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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy 2026, PTA! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It was great to see so many families at the McKittrick Holiday Concert! Thank you so much for the amazing support of the Holiday Shop and Toy Drive as well.

Please join the PTA in person and virtually for our second general PTA meeting of the year on January 29th at 5:00pm. We will discuss important plans for the remainder of the year and vote on budget changes. We are also looking for volunteers to join the nominating committee, which will help establish our slate of 2026-27 PTA Executive Board.

While the school year may be halfway through, we still have so many exciting events coming up. The Sweetheart Dance is February 20th and Sons and Stars will be held March 6th. We are also looking forward to a fun SMATH and Literacy night at the school on January 29th from 5:30pm-7pm. This will be held after the PTA general meeting.

On behalf of the PTA, we wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Barrie Vause
PTA President

CALENDAR

January

- 16th All Pro Dads Meeting
- 16th Bonus lunch on the lawn
- 16th & 17th Dine out at Revelations Café
- 19th NO SCHOOL
- 23rd Pirate Parade for Kindergarten and 1st grade
- 26th 5th grade service project
- 29th PTA General Meeting 5pm Cafeteria and Virtual
- 29th SMATH Night
- 30th Citizen of the Month/True Colors

February

- 13th NO SCHOOL (fair day)
- 16th NO SCHOOL (non-student day)
- 20th Sweetheart Dance 6-8pm
- 20th All Pro Dads Meeting
- 26th Spring Conference Night

March

- 6th Sons & Stars
- 12th 5th grade field trip to Busch Gardens



McKitrick Elementary PTA

BUILDING FUTURES: EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, EVERY WAY

SCHOOL

★ FUNDRAISER ★

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

JANUARY 16TH & 17TH

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Revelations Cafe

17808 N. DALE MABRY HGHWY, LUTZ, FL

**WHEN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF
VISIT THE CAFÉ AND PURCHASE ANY
FOOD, DRINKS, OR MERCHANDISE, WE
WILL JOYFULLY DONATE 15% OF ALL NET
SALES BACK TO THE MCKITRICK
ELEMENTARY PTA. ENJOY GREAT FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE GIVING BACK TO
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

Visit: Revelations-Cafe.com to see the menu & more!

McKitrick Elementary Presents

WICKED

A DEFYING GRAVITY GALA

OUR ANNUAL SWEETHEART DANCE

SOIRÉE STATE

5710 HAPPY TAILS LANE, LUTZ

FRIDAY, FEB 20TH | 6:00 - 8:30PM

\$45 COUPLE* , \$20 SIBLING TICKET

(*1 ADULT + 1 CHILD)

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
ONLINE ONLY FROM
1/9 - 1/16 AT:

[MCKITRICK.MEMBERHUB.COM/STORE](https://mckitrick.memberhub.com/store)

Due to limited parking at the event venue, please plan to carpool or use our complimentary shuttle bus from Grace Family Church.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY
Presents**

**SONS & STARS
EVENT
"SUPERHERO NIGHT"**

**MCKITRICK BOYS,
TEAM UP WITH YOUR
FAVORITE GROWN UP FOR
A SONS AND STARS
LASER TAG SHOWDOWN!**

**MORE DETAILS AND MISSION
INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW!**

**LASER OPS
XTreme Fun
center
MARCH 6, 2026
6-8:30 PM**

LUNCH ON THE LAWN

Lunch on the Lawn was a hit! Thank you to all of the families who came out to enjoy lunch with their kids on such a beautiful day!

Another opportunity is coming up Friday January 16th. This is to reward PTA members that have 10 hours or more of volunteer hours. If you need to see if you meet the requirements please email president@mckitrickpta.com.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the holiday shop a success! It would not have been possible without volunteers to help set up, clean up and volunteer for time slots to assist our students with shopping. Big thank you to Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson who did a wonderful job with this annual McKitrick event. What a great opportunity for students to select thoughtful gifts for loved ones while practicing budgeting and learning to joy of giving.



As promised, all students were able to enjoy the Teachers Blow Up Race as a result of our school crushing our Boosterthon goal! It was a fun-filled, belly-laughing experience for all! Congratulations to Team Mays for the win!



**Fun
Times!**

YEARBOOK NEWS

Purchase your yearbook & 5th grade dedication here:

<https://mckitrickpta.com/yearbook>

Last day to purchase 5th grade dedication page is February 1st! Once you go to order site, click on start your ad.



TIME TO CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

HELP SUPPORT OUR
MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE SERVICE
PROJECT DONATION COLLECTION

JANUARY 12-23RD

On January 26th, our McKitrick fifth graders will roll up their sleeves to help sort new or gently loved clothes, shoes, and new hygiene items for the Oasis Opportunities Organization!

GOT DONATIONS?

McKitrick Families

If you have items to donate, kindly place them in bags and drop them off in the donation bins located near the front office or in the fifth-grade hallway.



JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY FOR THE

MCKITRICK PTA GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH | 5:00PM

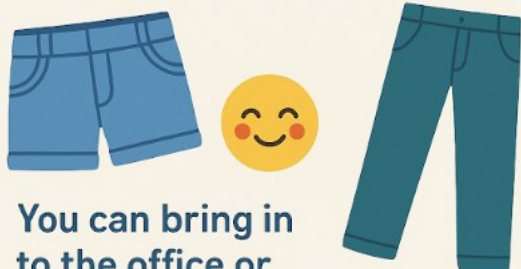
In person in cafeteria before the SMATH night. Virtual also available. Link to the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting.

McKitrick PTA members will be voting on revised mid-year budget and electing the nominating committee that will prepare the slate of McKitrick PTA Executive Officers for the 2026-27 school year. You also don't want to miss our exciting update of upcoming events and how you can get involved!

See you there!



NURSE TAMMY IS IN NEED OF SHORTS AND PANTS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS ALL SIZES WELCOME



You can bring in
to the office or
send with your child.

McKitrick Elementary



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, January 16, 2026

Time: 7am

MESSAGE: ***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/2990>

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REGISTER NOW!



CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Registration Fee

\$165 Early Bird
Discount
November 12 - 30

\$185 Registration
December 1 - 31

\$205 Late
Registration
January 1- 15



Key Info

- 6 WEEKS
- BOYS AGES 5 - 14
- GIRLS AGES 5 - 14
- PTG MINI'S 4 YEARS
- FRI NIGHT PRACTICE
- SAT MORNING GAMES



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REC SOCCER

WINTER LEAGUE

ALL GIRLS

JANUARY 23, 2026



REGISTER NOW



Early Registration

\$165

 **813-485-6626**

Family Fun Night & Holiday Concert

The 2025 Holiday Concert was a beautiful evening with performances from the Ukulele group, Bobcat Singers Chorus, Mickey Tricks Rock Band, and the Melody Makers Chorus. There were some special duets and solos as well that showcased our talented students! HUGE thank you to Mrs. Ward and Mr. Whiting who put so much love and time into making the concert so special.

Thank you to our community partners - Three Brothers Pizza, Twisted Kettle, & Mathnasium for providing food, snacks and fun! Thank you to the Family Fun Nights Committee for helping with set up and decorations!





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



URGENT CARE
& WELLNESS CENTER

18981 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 8:00pm Sat - Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm

813-388-5922
info@lutzuc.com | lutzuc.com



****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.



McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



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.

- **Delicious Pizza:** The pizza here is outstanding! They use high-quality ingredients and offer a fantastic array of toppings that cater to every taste.
- **More Than Just Pizza:** While their pizza is a highlight, don't miss out on their large selection of pastas, calzones, salads, and more. There's something for everyone!
- **Great Atmosphere:** It's the perfect spot for a casual dinner with family and friends or even a team spirit night. Plus, with several TVs around, you can catch your favorite sporting events while enjoying a delicious meal.
- **Friendly Service:** The staff is friendly and ensures that your meal is the best it can be. Their attentiveness really enhances the dining experience.
- **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!

Locations are Odessa, 17773 Gunn Hwy., Odessa, fl. 33556
Palm Harbor, 3436 Tampa Rd., Palm Harbor, fl. 34684



McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Hello Bobcats and Bobcat families, it's Rick from Bach to Rock checking in again!

Can you believe that it's 2026 and it has been 7 years since we opened a few doors down from Tijuana Flats in Van Dyke Commons. Nadira from McKitrick had our very first lesson on November 10, 2018. Since that day, we've had hundreds of Bobcats taking music/DJ lessons and playing in our bands.

We feel so privileged to be part of the Sweetheart Dance and other major events each year. We are also loving our McKitrick Business Sponsor window sticker! Stop by and take a look for yourself...and come do a free trial lesson with us.

Thanks for the years of support! We look forward to continuing our great partnership with the McKitrick PTA for many years to come.



2025-2026 MCKITRICK PTA COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT- BARRIE VAUSE
VICE PRESIDENT- JINCY SOLER
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PARENT OUTREACH- BRANDI KENNY
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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
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