



BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

Message from the PTA President

PTA has always been about speaking up and advocating for all children, but this year our PTA has taken it to a whole new level, advocating for kids, their families, and teachers to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and succeed, even with a pandemic still upon us. Here are a few highlights from recent months:

- **SweetHeart Dance** was a hit with a record number of attendees. The committee took this event outside to be safer for our families and was a huge success.
- **School Donation** - the school donation was approved at the most recent general meeting and we are happy to report that with the help of our families, administrators and teachers we were able to donate the rest of the funds needed to purchase laptops for the entire staff of McKitrick. With technology changing so fast, providing the most up to date technology for our teachers is essential to keeping our classrooms current in these changing times.
- **School of Excellence** a survey was conducted to determine concerns 5th grade parents have about the transition from elementary to middle school. McKitrick PTA is working with Martinez Middle PTSA to address those concerns and come up with programs for making the transition less stressful. A 6th grade orientation is scheduled for April 18th. More details to come.
- **PTA Zoom meetings** - Attendance at PTA Zoom meetings are breaking records! We were happy to see a lot of parent/admin/teacher support at the last general meeting we did over zoom. Diverse voices bring new perspectives and ideas!
- **PTA Nomination Committee** is formed and will be taking nominations for executive officer positions - president, vice president, recording secretary and treasurer. More information on how to self nominate below in the newsletter.

In closing, I'd like to thank our McKitrick teachers, staff and administration for their tireless efforts on behalf of our children and families. I would also like to thank our PTA for all they are doing to support our school and families.

Lindsay Jimison
PTA President 2021-2022
president@mckitrickpta.com

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 2022

- 7th - Non Student Day
- 14th - 18th Spring Break
- 21st - Non Student Day
- 22nd - Students Return to School
- 25th - All Pro Dads Meeting
- 28th - Last Day for Ticket Sales for the "Sons and Stars" Bowling Event

April 2022

- 1st - Kicks Off Moby Max April Contest
- 3rd - Sons & Stars Bowling Event
- 7th - 8th - On Campus Bobcat Pride Event
- 15th - Non Student Day
- 18th - Rising 6th Graders Orientation at Martinez Middle School

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Principal/Administrator:
Allison Cline





A NOTE FROM OUR

Principal

Hello McKitrick Families!

I hope you are well and enjoying this great Spring weather!

I want to start by thanking our families and PTA for an amazing fundraising year! We can not thank you enough for your generosity and hard work to secure a new laptop for every faculty member. This will not only improve the day to day planning for our teachers but will improve your child's education.

We have been having volunteers on campus, planning 5th grade activities, had a extremely successful Sweetheart Dance and we look forward to an amazing end to this school year.

Thank you for supporting our school, our staff and your children. Together we make McKitrick the excellent school that it is!

Warm Regards,

Allison Cline
Principal

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RISING SIXTH GRADE
STUDENTS & PARENTS
SAVE THE DATE



MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Monday, April 18th
5:00-7:00 PM

5:00-6:30PM CAMPUS TOURS
6:30-7:00PM PRESENTATION IN THE GYM



KEEP
CALM
AND
THINK
SPRING BREAK

JOIN US!



CALLING FOR PTA OFFICER NOMINATIONS



APPLY NOW

McKitrick PTA is looking
for nominations for Officer
positions for 2022/23
school year!

NOMINATION DEADLINE

MONDAY
7TH

MARCH 2022

SCAN QR CODE TO GET MORE DETAILS & EXPRESS INTEREST.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

**Are You a Frequent
Shopper on Amazon?**

**Make Sure to Sign up for
an Amazon Smile Account
and Assign
McKitrick Elementary School
to Receive 0.5% of All Purchases!**

Get your Tickets Now! Ticket Sales End on March 28th!

MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS THE
SONS & STARS EVENT

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD 2022

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 March 14th - 28th 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)

Congratulations!!!!

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

Dance Choreography (3rd-5th):

Sloan Siembak* (1st Place)

Elizabeth Prentiss*
Nicholas Fisanich
Savannah Stahl*

Film Production(3rd-5th):

Savannah Stahl* (1st Place)

Alexis Renuart*

Literature (3rd-5th):

Emily Locke* (1st Place)

Elizabeth Prentiss*
Savannah Stahl*

Music Composition (3rd-5th):

Mikaela Diorio* (1st Place)

Saskia Mooney*
Savannah Stahl*

Photography (3rd-5th):

Savannah Stahl* (1st Place)

Visual Arts(3rd-5th):

Zoe Johnson* (1st Place)

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

Film Production(K-2nd):

Matthias Sierra* (1st Place)

Literature (K-2nd):

Ovi Tandlekar* (1st Place)

Asna Amir*

Visual Arts(K-2nd):

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.



Want to Volunteer to Help Next Year?

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

Katie at:

Reflections@McKitrickPTA.com



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.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PTA CALENDAR

FUN FACT: Did you know you can subscribe to our McKitrick pta calendar on your smartphone or tablet?

HOW?

Go to the Calendar section on mckitrickpta.com for instructions to subscribe to our McKitrick PTA Events & McKitrick Elementary Calendars



QUICK LINKS

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5th Grade Activities - Count Down until we're "Straight Outta 5th Grade!"

The votes are in! We are very excited to announce the 5th Grade Class of 2022 theme is **STRAIGHT OUTTA 5TH GRADE!**

There are a lot of fun things happening in the next few months:

- **5th Grade T-Shirts** - A big congratulations to Allana, from Mrs. Brewer's class, whose artwork inspired this year's 5th grade t-shirt! T-Shirts will be delivered the first week of March!
- **Service Project** - We are collecting donations now through March 11th in support of the animal shelter, Mercy Full Project. Collection boxes can be found in all 5th grade classrooms and in the front office. On **March 11th**, the 5th graders will be sorting donations, making toys, decorating collars, and getting pictures with some of the animals from the shelter. Volunteers from Mercy Full will be on hand to introduce their animals, answer questions, and share their work. 
- **Martinez Orientation** - On Monday, April 18th between 5-8pm, our 5th grade students will have a chance to learn about Middle School!





BOBCAT BOYS, SAVE THE DATE!

Calling all McKitrick boys! Save the date of Sunday, April 3rd for our "Knights Event" bowling extravaganza at Pinchasers! Come out with your mom or other special adult for a fun afternoon of cyber bowling and pizza to enjoy with school friends and families.

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon via email, on social media, and in your classrooms. Hope to see you all there! **STRIKE!!!**



New to McKitrick?

If you are new to McKitrick either this year or last...

Please visit www.McKitrickPTA.com to purchase your membership and get signed up for our

NEWCOMERS INFORMATION WELCOME PACKET

Questions? Please email
Chryssa & Farheen
Newcomers@McKitrickPTA.com



Coming Next Month!!

McKitrick'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



Boots and Bows was a Truly Memorable Night!!!

On Friday February 11th, our McKittrick Sweethearts moseyed on over on over to Soire Estate in Lutz for a wonderful evening of dancing, games, and some down-home cooking from Steinbrenner High School culinary team. We had a record 540 attendees dance the night away in a beautiful outdoor setting, making for an unforgettable time together!

We are so grateful for the help of our generous event sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible! Big thanks to the following local businesses for their support:

- *Urgent Care & Wellness Center*
- *Bach To Rock, Lutz*
- *JRP Media*
- *DeDomenico Orthodontics*
- *PaperPartyDesign, Ink!*
- *Kool Kat Entertainment*





FUNdraising Corner

FUNDRAISER LAPTOP GOAL REACHED!! During our February 28th General PTA Meeting our McKitrick PTA Members **APPROVED** our **PTA school donation to FUND 65 LAPTOPS FOR ALL MCKITRICK FACULTY!!**

Technology is moving faster than we can keep up with & laptops are an essential tool used to manage the classroom! Equipping our teachers with functional laptops is a necessity. This investment opens opportunities for updating other technology in the classrooms that can't operate on the current outdated laptops. We couldn't have done without the support of our families & business partners in our community.

THANK YOU ...THANK YOU ...THANK YOU!!



MCKITRICK'S DINE OUT UPDATE

Thank you to all the McKitrick families who came out to our February dine out at Jersey Mike's. As always, we appreciate you showing up to support our school by purchasing all those meals! We can't wait for our final dine out in April! Stay tuned for the date and destination. It's going to be such a FUN one!!



SCHOOL Fundraising UPDATES

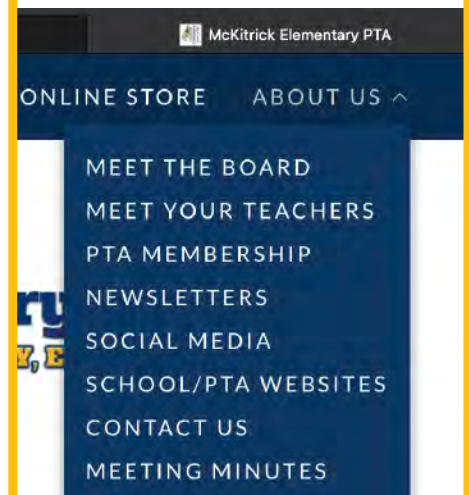
HOW TO EARN BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

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>





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **SOIRE ESTATE AT SB NURSERY & GARDENS**

SoireEstate at SB Nursery and Gardens, proud sponsor of Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary's Father Daughter Dance, and your local venue for all of your event needs!

We would love to give you a tour, call or email.
SoireEstate at SB Nursery & Gardens

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McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **BAHAMA BUCK'S**

Bahama Buck's is a family owned business and operated by friends! We sell the greatest Sno on Earth along with several other specialties such as smoothies, flavored soda, and even snowballs to throw at your siblings!!

**Come Over And Experience Your
Perfect Mini-Vacation!**



McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF LUTZ**



Primrose School of Lutz is owned by Ketan and Ami Gohil, after taking over ownership on May 1, 2017. Mr. & Mrs. Gohil also own a thriving Primrose School in the Bloomingdale area that opened in 2011, and Mrs. Gohil taught Pre-Kindergarten for several years at another local Primrose School. They have two daughters that are both Primrose School graduates, and live in the Lutz area.

Each Primrose school is independently owned and operated by Franchise Owners, who partner with parents to help children build the right foundation for future learning and life, and offer an environment that helps children have fun while nurturing Active Minds, Healthy Bodies and Happy Hearts®.

Primrose School of Lutz is managed by Mrs. Sonya Boyette, Managing Director of Operations, and operated daily by Mrs. Dagmar Davila. Mrs. Boyette has over 18 years of Primrose experience and over 30 years of experience in Early Childhood Education as a teacher, management team member, trainer, and Franchise Owner. Mrs. Davila has over 20 years of experience in Early Childhood Education and 10 years with Primrose Schools. The Leadership Team includes, Mrs. Monica Rivas (Admin Assistant) and Mrs. Samantha Strong (Education Coordinator). The Leadership Team has over 30 years of experience with Primrose Schools, as teachers and management team members.

We just completed our first Semester in our Academic School year for our Infant through Pre-Kindergarten classes, and we are looking forward to an exciting Summer Camp for our after-school age children, full of live and virtual field trips, in-house guest speakers/activities, cooking lessons, art appreciation, science fun, and more! Our STEAM based themes make Summer Camp learning fun and challenging. We have low student/teacher ratios, meals included, and experienced/trained teachers.

Primrose School of Lutz is accepting applications for just a few openings in a couple of classes for our 2022 – 2023 Academic School Year. Enrollment for 2022 – 2023 is currently open to the public and we are accepting applications for new students.

To learn more about our school and programs, logon to our website: www.primroselutz.com or our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/primroselutz . You may also contact the school office at 813.920.9384.

McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight: **ADVANCED FILM SOLUTIONS**

The following article was also featured in a recent addition of TheHomeMag Tampa Bay.

Most of our customers are not looking for window film, " Adam Feldman, VP of Advanced Film Solutions, explained, "they are looking for what window film does."

While the majority of Advanced Film Solutions' customers are seeking help from the sun's glare and the cooling loss that makes their electric bills soar, there is a world of options that most people would not even think about with window film. Problems with the fading of furniture and wooden floors, protection against the shattering of glass from impact, privacy from passerbys, and adding decorative elements to an otherwise boring window are just a few of the many situations that homeowners face and that Advanced Film Solutions can solve.

"There are problems you have that we can fix," Adam said. "Half of your energy bill in Florida is from cooling costs. Window film is the single least expensive thing you can do for your house, with the fastest return on investment of any energy-saving product you can buy. As we are putting window film on, you can watch your thermostat actually dropping degrees. If we can block just 50% of the heat coming through the windows, it will immediately drop your energy bill 15-25%, depending on what other factors are contributing to it."

The window film is maintenance-free, comes in different hues, thicknesses, and opacities... and some are available with special features that let you use your glass as a dry erase board, a magnet board, or even a cloaking device to keep your computer screen safe from prying eyes. For those who want a completely clear view of the outdoors but still need some protection from the invasive sunlight, Advanced Film Solutions offers a film that is so invisible that the glass appears to have nothing on it, yet it still blocks 42% of the heat and 99.9% of the UV rays that are responsible for ruining your belongings.

Decorative film is a great solutions for a window that looks out to a boring view, with custom graphics and print film options available. Now you can have what appears to be frosted etched glass or Tiffany-inspired leaded glass at a small fraction of the cost of the real thing, and you wouldn't be able to tell the difference unless you touched it. "On clear film, we can print a photograph that you have taken, and you'll have a beautiful, giant piece of art that can be the focal point of your room", Adam stated. They recently installed a custom graphic in the launch elevator of Kennedy Space Center depicting a space capsule that has splashed down with a recover ship approaching. "The last thing that the astronauts see on earth before launch will be the first thing they see when they get back, " Adam declared, adding, "we don't sell window film, we sell solutions."

To find out how window film can transform your home or business, call Advanced Film Solutions today at 813-949-3456 for a free quote or visit AdvancedFilmSolutions.com for more information.



Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

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

Special Events: Lindsay Whitney

Student/School Support: Brandi Kenny

Programs: Jessica Diefenderfer

Communications: Steve Clark

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:
Chryssa Samhoury & Farheen Aldeen**

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
& Katalin Vinci-Sierra**

**Reflections: Katie Stahl
& Meredith Renuart**

Tutoring: Erin Dombrosky

**Junior Achievement: Rick Coleman
& Loren Mednick**

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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