



Message from the PTA President

Welcome Back, McKitrick Bobcats!



Welcome to a brand-new school year! As your PTA President, I'm so excited for the year ahead and all the ways we can work together to make it a wonderful and successful year for our students, teachers, and families.



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Tuesday, August 25
5:00–7:00 PM

Come kick off the school year with us! Ice cream is FREE with the purchase of a PTA membership.

PTA memberships can be purchased by parents, students, grandparents, family members, or anyone who wants to support McKitrick and stay connected with what's happening at our school.

And here's the important part: Buying a PTA membership does NOT mean you have to volunteer or take on a big commitment! A membership is simply a way to show your support for your child, our teachers, and our school. Every membership makes a difference. 100% of the money raised by McKitrick PTA goes directly back to our students and teachers through:

- PTA programs & events
- Teacher support to enhance the classroom experience
- Student incentives & celebrations
- Campus improvements
- Resources and opportunities that benefit our Bobcats

Want to get more involved? We'd LOVE to have you! Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a place for everyone. Reach out to us at President@McKitrickpta.com.

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AND SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR — BOOSTERTHON!



Pep Rally: Friday, September 18

Fun Run: Friday, October 2

The Fun Run is a day you won't want to miss! Families are invited to come cheer on our students as they run, celebrate, and work together toward an exciting goal.

This year, our students will be raising money for outdoor recess improvements, including shade sails, benches, and additional equipment to make our outdoor spaces even better for our Bobcats.

We're looking forward to an AMAZING year filled with fun, community, and lots of opportunities to support our students and teachers. Thank you for being part of the McKitrick family!

Let's make it a great year, Bobcats!



Barrie Vause
PTA President







McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



WATER | FIRE | MOLD

When water, fire, or mold damage happens, you want a team that answers the call and stays with you every step of the way. Whether it's residential or commercial, Big Wave Restoration is available 24/7.

We serve the greater Tampa Bay area and its surrounding areas including Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota and Polk. We handle emergency water and fire mitigation, mold remediation and storm damage restoration. Our services include: Emergency Water Extraction and Drying, Fire Damage Restoration, Water Damage Restoration, Mold Remediation, and Mold testing.

Should the need arise we would like to be the one you call!

Storm season is here and so are we!

Please check out our Google Reviews and follow us on Facebook!

813-BIG WAVE
813-(244-9283)

BIG WAVE RESTORATION has been nominated for:
Creative Loafing's Best of the Bay BEST DISASTER COMPANY

If you have had a great experience with them or simply want to support a business that gives back to our school. We'd love for you to take a moment to cast your vote.

Voting is through August 31st





Important Dates



August

8/21 All Pro Dad's Meeting
8/25 Ice Cream Social

September

9/2 Fall Photos
9/3 Curriculum Night
9/7 No School
9/18 All Pro Dad's Meeting
9/18 Boosterthon Pep Rally (students only)
9/22 Grandparent's Bingo
9/24 Conference Night
9/30 Fall Make up day for pictures

October

10/2 Boosterthon Fun Run-
families invited to cheer on from track
10/9 End of 1st Quarter
10/16 All Pro Dad's Meeting
10/30 Storybook Parade



McKITTRICK ELEMENTARY

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



5-7 PM



FREE ICE CREAM SCOOP

WITH PTA MEMBERSHIP,
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
ICE CREAM WILL NOT
BE SOLD FOR INDIVIDUAL
PURCHASE.



FOOD & TREATS

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST FROM

THREE BROTHERS
★ NEW YORK PIZZA ★



🐾 LET'S KICK OFF A SWEET YEAR TOGETHER! 🐾

ALL PRO DAD

CHAPTERS

WHAT WE DO...

All Pro Dad Chapters provide an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship. For one hour each month you'll get to join other dads and kids at school for a fun, memory-making event.

DID YOU KNOW...

when a dad is actively involved in his child's life, the child will have...



BETTER
GRADES



ENHANCED
CREATIVITY



FEWER
BEHAVIORAL
ISSUES



STRONGER
FATHER-CHILD
RELATIONSHIPS

Join Us

for our next meeting!

Location: McKittrick Cafeteria

Date: Friday, August 21, 2026

Time: 7am

MESSAGE: ***Welcome back Dads...Take the special opportunity to eat breakfast, quick discussion and walk your kids to class!***

Please RSVP below, so we know how many people are coming.

****PLEASE ARRIVE @ 6:45am FOR CHECK-IN!***



Let us know if you're coming.
RSVP using our QR code!

<https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/299>

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@AllProDad

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YEARBOOK

Cover Contest!

★ SHOW US YOUR CREATIVE ROOTS! ★

★ ONE 5TH GRADE
DESIGN
WILL BECOME OUR
2026-2027
YEARBOOK COVER!

OUR YEARBOOK
CAPTURES ALL THE
AMAZING MOMENTS
FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR.
NOW WE NEED YOUR
HELP TO CREATE
THE COVER!



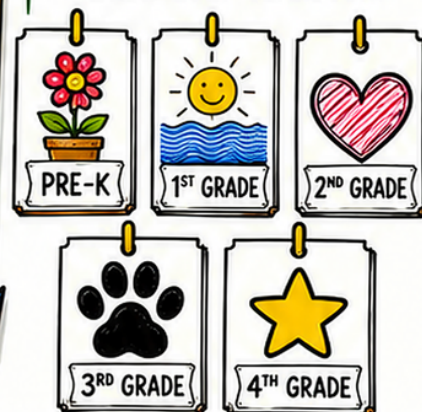
HOW TO ENTER:

- ★ CREATE YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK ON 8½" x 11" PAPER.
- ★ WRITE YOUR NAME, GRADE & TEACHER ON THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK.
- ★ TURN IT IN TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY THE DEADLINE.

Name,
Grade &
Teacher
on the back!

FEATURED INSIDE!

ONE DESIGN FROM
EACH GRADE,
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE,
WILL BE SELECTED TO BE
FEATURED INSIDE THE
2026-2027 YEARBOOK!



CONTEST RULES

- 1 Draw an original cover design inspired by the theme "Rooted in History."
- 2 Designs must be hand-drawn only. No AI or digital artwork.
- 3 Have fun and be creative!

Let your
creativity
grow!

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

TURN IN YOUR ARTWORK TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

2026-2027 McKitrick PTA

PRESIDENT- BARRIE VAUSE

VICE PRESIDENT- JINCY SOLER

TREASURER- JENNA WILSON

RECORDING SECRETARY- ARIEL MARTINEZ

PARENT OUTREACH- JESSICA IRIZARRI

FUNDRAISING- LAUREN ALLEN

SPECIAL EVENTS- SHEA GRAFF-MCPHERREN & ASHLEY ITZKOWITZ

STUDENT-SCHOOL SUPPORT- GINA SCIACCHITANO

PROGRAMS- ERIN CIRCELLI

COMMUNICATIONS- SARAH CARPENTER

NEWCOMERS/KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP- BETH READ & JENNIFER WHELIHAN

ALL PRO DADS- CHARLES COLLINS

HOMEROOM PARENTS- JESSICA MICHELLI

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR- JESSICA IRIZARRI

MEMBERSHIPS- RHODA RAMNARINE-RAMOUTAR

SPIRIT WEAR- JENNA WILSON & LIZZY SINGLETON

BOOSTERTHON- ERIN CIRCELLI, LINDSAY JIMISON,
CHIARA MOBLEY, & LAUREN BALASCO

HOLIDAY SHOP- LISA PELUSO, MEGAN WILSON, & LAUREN BEATTY

BOBCAT BASH- **OPEN**

BUISINESS PARTNERS- CRISTINE WHITMAN

FAMILY DINE OUTS- YOSHIEE DIAZ

SWEETHEART EVENT- HANNAH DINEEN, SHELLEY BLANCO,
& GABBY SANABRIA

SONS & STARS- **OPEN**

FAMILY NIGHTS- DONNA TUCKER, AMY SWEENEY, PATRICIA BALDWIN, & HANNAH BREIG

FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES- CHRYSSA SAMHOURY & LINDSAY JIMISON

OPEN HOUSE- LINDSAY JIMISON & BARRIE VAUSE

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION- JINCY SOLER, ARIEL MARTINEZ,
& SARAH CARPENTER

MCKITRICK SERVES/CARES- RHODA RAMNARINE-RAMOUTAR
& GABBY SANABRIA

REFLECTIONS- **OPEN**

TUTORING- ARIEL MARTINEZ

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT- LOREN MEDNICK

WEBSITE/GIVEBACKS- **OPEN**

YEARBOOK- CHRISTINE LENZO

SOCIAL MEDIA- CHRYSSA SAMHOURY

NEWSLETTER- LESLIE COLLINS