McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **PAPERPARTYDESIGN, INK!**

Hi McKitrick Families! I'm Kara Coleman, The Owner/Designer of PaperPartyDesign, Ink!, and a fellow McKitrick Mama of 2 Bobcats! PaperPartyDesign, Ink! was created in early 2016. I love creating personalized printable designs that develop into precious memories of life's sweetest events! The past couple years I've been creating and adding more and more school related items in the shop as well, such as my best selling school memory kit printables and assorted graduation and seasonal holiday printables. I am a one-woman shop who personally creates every design you see over at my shop.


My Etsy shop is 100% Printables/DIY Digital Downloads, however my local clients love that I can offer 100% custom design services, printing, can order envelopes, and offer assembly and delivery also- rolled all into one price package. Custom design is available too!

**PaperPartyDesign, Ink! Your Creative Source for Printable Party Pretties, School and Seasonal Printables & More! Find me on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest too! @PaperPartyDesignInk**



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## McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **THREE BROTHERS PIZZA**

Catering for graduation is coming! Contact Three Brothers Pizza to cater all events. Call us at 727-474-3797 and ask for Keith or Sean. We are also planning on coming back to Odessa around July 1st. HANG IN THERE ODESSA! We're coming back!

We have invested into a moving company called Roadrunner Relocation Services. We're locally owned and insured/licensed.

We do outstate moves as well as local and small moves. Visit our website at <https://roadrunnergotthemoves.com/> or call 813-501-2828 for more info!



# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: DR. BEE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY



Francisco H. Bezerra, DDS, PA

Since opening the Wesley Chapel office in 2009 Dr. Bezerra has been providing quality care to families in Pasco County through a gentle, caring approach to Pediatric Dentistry. He also has on staff, Dr. F, Dr. C and Dr. S, who has shown the same level of dedication and compassion for their patients. Dr. Bezerra, or "Dr. Bee" strives to make a visit to the dentist a fun and educational experience for children, alleviating the anxiety that often accompanies dental visits.

Dental health starts from an early age, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), and the American Dental Association (ADA) recommend and encourage that every child sees a pediatric dentist by age 1. In addition to check ups and cleaning, Dr. Bee also offers x-rays, fluoride varnish, Preventative Sealants, fillings (tooth colored), extractions, and custom mouth guards. Dr. Bee Pediatric Dentistry welcomes children who are still in their infant stage, as well as older children and teenagers up to age 18, as every stage of development requires special attention. They even offer tooth whitening options for teens! Every child is different and has their own needs and emotions, which the staff are attentive to; it is a priority of Dr. Bezerra's to provide specialized care for every child to ensure comfort for all those involved. Parents have the option of sedation at the needed level for a treatment delivered in a non-traumatic way to their children, and the staff are trained and certified for such procedures. Early detection and prevention are also a major focus of Dr. Bee's staff, as they truly care for the maintenance of the dental health of their patients.

Creating a safe environment for the children of the community is key, as soon as you step through the door you are greeted by a kid-friendly office with playrooms featuring TVs and iPads for children to play with, helping to pass time and calm nerves. The introduction of gentle Laser Procedures, eliminating the need for a drill, is just the icing on the cake for an office that holds your child's comfort in the highest importance. Just another reason to stop by Dr. Bee Pediatric Dentistry and see why so many parents recommend their care! All our doctors are very mindful of covid and have gone above and beyond.

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Land O' Lakes: 6935 Land O' Lakes Blvd. • Land O' Lakes, FL 34638 • Ph: (813) 530-3300 • Fax: (855) 820-1235

[www.drbeepd.com](http://www.drbeepd.com)



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# 2021-2022 PTA COMMITTEE

**President: Lindsay Jimison**

**Vice President: Jessica Campbell**

**Treasurer: Erin Circelli**

**Recording Secretary: Tanya Kayani**

**Parent Outreach: Amanda Hurst**

**Fundraising: Megan Wilson**

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**Programs: Jessica Diefenderfer**

**Communications: Steve Clark**

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:  
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**Parents Club: Chryssa Samhoury**

**All Pro Dads: Jason Crow**

**Homeroom Parents: Darbie Wilder**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Yajaira Chappelle**

**Memberships: Amanda Hurst**

**Spirit Wear: Salina Ruiz**

**Boosterthon: Erin Circelli,  
Viviana Lit & Adam Grier**

**Holiday Shop: Jessica Diefenderfer**

**Bobcat Bash: Katie Stahl,  
Kara Coleman & Violetta Fahie**

**Business Partners: Emily Draper**

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

**Box Tops: Kimberly Olson**

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

**Knights Event: Evan Walker  
& Adam Grier**

**Concessions: Louise Johnstone  
& Iris Sims**

**Family Nights: Amy Sweeney,  
Melissa Chevalier & Punit Shah**

**Fifth Grade Activities: Jaclyn Young**

**School-Wide Hospitality/Decorating:  
Open Position**

**Open House: Adi Kaplan**

**Teacher Appreciation: Lauren Borio, Louise  
Johnstone, Viviana Lit & Violetta Fahie**

**Health & Safety: Jessica Greene  
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**Reflections: Katie Stahl  
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**Tutoring: Erin Dombrosky**

**Junior Achievement: Rick Coleman  
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**McKitrick Cares: Heather Foster**

**IT- Website: Cassandra Johnson**

**IT- Google/Website Back Up: Billy Stahl**

**Yearbook: Robert Hudson**

**Social Media: Priya Davbhat**

**Newsletter: Kara Coleman**

**Front Marquee: Billy Stahl**

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