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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Presidents Message

Happy Fall! We are kicking off our Boosterthon FUN RUN fundraiser! This is our biggest fundraiser of our school year. The funds raised by this fundraiser directly benefit our school.

This year PTA is raising funds for:

- Shade sails for the back court
- Teacher grants for classroom technology & resources
- Other school improvements

These are just some of the improvements we would like to make. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Please sign up your child and support our fundraising efforts. The big FUN RUN is **Friday, October 10th**! Parents are welcome to attend the fun run to cheer on your child! Be on the lookout for an RSVP to the event soon. For the safety of your child and everyone on campus, parents will be checked in. If you have an approved serve form, please let the front office know when you sign in.

Do you want to have a voice on future improvements or a say in how our fundraiser dollars are spent? Attend our General Meetings! You get an opportunity to see where your donated dollars are spent and have a vote on how they are spent. Over the past few years funds raised by our PTA have paid for a new track, laptops for teachers, goat pen renovations, media center renovations, programs at our school such as reflections, tutoring, junior achievement; events such movie nights as well as extra education enhancements like Scholastic and Moby Max. Our next general meeting will be in February. Stay tuned for PTA to announce the date. These meetings are virtual, so you can easily listen in or watch on the go or in the comforts of your home. Hope to see you there and good luck to our kids on the FUN RUN!

Don't forget the Reflections Art Contest is accepting submissions until November 9th. All students can participate. Winners will have a chance to be judged at local, state and national levels. We will also have an award/participation ceremony at school. Check out the flier in the newsletter for more information.

Barrie Vause
PTA President

CALENDAR

October

10th Boosterthon Fun Run

15th Picture Day Make Up

17th All Pro Dads Meeting

22nd Dine out at Brick City

24th Citizen of the month/
True colors

28th Kindergarten Bingo
Night

31st Storybook Parade KG-
2nd

November

9th Reflections Applications
Due

10th Veterans Day Program

11th Non-Student Day

20th Great American Teach in

21st All Pro Dads Meeting

24th-28th Fall Break



Join the McKittrick PTA in celebrating the benefits of walking and biking safely! We will meet at 6:50am in the parking lot at Hope Church and walk to school as a group at 7:00am.

October 8th, 6:50am
Hope Church
5107 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd

Walking encouraged due to limited bike storage on campus

McKittrick Elementary School Families,

It's time to rally together for our Bobcat Fun Run fundraiser! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for shade sails to cover the back court, teacher grants, other school improvements, and technology, which will enhance our school's resources and provide our students with an even better educational experience.

To make things even more exciting, if we raise \$50,000, we will have a *teacher race in inflatable costumes!*

We are encouraging you to...

- 1☑ Sign up at MyBooster.com and join the fun.
- 2☑ Share your fundraising page with friends and family.
- 3☑ Donate if you are able.

FUN RUN TIMES:

8-8:15am: VPK

8:15-9am: KG & 1st

9:15-10am: 2nd & 3rd

10:15-11am: 4th & 5th

Thank you for your support!







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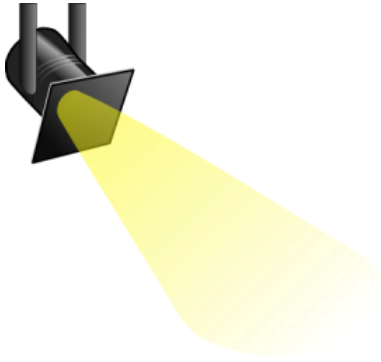
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ALL PRO DAD

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, October 17, 2025

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 EARLY FOR CHECK-IN!**



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

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

FOLLOW US:



@AllProDad

All Pro Dads: October Update & Highlights!

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



This month, we delve into the theme of **Determination**. Determination means working through adversity to reach a goal or finish a task. Life is filled with challenging circumstances, and children need to develop the will to push through.

Please **RSVP** by **Wednesday, October 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.



**Scan to RSVP
for October's
Meeting**

So please go ahead and scan the QR Code or

Click here to RSVP for the October meeting: https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/64222

Recap of September's Meeting

Last month's meeting on the topic of Respect was profoundly impactful, attended by over 154 participants, including many new families. The discussions were especially meaningful as kids share their experiences and interpretations around the topic. I was 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 Respect 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:** What do you think it looks like to be respected?
- **Dad to Kid:** Why do you think we should treat others with respect?
- **Kid to Dad:** How important to you is being respected? Why?
- **Kid to Dad:** In what ways do I make you feel respected?



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@mckittrickpta.com.

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

MCKITRICK
ELEMENTARY

DINE OUT

10.22.2025

4PM - CLOSING

DINE IN OR
TAKE OUT



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mention

MCKITRICK

to receive credit for our school



Kindergarten ✨

BINGO NIGHT

Get ready for a WICKEDLY
AWESOME night of free BINGO fun!

Join us for a magical evening filled
with laughter, lucky numbers, and cool
prizes.

It's totally FREE — just bring your
smiles and BINGO spirit!

10/28**5:30- 7 PM**

McKittrick Cafeteria

Donate dry erase markers, math counters, notebooks, or
any school supply to help students at Alexander
Elementary and receive a free, wickedly delicious cookie
as a thank you! Together, we're brewing brighter futures.

**Amazon Wishlist**



Alexander Elementary needs our help!

Donate school tools to help support their students and families as they learn and grow together! Parents will learn through an interactive workshop how they can best help their child at home! Let's lend them a hand and show them how much we care!

Amazon Wishlist for their Workshop



Thank you so much to the families who participated in the September Dine Out hosted by Chick-fil-A. The next Dine Out is scheduled for October 22nd at Brick City Eatery from 4pm to close. Please mention McKittrick when placing your dine in or take out order. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our school. The Dine Outs are an easy, fun way to get together & give back. Thank you again for participating!





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



Track Your Volunteer Hours – Every Minute Counts!

Our amazing McKittrick PTA volunteers are the heart of our school community and we want to make sure your time and efforts are recognized!

We're asking all parents to log their volunteer hours using our quick and easy Volunteer Hours Form. Whether you're helping in the classroom, prepping materials at home, shopping for supplies, or supporting an event—it all counts!

 [Click here to access the form](#)

Why is this important?

Your hours help us report to Hillsborough County Schools and the Florida PTA for grants, awards, and funding.

We're also rolling out an incentive for parents who volunteer a certain amount throughout the year! This form is how we'll keep track, so don't miss out!

Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to making McKittrick Elementary the best it can be for our Bobcat students.

Questions?

Email me, Jessica Irizarri, anytime at
volunteer@mckittrickpta.com.

We appreciate every minute that you have contributed to helping our school be the best it can be for our Bobcat students!





Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary School 2025-2026 PTA COMMITTEE

2025-2026 MCKITRICK PTA

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SOCIAL MEDIA- CHRYSSA SAMHOURY
NEWSLETTER- LESLIE COLLINS

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.



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



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2025-2026 School Calendar

McKitrick Lunch Menus

Meal Pre-Pay



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Principal/Administrator:

Kimberly Stone

