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# BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA Vice President

Spring has arrived and the school year is flying by! This month will kick off with a fun evening of art and music performances during Bobcat Bash on March 7. For \$10, you can purchase a wristband to participate in teacher games. All proceeds will go directly back to the teachers.

We will end the month with the kick-off of Boosterthon on March 26. Boosterthon is our largest fundraiser of the year and provides critical funding for major projects such as media center renovations, technology upgrades, and teacher grants. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000. We know this year has been difficult for many families, so we are very grateful for your support.

The PTA is looking for volunteers to help lead our committees for the 2025-26 school year. Fulfilling our PTA mission at McKittrick would not be possible without volunteer support. We have many types of positions available, including opportunities that can be completed remotely. Please click [here](#) to review the positions and sign up to help ensure that we can continue to provide the events and activities that are important to our school.

I hope you all have a fun and safe Spring Break!

Brandi Kenny  
PTA Vice President 2024-2025

## CALENDAR

### March

6th Spring Picture Day

7th Bobcat Bash /  
Spring Concert /  
Art Show

17-21 Spring Break

26th Boosterthon Kickoff

28th All Pro Dad Meeting /  
End of 3rd Quarter

### April

4th Boosterthon Fun Run

6th Sons & Stars at 1Up

18th Non Student Day

25th All Pro Dad Meeting

28-May 2 Teacher  
Appreciation Week

# 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!



## 2024/25 McKitrick Yearbook

**ORDER  
NOW!**

Yearbooks are a great way we capture memories and can look back on all the fun we had for years to come!

Scan the QR code now to order a 2024-2025 McKitrick yearbook!



SCAN HERE



## Quick Links

**McKitrick PTA Website**

**McKitrick PTA Store**

**McKitrick PTA Facebook**

**McKitrick PTA Twitter**

**McKitrick Elementary  
Website**

**2024-2025 School  
Calendar**

**McKitrick Lunch Menus**

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*Bobcats*



# HELLO FROM THE MCKITRICK PTA

The purpose of PTA is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Seeking parents, guardians and grandparents that have a passion for making McKitrick and our community an amazing place for children.

Fulfilling our PTA mission at McKitrick Elementary would not be possible without the help of volunteers in our school community. Big or small, your help is needed and appreciated.

Follow QR code to see the open positions for 2024/25 school year. Link: <https://forms.gle/ueUVRxMj3j5Jb38PA>



SCAN HERE

## MCKITRICK PTA ORGANIZATION

We are a large organization comprised of 44 officers, chairs and special committee members. We currently have 733 PTA members. The PTA facilitates and organizes various programs and fun events for our Bobcat community. We also raise funds for students, to support teachers/staff and to help make improvements to classrooms and campus.

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PARENT OUTREACH	FUNDRAISING	SPECIAL EVENTS	STUDENT/ SCHOOL SUPPORT	PROGRAMS	COMMUNICATIONS	SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
NEWCOMERS/ KINDERGARTEN READINESS	SPIRIT WEAR	SWEETHEART EVENT	OPEN HOUSE	REFLECTIONS	YEARBOOK	PRINCIPAL
ALL PRO DADS	BOOSTERTHON	SONS & STARS	TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION	TUTORING	WEBSITE/ GIVEBACKS	TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE
HOMEROOM PARENTS	HOLIDAY SHOP	CONCESSIONS	HEALTH & SAFETY	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT	SOCIAL MEDIA	
VOLUNTEER COORDINATION	BOBCAT BASH	FAMILY NIGHTS		MCKITRICK CARES	NEWSLETTER	
MEMBERSHIPS	BUSINESS PARTNERS	FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITES		MCKITRICK SERVES		
	DINE OUTS					

If you are interested or have any questions, please email Heather Foster at [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com) / Brandi Kenny at [vicepresident@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:vicepresident@mckitrickpta.com)

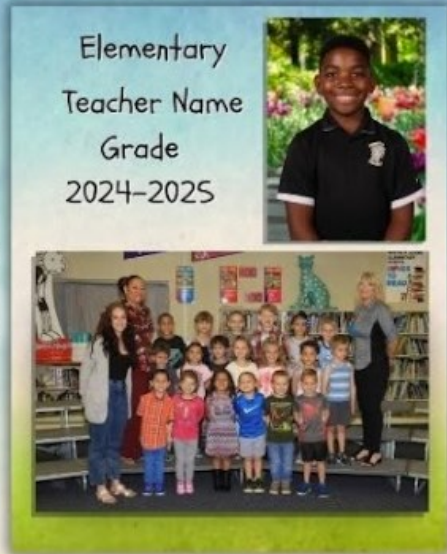




# McKittrick ES SPRING PHOTOS 2025



TRADITIONAL & FUN POSES



## Thursday, March 6, 2025

View and Order

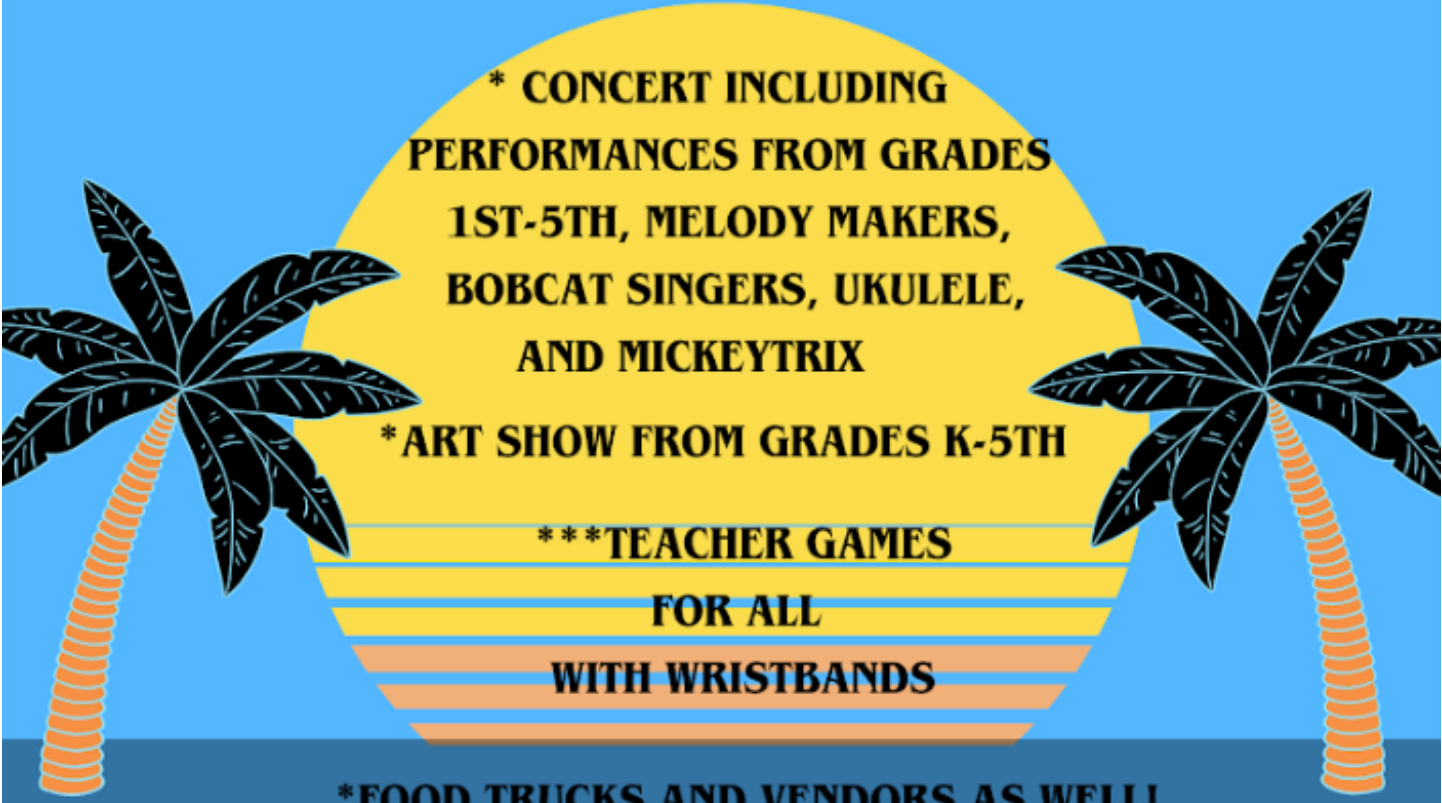
**After picture day, look for your  
Student's QR paper and scan to order**



1. Visit [gigante productions.com](https://gigante productions.com)
2. Click on "Photo Finder"
3. Online code is student #



MCKITRICK PRESENTS  
**2025**  
**BOBCAT BASH**  
FRIDAY MARCH 7TH 4-7PM



**\* CONCERT INCLUDING  
PERFORMANCES FROM GRADES  
1ST-5TH, MELODY MAKERS,  
BOBCAT SINGERS, UKULELE,  
AND MICKEYTRIX**

**\* ART SHOW FROM GRADES K-5TH**

**\*\*\*TEACHER GAMES  
FOR ALL  
WITH WRISTBANDS**

**\*FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS AS WELL!**

**COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT  
OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

**\*\*\*WRISTBANDS ARE \$10 TO PARTICPATE IN TEACHER GAMES AND ALL MONEY GOES DIRECTLY  
TO THE TEACHERS\*\*\***



### McKittrick Elementary School Families!

We're excited to introduce this year's main fundraiser, the Bobcat Fun Run. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 for phase two media center improvements, technology enhancements, and teacher grants to benefit ALL at McKittrick Elementary School.

We're excited for this fundraising experience because it offers 3 important things to our school community: a user-friendly fundraising platform, a character enrichment program and a fitness-focused event that includes ALL of our students.

As a family, you will work together asking friends and family to donate on your student's Donation Page at MyBooster.com. The best part is, you can still support our school just by SHARING about the fundraiser!

Students will also experience an amazing character enrichment program called "Castle Quest", teaching students about how to be brave and live with character.

#### Key dates to remember:

Sign Up Online at **MYBOOSTER.COM**

03/12/2025

**Fundraiser Kickoff Day in school**

03/26/2025

**Event Day**

04/04/2025

More details to come! Follow our social pages for updates on our fundraiser.



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY  
5TH GRADE

# LAST RODEO

**THURS 2/20** – 6TH GRADE

**@MARTINEZ**

**THURS 5/8** – FIELD TRIP

**FRI 5/23** – FIELD DAY

**WED 5/28** – BANQUET

**THURS 5/29** – AWARDS

**FRI 5/30** – CLAP OUT



## Attention 5th Grade Families

Order your 5th grade yard sign on givebacks now until **April 21st**. Pick up will be at the beginning of May. <https://mckitrick.givebacks.com/store/items/1008155>



The poster features a light beige background with stylized green trees and pink and green triangular bunting flags in the top left corner. The main text is centered and reads: "5TH GRADE YARD SIGN FUNDRAISER" in large, bold, brown letters. Below this, in smaller black letters, it says "ON SALE NOW \$20 EACH" and "SALE EXPIRES APRIL 21". Further down, it states "PICK UP WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MAY 9TH FROM 5P-6P. MORE DETAILS TO COME". At the bottom, it says "BUY NOW AT MCKITRICKPTA.COM OR SCAN QR CODE". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. In the bottom left corner, there is a graphic of a wooden fence with a blue sign that reads "MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND! WILLIAM 2025 MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE" and features a tiger head and a paw print.

**5TH GRADE  
YARD SIGN  
FUNDRAISER**

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OR SCAN QR CODE**

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND!  
**WILLIAM**  
2025  
MCKITRICK 5TH GRADE







# SONS & STARS EVENT

MCKITRICK STUDENT BOYS, GRAB AN  
ADULT CHAPERONE AND JOIN US FOR  
BOWLING, ARCADE, FOOD & DRINKS



**SUNDAY,**  
**APRIL 6th**  
11:30AM - 1:30PM

1UP Entertainment + Social  
Located at:  
11778 N. Dale Mabry Hwy  
Tampa, FL

\$45 (one adult + one child)  
\$20 (additional sibling ticket)

DOORS OPEN AT 11:15AM  
BOWLING (GROUP ONE) 11:30 - 12:30  
BOWLING (GROUP TWO) 12:30-1:30  
FOOD SERVED FROM 12:00-1:00

TICKETS SOLD ONLINE ONLY

March 8-16th, 2025

[MCKITRICK.GIVEBACKS.COM/STORE](https://mckitricks.givebacks.com/store)



## Reflections Arts County Level Winners

Congratulations to our McKitrick Elementary student winners at the Hillsborough County level!!! The top 3 in each category and grade division will advance to the Florida PTA for the state level of the competition. We are so proud of all the students that participated in this amazing PTA program!

HCC PTA/PTSA is hosting an awards ceremony on March 3, 2025 at HCTA from 5-7pm. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/HoyKeoqEjySoxwGy7>



### County Level Winners from McKitrick Elementary:

Penelope W.	Dance Choreography	Award of Merit	Intermediate 3-5
Anna H.	Music Composition	Award of Excellence	Intermediate 3-5
Ruhika K.	Music Composition	Award of Merit	Intermediate 3-5
Kinnari P.	Music Composition	Award of Merit	Intermediate 3-5

Questions? Please contact Meredith and Vivana at [reflections@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:reflections@mckitrickpta.com).



## DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY



### INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3-5)

#### **Brynley Lavayen**

Aina Takashashi  
Penelope Wagoner  
Taylor Combs  
Berkeley Winemiller

#### **Bevis Elementary School PTA**

Chiles Elementary School PTA  
McKitrickElementary School PTA  
Valrico Elementary School PTA  
Bevis Elementary School PTA

#### **Excellence**

Merit  
Merit  
Merit  
Honorable Mention



## MUSIC COMPOSITION



### INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3-5)

#### **Anna Hurless**

Ruhika Kerkar  
Kinnari Patel  
Michelle Torres Alejandro  
Rosalie Arais

#### **McKitrick Elementary PTA**

McKitrick Elementary PTA  
McKitrick Elementary PTA  
Fishhawk Creek Elementary PTA  
Lincoln Elementary Magnet PTA

#### **Excellence**

Merit  
Merit  
Merit  
Honorable Mention

## FEBRUARY RECAP

A heartfelt thank you to our fantastic volunteers who made our Night in Paris Sweetheart Dance a dazzling success! From concept to vendor wrangling, schedules, and making sure every detail sparkled like a pot of gold, everything was simply immaculate. Let's all raise a glass of green punch to the Sweetheart Dance committee (**Lindsay Whitney and Shelly Blanco**) for their tireless work in creating a magical evening for our families.

Last but not least, a big thank you to all the volunteers who pitched in during our spring book fair at the media center. Our media center helpers have been rock stars, supporting our media center throughout the school year.



## MARCH UPDATE

Our Spring portraits are just around the corner, leprechaun-leaping' into action on Wednesday, March 6th. To keep things running smoothly, We will need a few volunteer heroes to guide our students and help them line up. Be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius link if you're interested in helping with that.

Get ready for a day of festivities and fun! Bobcat Bash, which includes our Spring Concert and Art Show, is fast approaching on Friday, March 7th. A sign-up was posted on social media since volunteers are greatly crucial to the success of that event!

Keep your eyes peeled for further details about our Sons and Stars event coming up in early April! There'll be plenty of opportunities to lend a hand and share the magic.

## PTA OPEN POSITIONS

We're still searching for volunteers to fill open spots on various PTA Committees. Whether you want to lead the charge or lend a helping hand, we'd love your shamrock spirit! If you're interested in information, please email me at [volunteercoordinator@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@mckitrickpta.com).

As a friendly reminder, please fill out the Y.E.S form before engaging in any volunteer activities. This application process is required by Hillsborough County Public School for the security of our schools.

A big thank you to all our Bobcat volunteers! You're the true pot of gold we are lucky to have you!





# FUNdraising Corner

## McKitrick Elementary Partners with Chick-fil-A for a Successful Fundraiser!

Last month, McKitrick Elementary partnered with Chick-fil-A for a delicious fundraiser, and it was a huge success! Thanks to the generous support of our families, we raised over **\$250** with the 20% kickback from all purchases made during the event.

The funds raised will go directly toward supporting the 5th-grade end-of-year activities, helping to make this special time memorable for our students.

A big thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped make this fundraiser a success. Your support means so much to our school community!

If you'd like to make a direct donation to support 5th grade activities, please scan the QR code below. Every contribution makes a difference!



5th Grade Activities Direct Donation



## All Pro Dad March Update

### Recap of February's Meeting: Social Skills

Our February All Pro Dad meeting at McKittrick Elementary was a truly fun and engaging session, thanks to a lively game of Human Bingo that had everyone practicing their social skills. The kids navigated and interacted through the cafeteria, making it a fun and social morning!.



Our winner even walked away with Team Dungy's latest book, which ties right into our theme of social skills. It was great to see everyone having so much fun while picking up some valuable lessons on communicating effectively.

To keep the conversation going at home, here are a couple of questions to discuss with your children:

**Dad to Kid:** What emotion is hardest for you to manage?

**Dad to Kid:** Why do you think having social skills is important?

**Kid to Dad:** What are some good social skills you use when interacting with people?

**Kid to Dad:** What do you do to manage your emotions?

### February Meeting: Diligence

Our next meeting will be on **March 28th, 2024, at 7:00 AM** in the McKittrick Elementary cafeteria. We'll focus on the theme of Diligence. Embracing diligence means committing to work hard and intentionally to complete tasks and achieve goals. While it often requires sacrifice, the payoff is both satisfaction and success.

We'll explore how instilling diligence in ourselves and our kids can lead to remarkable outcomes in all areas of life. From staying on task to pushing through challenges, this session will offer insights and activities that underscore the power of persistent effort.

**RSVP Now:** Please RSVP at [https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter\\_meetings/59846/rsvp](https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/59846/rsvp)

We hope every family gets the chance over spring break to bond, read, listen, and teach their kids valuable lessons during the holidays!



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





# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



**Thank you Bahama  
Bucks for your  
continued  
partnership!**







# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

## Geneviève H. Torres, Your Trusted Family Law Partner!

Facing complex family challenges? NLG Divorce & Family Law Partner, **Geneviève H. Torres**, is a dedicated parent and proud McKitrick Sponsor. Geneviève understands that navigating life's transitions can feel overwhelming. She's here to provide the support and guidance you need with clarity and compassion.

At **NLG Divorce & Family Law**, we offer personalized legal solutions tailored to your unique needs. Geneviève's areas of expertise include:

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- Alimony & spousal support
- Divorce modifications
- Prenuptial & postnuptial agreements
- Timesharing & parenting plans
- Child custody & visitation
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We know that every family is unique, and we're committed to helping you navigate life's transitions with care and confidence.

**Schedule a FREE Consultation with Geneviève H. Torres today by calling 813-350-7890.**

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# Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

## 2024-2025 PTA COMMITTEE

**President:** Heather Foster

**Vice President:** Brandi Kenny

**Treasurer:** Gina Sciatcchitano

**Recording Secretary:** Erin Circelli

**Teacher representative:** Principal Cline,  
Mrs. Contreras, Mrs. Behnke

**Parent Outreach:** Viviana Lit

**Fundraising:** Darbie Wilder

**Special Events:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Student/School Support:** Risa Anasky

**Programs:** Barrie Vause

**Communications:** Lauren Constantine

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:**  
**OPEN POSITION**

**All Pro Dads:** Steve Attard

**Homeroom Parents:** Brittany Harake

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jessica Irizarri

**Memberships:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Spirit Wear:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Boosterthon:** Lindsay Jimison, Erin Circelli,  
Jincy Soler

**Holiday Shop:** Lisa Peluso &  
Megan Wilson

**Bobcat Bash:** Barrie Vause, Jennifer  
Teixeira

**Business Partners:** Cristine Whitman

**Family Dine Outs:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Sweetheart Event:** Lindsay Whitney,  
Shelley Blanco

**Sons & Stars Event:** Alexandra Santana,  
Michelle Dacanay, Heather Hubbard

**Concessions:** Louise Johnstone

**Family Nights:** Amy Sweeney, Donna  
Tucker, Lauren Jennings, Patricia Baldwin

**Fifth Grade Activities:** Chryssa Samhoury

**Open House:** Heather Foster & Lindsay  
Jimison

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation:** Ariel  
Martinez, Jincy Soler, Dani Molla

**Health & Safety:** **OPEN POSITION**

**McKitrick Serves:** **OPEN POSITION**

**McKitrick Cares:** Hyojeong Bae

**Reflections:** Meredith Renuart & Viviana Lit

**Tutoring:** Ariel Martinez

**Junior Achievement:** Loren Mednick

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**Yearbook:** Robert Hudson & Lacey Ranucci

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**Newsletter:** Cristine Whitman

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!