Bobcat BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy Fall, Bobcats!

We have so much to celebrate this month! We CRUSHED our Boosterthon goal of $50,000 and raised an incredible **$60,730!**
Thank you to every family, student, teacher, and supporter who helped make this possible!

Because of your generosity, McKitrick will be getting playground upgrades! Coming soon, you'll see new playground equipment, shaded coverings for the back court, and a brand-new digital marquee sign on campus. We can't wait to see these exciting improvements come to life!

Coming Up at McKitrick

Rescheduled Bingo Night — October 20

- **Grades PK-2:** 4:30 PM-5:30 PM
- **Grades 3-5:** 5:45 PM-6:45 PM

We hope you can join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes, and time together as a McKitrick family!

McKitrick's 25th Anniversary Celebration — November 6 | 5–7 PM

Come help us celebrate 25 amazing years of McKitrick! We'll have food trucks, school tours, speeches, and games for the kids on the covered court. Bring the family and join us as we celebrate this special milestone!

We hope to see you at one—or both—of these upcoming events. Thank you for continuing to make McKitrick such a special place for our students and staff!

Barrie Vause
PTA President 2026-2027



CALENDAR

October

Oct. 9: End of Q1
Oct. 12: No School
Oct. 16: All Pro Dad Meeting
Oct. 20: Rescheduled Grandparents Bingo Night
Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 30: Storybook Parade

November

Nov. 6: 25th Anniversary Tailgate
Nov. 10: Veterans Program
Nov. 11: No School
Nov. 13: All Pro Dad Meeting
Nov. 19: Great American Teach-In
Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving Break



JOIN THE MCKITRICK Parents Club

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.

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SCAN the QR code here to join our online community today!

Quick Links

- McKitrick PTA Website
- McKitrick PTA Store
- McKitrick PTA Facebook
- McKitrick PTA Twitter
- McKitrick Elementary Website
- 2026-2027 School Calendar
- McKitrick Lunch Menus
- Meal Pre-Pay
- Volunteer Application

Celebrating HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Principal/Administrator:
Kimberly Stone

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MCKITRICK Bobcats

2026-2027 Volunteer and Homeroom Parent Training

On Thursday, September 10, Jessica Irizarri, PTA Parent Outreach Chair and Volunteer Coordinator, and Jessica Micheli, PTA Homeroom Parent Coordinator, hosted this year's Volunteer Training. We had an amazing turnout of parents who came to learn how to become all-star volunteers for McKitrick! Our school never has a shortage of outstanding parents who want to help our school thrive, and it continues to show at these trainings year after year. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible and to all of the parents who give their time to make our school flourish. If you'd like to get more information about volunteering for future events, please reach out to **Jessica Irizarri at volunteer@mckitrickpta.com or Jessica Micheli at homeroomparents@mckitrickpta.com**.

On Friday, October 2, we celebrated Custodial Appreciation Day! A HUGE thank you to Daysi, Charles, Oradairs, Ernesto, and Sailyn for the incredible work they do every single day.



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FUNdraising Corner



ALL PRO DAD



All Pro Dads: October Update & Highlights!



Join us for our next All Pro Dad meeting on **Friday, October 16th, at 7:00 am** in the McKitrick Elementary cafeteria. This month, we'll dive into the theme of **INITIATIVE**. Everyone has something to offer the world, and without initiative, needs are left unmet. It's important to teach our kids to have initiative so they can play their part in making the world a better place. Please **RSVP** by **Wednesday, 14th,** if possible (although not required to attend), to help the school arrange your passes in advance. Due to our ever-increasing attendance numbers, please arrive at **6:45 am**. This will ensure a quicker check-in process, allowing us more time to enjoy breakfast with our kids.

So please go ahead and scan the QR Code or click here to RSVP for the October meeting: https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990

SCAN ME!



We are grateful to all dads who provided RSVPs in advance, aiding the school in managing the large turnout and minimizing check-in. And as always, I am here for you. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or just want to chat, don't hesitate to reach out to me, your **All Pro Dad captain, Charles Collins, at allprodads@mckitrickpta.com or 407-864-3300.** Let's continue to grow and bring more dads into our circle. See you on **October 16th** for an enlightening discussion on **INITIATIVE!**

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All Pro Dads: October Update & Highlights!

Recap of September's Meeting
Last month's meeting on the topic of HONESTY was profoundly impactful, attended by over 120 participants, including many new families. The discussions were especially meaningful as families shared their experiences and interpretations around the topic. We were personally touched by your stories about dealing with honesty at school or with siblings. These stories underscored the relevance and necessity of our monthly themes.

Here are the prompts for Honesty that we discussed - feel free to use these at home if you weren't at the meeting or just need a refresher:
Dad to Kid: When is it hard for you to be honest?
Dad to Kid: What could you do to help yourself tell the truth when you're feeling like you want to lie?
Kid to Dad: Is being honest easy or hard for you?
Kid to Dad: Was there a time when you were glad you were honest?





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Volunteer Opportunities



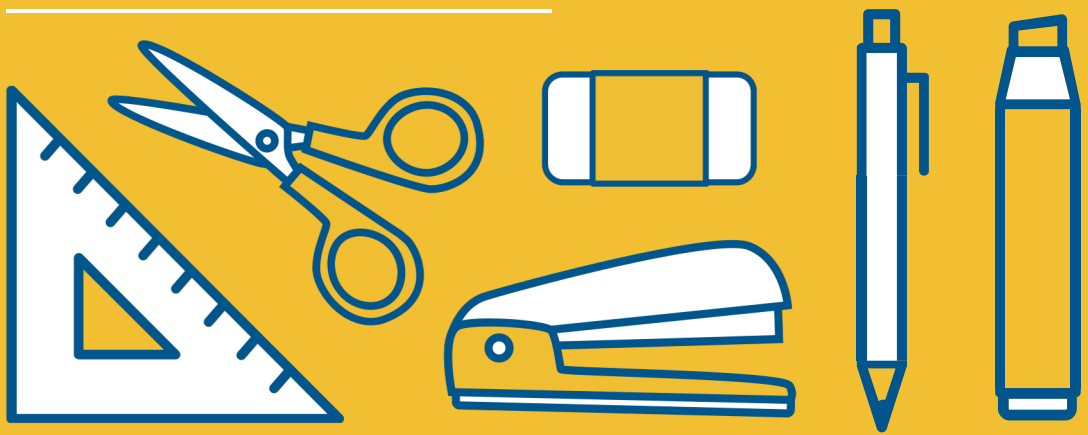
CALLING ALL TUTORS!

Scan the code for the 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

INTEREST SURVEY LINK



Volunteer Opportunities



We are looking for Lunchroom Helpers!

Just a quick reminder: While volunteering, phone use (calls, texts, or conference calls) is strictly prohibited during your shift. This includes taking pictures and videos, as some students do not have a media release on file. Our top priority is creating a safe, positive environment for our kids. Thank you for helping us maintain these standards.

Scan the QR code above to sign up today!



SAVE THE DATE: November 19

The Great American Teach-In brings HCPS students and community professionals together for a day of sharing, learning, and inspiration. Whether you're a business owner, artist, healthcare professional, first responder, skilled tradesperson, entrepreneur, or something else entirely — students want to hear from you!

JOIN US FOR Scoopie Night!

SUPPORTING MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 21 • 5-8PM

SHOW YOUR BOBCAT PRIDE& JOIN US FOR DINNER AT CULVER'S OF LUTZ! Mention McKitrick Elementary when placing your order and 10% will be donated to the school. SEE YOU THERE!



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BOBCATS HELPING TIGERS!

A SISTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

McKITRICK ELEMENTARY BOBCATS

We ♥ to help our sister school!

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY TIGERS

McKitrick Elementary (Bobcats) is proud to support **Alexander Elementary (Tigers)** and their **DEN PROGRAM.**

Together, we can ensure food security for Alexander families.

THE DEN



PARENTS, YOU CAN HELP!

When you shop at Publix, consider purchasing a BOGO (Buy One, Get One) dry good and donate the **FREE** item.

The free items will be donated to the Alexander Elementary Den Program.

SUGGESTED DRY GOODS

- Cereal
- Pasta & rice
- Canned goods
- Peanut butter
- Breakfast & snack items
- Other non-perishable foods

DROP OFF LOCATION

Please bring donations to the McKitrick Elementary Front Office.

Thank you for supporting our schools!

ONE COMMUNITY. STRONGER TOGETHER.


Calling all
GRANDPARENTS!
HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!
WE THINK YOU'RE BINGO!
BINGO Night
AN EVENING OF FUN, LAUGHTER & MAKING Memories Together!
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McKITRICK ELEMENTARY
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RESCHEDULED!
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2026
GRADES PK–2
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
GRADES 3–5
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM
PLEASE ATTEND ONLY ONE SESSION THAT BEST FITS YOUR SCHEDULE.
McKITRICK ELEMENTARY
CAFETERIA
Join us for:
BINGO & PRIZES!
REFRESHMENTS & TREATS
SPECIAL TIME TOGETHER
GRAND MEMORIES!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!
Together, we make McKitrick amazing!

NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

What My CULTURE Means to Me



Explore the arts and express yourself!

Deadline for Entries:	For Details:
11/20/2026	Reflections@mckitrickpta.com

McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



**** Most major insurances accepted****

****On-site X-ray****

****No appointment needed****

At Urgent Care and Wellness Center we can treat most non-life threatening conditions from colds, flu, UTI's, asthma attacks, physical injuries, and much more. We are trained in suturing, abscess incision and draining, splinting, and other procedures. As an added convenience, we have an on-site X-ray machine!

We are happy to provide rapid testing for common illnesses such as influenza, COVID, Strep, and Mono. We can also send cultures for other viruses/bacteria and help provide therapy to keep your families healthy.

In addition to the urgent care visits, we also can help with sport and school physicals, along with medical clearances. We pride ourselves in serving the same community where we live and it truly is our pleasure to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

2026-2027 MCKITRICK PTA

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