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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President & Vice President

Welcome back, Bobcat families! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for another fantastic school year. We are honored to serve as your PTA President and Vice President this year and can't wait to see what we accomplish together!

Thanks to your incredible support last year, we were able to help complete the much-needed updates in the media center — a bright, engaging space our students are already loving. This year, we're setting our sights on another exciting goal: raising funds to add new turf in the play areas behind the back court and between the goat pen and the playground. We also hope to raise enough to put sails over the uncovered court. These upgrades will provide safer, cleaner, and more accessible spaces for our kids to run, play, and enjoy their time outside.

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is the Boosterthon Fun Run, kicking off in October! This is always such a fun time for students, and it's also our largest contributor to meeting our annual fundraising goals. Students will gather pledges from family and friends and then participate in a fun, high-energy run that brings the whole school community together.

We're also thrilled to introduce a brand-new Volunteer Incentive Program—Give a Little, Get a Little. It is designed to recognize and celebrate our amazing parent volunteers. After joining the PTA, parents can begin logging volunteer hours and earning fun rewards throughout the year. One special incentive we're bringing back (thank you, Mrs. Stone!) is "Lunch with Your Kiddo on Campus." This cherished event will happen twice a year. The first will be open to all and another will be for anyone that has 10 volunteer hours.

We'll have plenty of ways for you to get involved, both big and small, so keep an eye on the monthly newsletter and our social media for opportunities to help out and connect with our wonderful school community.

Here's to a great year ahead — let's make it the best one yet!

With gratitude,  
Barrie Vause & Jincy Soler  
PTA President PTA Vice President



## CALENDAR

### September

- 1st Labor Day / No School
- 5th PTA Volunteer/  
Homeroom Parent  
Virtual Training
- 8th Grandparents' Day #1
- 9th Grandparents' Day #2
- 10th Fall Picture Day
- 17th Chick-fil-a Dine Out
- 19th All Pro Dads Meeting
- 22nd-26th Fall Book Fair
- 24th General PTA Meeting
- 25th Fall Conference Night

### October

- 2nd Custodian Appreciation  
Day
- 2nd Boosterthon Kickoff
- 10th Boosterthon Fun Run  
Day
- 17th All Pro Dads Meeting

# Our Fundraiser ***IS COMING SOON!***

[mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com)

## McKitrick Families!

We're thrilled for this year's main fundraiser — The Bobcat Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for shade sails to cover the back court.

### Why are we excited?

- ✓ Easy-to-use fundraising platform
- ✓ Character-building program
- ✓ Fitness celebration event for every student!

Families will gather donations through MyBooster.com by simply sharing your student's page with friends and family. Every share makes a difference!

Students will also enjoy 'Star Quest 5,' an exciting character-building adventure where they'll learn important values through space-themed figures and activities.

### Key dates to remember:

Sign Up Online at [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com)

9/18/2025

Kickoff in school

10/2/2025

Event Day

10/10/2025



CURIOSITY



COURAGE



TEAMWORK



RESILIENCE



HUMILITY

Stay tuned for more details and follow us on social media for updates!





# *Congratulation* **TO THE WINNERS**

We are so excited to share that two members of our PTA won 2024/25 Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA Awards!

## **Superman (Male Role Model or Male Engagement):**

### **Robert Hudson**

Robert is truly the heart behind the lens at McKittrick—always at every event with his camera, capturing the memories that mean so much to our families. Year after year, he pours countless hours into creating the most incredible yearbooks, giving our community a way to treasure these moments forever.

We are so grateful for his dedication, talent, and the many ways he shows up for our school. This award is beyond well deserved—thank you, Robert, for everything you do for McKittrick!



## **Top Community Partner:**

### **Elite Ink**

Elite Ink has poured their heart into the Lutz community since 2012. They have always put family, quality, and integrity first. They don't just provide spirit wear, business attire, and event support... they make everyone feel like part of their family.

We're so thankful for their generosity, craftsmanship, and dedication to our school. This honor couldn't be more deserved—cheers to Elite Ink for making such a big difference in our community! We are lucky to have you!



## Open House 2025

This year's Open House was a wonderful opportunity for students and families to connect with our school community. Students met their new teachers, visited former teachers, and had the pleasure of greeting our new principal, Mrs. Stone, as well as introducing themselves to Assistant Principal Ms. Bielitz. Families participated in a school-wide scavenger hunt and enjoyed visits with our resident goats and chickens. We are also grateful to our business partners, Elite Ink and Twisted Kettle, who were on hand providing school spirit wear and yummy popcorn, adding to the excitement of the day!





## SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF IN A "SWEET" WAY!

What a "sweet" evening we had on August 19th at the annual back-to-school ice cream social hosted by our PTA Family Nights Committee! We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to see students, families, teachers, and staff enjoying time together on campus!



Big thanks Martinez FFA for bringing the adorable animals, Art Paper Scissors for the crafts and slime, and The Little Gym! We were also fortunate enough to have Three Brothers Pizza and The Twisted Kettle providing food and snack options for our families!

Our Bobcat mascot was also present for some high fives, hugs, and photo opportunities!

Special thanks to everyone that signed up for PTA memberships! Bobcat families are amazing! If you are interested in joining our committee, please email [FamilyNights@Mckitripts.com](mailto:FamilyNights@Mckitripts.com).





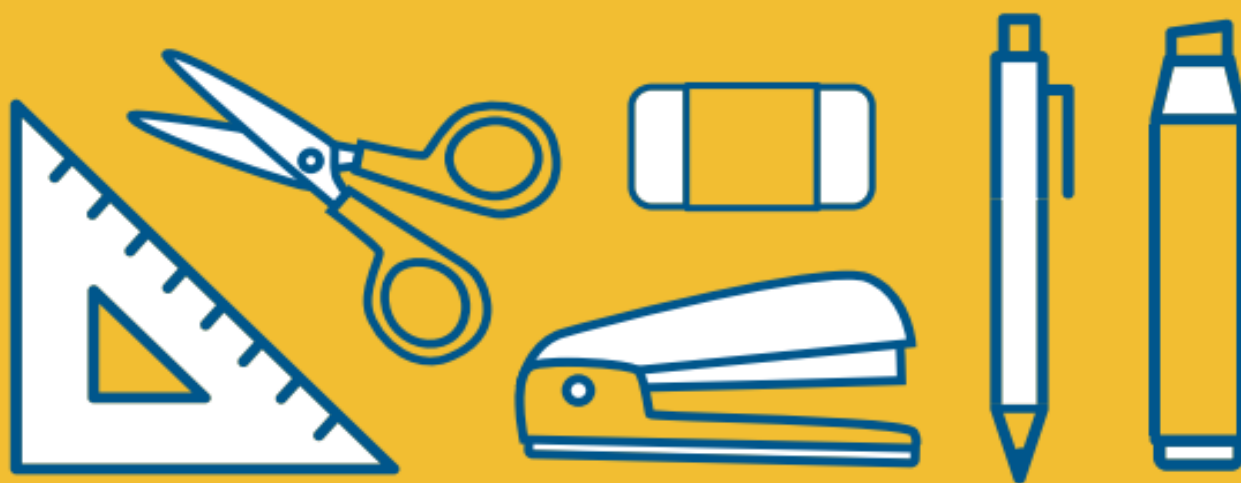
# CALLING ALL TUTORS!



[CLICK  
HERE FOR  
INTEREST  
SURVEY](#)

We are looking for volunteers interested in working with students to make a positive difference. Please complete the [INTEREST SURVEY](#) so we can find the best opportunity that matches your schedule, skills, and interest within the Tutoring Program. We appreciate you and look forward to working together!

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL:  
[TUTORING@MCKITRICKPTA.COM](mailto:TUTORING@MCKITRICKPTA.COM)**





# 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: September 19, 2025

Time: 7am

MESSAGE: ***Dads...Take the opportunity to eat breakfast and walk your kids to class!***

***Please RSVP BELOW so we know how many people are coming!***



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

<https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990>

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@AllProDad



# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Thank you to our business partner!

# THREE BROTHERS

WE  
CATER!

★ NEW YORK PIZZA ★

ALL  
EVENTS!

## Odessa | Palm Harbor

# www.3brothersny.com



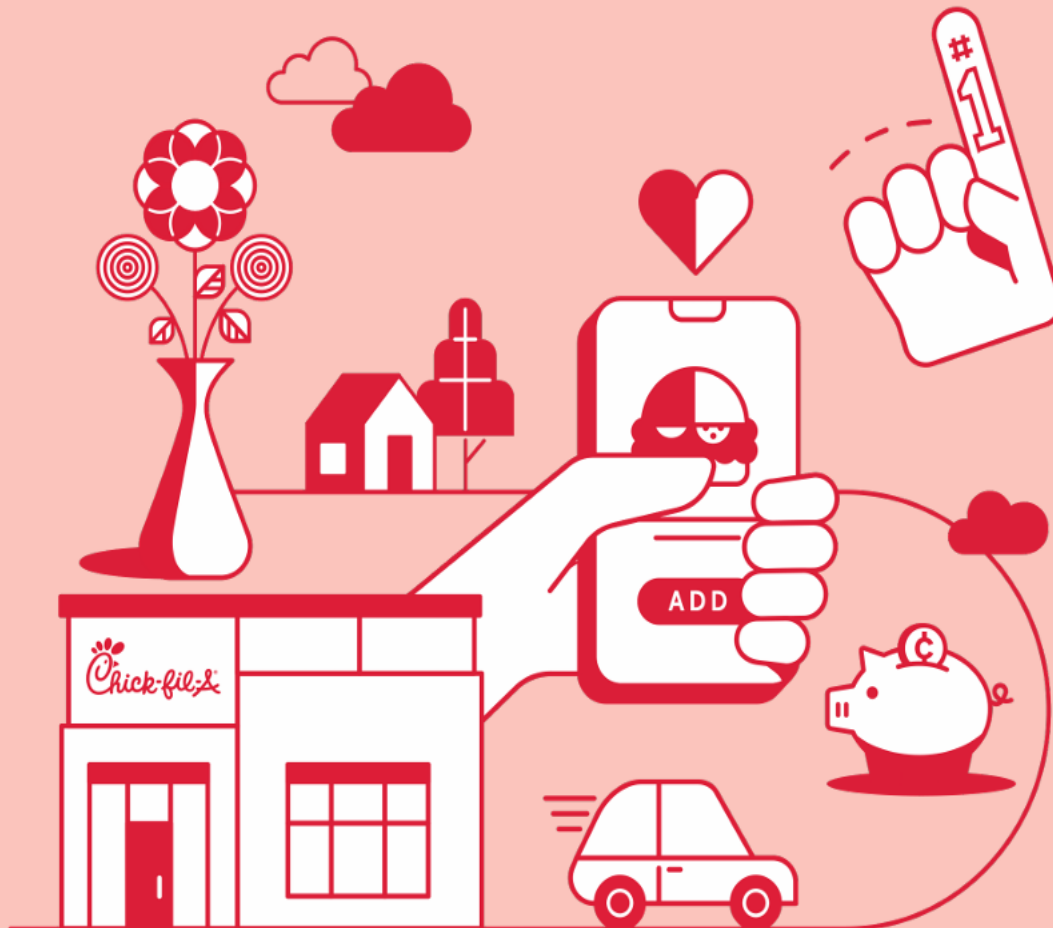
We love our Business Partners! With the start of the new school year, we are welcoming new Business Partner applicants. We have several commitment levels available. For more info, please contact Cristine Whitman at [businesspartners@McKitrickPTA.com](mailto:businesspartners@McKitrickPTA.com)



# McKitrick Elementary Spirit Day

Wednesday, September 17th  
All day, 6:30am-9pm

Show your school spirit and join us for food, fun, and time with family & friends! Mention McKitrick Elementary at checkout or use mobile code "MCKITRICK" in the app. A percentage of all purchases will be donated back to your school. See you there!



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2025-2026  
**CALL FOR  
ENTRIES!**

# I Belong!

**Explore the arts and  
express yourself!**



**Learn more and get involved!**

**[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/reflections)**

**Deadline for Entries:**

**November 9, 2025**

**For Details:**

**[reflections@  
mckitrickpta.com](mailto:reflections@mckitrickpta.com)**



# SAVE THE DATE

9/8 & 9/9

Grandparents' Day Breakfast

9/10

Picture Day

9/22-9/26

Book Fair

9/24

PTA Virtual General meeting

9/25

Conferences

9/26

Citizen of the Month

10/2

Boosterthon Kick Off

10/10

Boosterthon Fun Run



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# 2025-2026 PTA COMMITTEE

## 2025-2026 MCKITRICK PTA COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT- BARRIE VAUSE  
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BOOSTERTHON- DARBIE WILDER, LINDSAY JIMISON, &  
 ERIN CIRCELLI  
HOLIDAY SHOP- LISA PELUSO AND MEGAN WILSON  
BOBCAT BASH- LAUREN ALLEN AND JENNIFER TEIXEIRA  
BUSINESS PARTNERS- CRISTINE WHITMAN  
FAMILY DINE OUTS- MRS. STONE & COURTNEY CHANTER  
SWEETHEART EVENT- SHELLEY BLANCO, RHODA RAMNARINE-  
 RAMOUTAR, AND PATRICIA RAMOS  
SONS & STARS EVENT- HANNAH BREIG & SARAH CARPENTER  
FAMILY NIGHTS- AMY SWEENEY, DONNA TUCKER, DANIELLE  
 JOHNSON, PATRICIA BALDWIN, & HANNAH BREIG  
FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES- DARBIE WILDER  
OPEN HOUSE- LINDSAY JIMISON  
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION- ARIEL MARTINEZ, JINCY SOLER,  
 AND SARAH CARPENTER  
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MCKITRICK CARES- OPEN  
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NEWSLETTER- LESLIE COLLINS

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