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# BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA Vice President

**I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break! The final stretch of the school year is already upon us! We want to take a moment to recognize some of the incredible efforts happening in our school community:**

- ♦ **A huge thank you to our Sweetheart Dance Committee for creating such a memorable and well-organized event for our families.**
- ♦ **We were thrilled to welcome our future Bobcats at the Kindergarten Readiness event in February- thank you to the McKitrick staff and PTA for providing such a warm and informative introduction to our school.**
- ♦ **Thank you to our Staff Appreciation Committee for treating our teachers and staff to a delicious dinner from Gino's during conference night- it was a huge hit!**
- ♦ **So grateful to our Bobcat Bash committee and the incredible families who came out strong to support our teachers and staff- we appreciate you so much!**

**We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as campus remains closed to minimize distractions during testing. Wishing everyone a strong finish to the school year!**

**Thank you,  
Jincy Soler  
PTA Vice President**

## CALENDAR

### April

17th All Pro Dad Meeting

19th Dine Out: Slider  
20th & Flight24th Citizen of the Month/  
True Colors27-May 1 Teacher & Staff  
Appreciation Week28th Virtual PTA General  
Meeting

### May

7th 5th grade yard sign  
pickup13th KG Chorus Concert  
21st VPK Graduation

22nd 5th grade field day

25th Memorial Day -No  
School

27th 5th grade banquet

28th 5th grade awards

29th 5th grade clap out &  
yearbook signing

*Our Teachers Are Wicked  
Awesome!*

# TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION



**WEEK**





**4/27 - 5/1**



*More info to come!*





**Teacher Appreciation Week is right around the corner!  
Help us celebrate our amazing teachers and staff!**

**Monday 4/27 Because of You, We Defy Gravity**

**Students: Wear your favorite Wicked attire and tell your teachers how OZsome they are!**

**Tuesday 4/28 Emerald City Celebration**

**Students: Bring your teachers their favorite plants or flowers as bright as the Emerald City!**

**Wednesday 4/29 Our Teachers are Popular**

**Students: Write your teachers a note or draw them a picture to let them know how you appreciate them.**

**Thursday 4/30 For Good**

**Students: Bring In a needed supply for your teachers.**

**Friday 5/1 There's No Place Like McKlrick**

**Students: Bring your teachers a sweet treat or something from their Favorite Things list:**

**<https://mcklrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers>**





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# McKittrick

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*at*

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**APRIL 19**

**&**

**MONDAY**

**APRIL**

**20**

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# *Cruising into 6th*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MCKITRICK 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

- THURS, MARCH 12: BUSCH GARDENS FIELD TRIP
- THURS, MARCH 12: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION AT MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL, 5-7PM
- SAT, MARCH 28: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
- FRI, MAY 22: FIELD DAY
- WED, MAY 27: BANQUET
- THURS, MAY 28: AWARDS CEREMONY @ 8:15AM
- FRI, MAY 29: CLAP OUT @ 8AM

\*Awards ceremony is by invitation only. All parents are invited to attend the clap-out.



## All Pro Dads: APRIL Update & Highlights!

Join us for our next All Pro Dad meeting on **Friday, April 17th**, at 7:00 am in the McKittrick Elementary cafeteria.



This month, we'll dive into the theme of **Friendliness**. When you have friendliness, the people around you sense your warmth; they feel valued, noticed, and cared for by you. By being friendly, we make life more enjoyable for the people we encounter, and we have an easier time building relationships of all kinds.

Please **RSVP** by **Wednesday, April 15th** if possible (although not required to attend), to help the school arrange your passes in advance. Due to our ever increasing attendance number, please arrive at **6:45am**. 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 to RSVP



### Recap of March's Meeting

Last month's meeting on the topic of PATIENCE was profoundly impactful, attended by over 77 participants, including many new families. The discussions were especially meaningful as families share their experiences and interpretations around the topic. We were personally touched by your stories about dealing with respect issues at school or with siblings. These stories underscored the relevance and necessity of our monthly themes.

Here are the prompts for PATIENCE 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:** Do you think you are a patient person? Why or why not?
- **Dad to Kid:** In what situations is it difficult for you to be patient?
- **Kid to Dad:** When is the last time you lost your patience?
- **Kid to Dad:** Were you more patient when you were younger or now? Why?



We're 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'm 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](mailto:allprodads@mckitrickpta.com).

Let's continue to grow and bring more dads into our circle. See you on April 17th for an enlightening discussion on **FRIENDLINESS!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Sons and Stars event on March 6th! With nearly 400 attendees, this year's superhero-themed evening was truly a spectacular celebration filled with fun, laughter, and memorable moments.

We are incredibly grateful to Laser Ops for providing such a fantastic space to host this event. A special thank you also goes out to our talented photographers—our school photographer, Robert Hudson, and our guest vendor—for capturing the spirit and excitement of the evening so beautifully. We also extend our thanks to our dedicated school staff for their support in making this event possible.

Events like these are only possible because of the support and enthusiasm of our school community. We appreciate everyone who attended and helped make the night a true success!





# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

**Thank you Three Brothers for your  
continued partnership!**



### **3 Brothers NY Pizza**

3 Brothers NY Pizza has been a beloved part of the community for the past 10 years. Their commitment to supporting schools, teams, charity events and special occasions truly sets them apart.

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- **Affordable Prices:** The prices are very reasonable, especially considering the high quality of the food. You really get great value for your money here!

If you haven't tried 3 Brothers NY Pizza yet, I highly recommend you stop by. You won't be disappointed—we'd love to see you!

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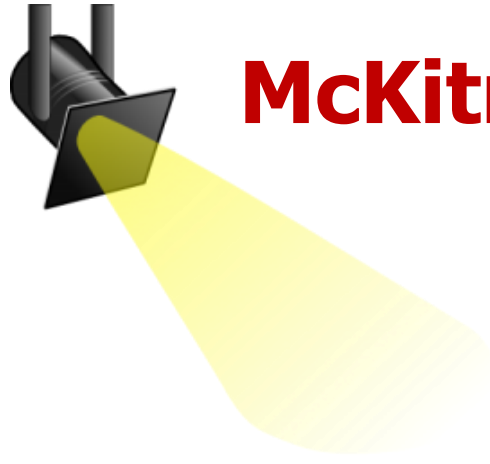
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