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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President

**Happy September!** 🐾

We hope everyone is settling into the school year and finding their new routines! We have already had such a great start to the year, and we are so thankful for our amazing McKittrick community.

🍦 **Thank You for a Sweet Ice Cream Social!**

A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to our Ice Cream Social! It was so much fun kicking off the school year with our Bobcat families. We loved seeing so many familiar faces and welcoming new ones!

**Our PTA Membership Drive is still going strong through September 30th!** 🎉🍕

The class with the **most PTA memberships will win a PIZZA PARTY!** If you haven't joined yet, there's still time to support McKittrick and help your child's class win!

👤 **All Pro Dad**

A huge **thank you to Charles Collins and all of the dads** who continue to make our All Pro Dad meetings such a success! These mornings are filled with fun, connection, and great memories for our Bobcat families.

Come check out all the fun they are having at the next meeting on **September 18th from 7:00–7:30 AM!** We would love to see you there!

🐾 **Bobcats Helping Tigers — Our Sister School Partnership**

**We are proud to continue our partnership with Alexander Elementary and their Den Program, helping provide food security for Alexander families.**

**Parents, you can help!** When you're shopping at Publix, keep an eye out for **BOGO (Buy One, Get One)** dry goods and consider donating the **FREE** item to our sister school. 🛒💙💛

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## CALENDAR

### September

**17th PTA Virtual General Meeting**

**18th All Pro Dad Meeting**

**18th Boosterthon Pep Rally (students only)**

**21st-25th Book Fair**

**21st-25th Start with Hello Week**

**22nd Grandparents' Bingo**

**24th Conference Night**

**30th Fall Make-up day for pictures**

### October

**2nd Boosterthon Fun Run (families invited to cheer on from the track)**

**9th End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**12th No School**



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### Suggested items include:

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

Donations can be dropped off at the **McKittrick Elementary Front Office** all year long!

Every little bit helps, and together we can make a difference for another school in our community. 🐾

### 🏃 **Boosterthon Is HERE!**

It's time to kick off our **school-wide fundraiser with Boosterthon!** 🎉 We are raising money for shade sails, benches, and other ways to improve our kids' recess experience!

Be sure to **register your student at MyBooster.com** and get ready for all the fun!

🍪 **Registration Incentive:** The **first class to reach 100% registration** will earn a **cookie decorating party!**

Be on the lookout for **Boosterthon volunteer sign-up opportunities.** We will need lots of Bobcat helpers to make this year's event a success!

**Thank you for your continued support of McKittrick PTA!** ❤️

Because of our amazing Bobcat families, we are able to continue supporting our students, teachers, and school community all year long.

Barrie Vause

PTA President 2026-2027

## CALENDAR

### October

**16th All Pro Dad Meeting**

**26th-30th Storybook Parade**

### November

**6th 25th Anniversary Tail Gate**

**10th Veteran's Program**

**11th No School**

**13th All Pro Dad Meeting**

**19th Great American Teach-In**

**23rd-27th 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.



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**

### McKitrick Elementary

5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road

Lutz, Florida 33558

**813.558.5427**

Principal/Administrator:

**Kimberly Stone**





Seeking volunteers that have a passion for making our school an amazing place for our children.

— JOIN OUR —  
**TEAM**

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

### Open Positions:

- Bobcat Bash
- Sons & Stars
- Reflections
- YearbookCommittee

email [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com) if you are interested

# Open House 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Open House! Families and students caught up with past and present teachers. We were especially thrilled to welcome our newest Bobcats during our Kindergarten signing! Everyone had a blast exploring campus with a school-wide scavenger hunt and spending time with our resident goats and chickens—a huge thank you to all the vendors who helped us kick off McKittrick's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



## SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF IN A “SWEET” WAY!

What a “sweet” evening we had on August 25th at the annual back-to-school ice cream social hosted by our PTA Family Nights Committee! We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to see students, families, teachers, and staff enjoying time together on campus!



Big thanks to Urban Crunch for partnering with us for the ice cream! Shout-out to Business Partners: Rescue Roofings, Urgent Care, After School Scholars, and Miller Orthodontics for their participation. We were also fortunate enough to have Three Brothers Pizza and The Twisted Kettle providing food and snack options for our families!

Special thanks to everyone who signed up for PTA memberships! Bobcat families are amazing! If you are interested in joining our committee, please email [FamilyNights@Mckitrickpta.com](mailto:FamilyNights@Mckitrickpta.com).



## PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Now Through 9/30**

Sign Up Today!



**There is still plenty of time to help your child’s class earn the pizza party! Memberships can be purchased until September 30th for parents, students, and other family members! All money goes directly back to the school.**

# 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, September 18, 2026 Time:

7am

MESSAGE: Hello 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>

**FOLLOW US:**



@AllProDad



# FUNdraising Corner

**BOOSTER**THON

## WE'RE RAISING BIG TOGETHER!

Help us reach our goal and  
make a huge impact for  
McKittrick Elementary.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SIGN UP OPEN: 9/4/26

EVENT DAY: 10/2/26



### OUR GOAL

\$50,000

### WHY IT MATTERS



Supports programs  
our kids love



Builds community  
and school pride



Creates opportunities  
for every student!

**SIGN UP TODAY AT**

**mybooster.com**





♥ *Calling all*  
**GRANDPARENTS!**  
 ☆ *⇒ WE THINK YOU'RE BINGO! ⇐* ☆

**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!** ♥

**BINGO**  
*Night*

AN EVENING OF FUN,  
 LAUGHTER & MAKING  
 ♥ *Memories Together!*

♥ **THIS EVENT IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR GRANDPARENTS!** ♥

📅 **TUESDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

🕒 **GRADES PK-2  
 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

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**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!

SCAN TO REGISTER  
 FOR THE EVENT!

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🐾 *⇒ WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! ⇐* ☆

*Together, we make McKitrick amazing!* ⇐ ♥



# 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!**

# BOBCATS HELPING **TIGERS!**

A SISTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



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

*Together, we can ensure food security for Alexander families.*



## 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.



★ McKitrick Elementary ★

# YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

*Rooted  
in  
History*
**A YEAR OF GROWTH. A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.**
*Every book tells our story.*

From first-day smiles to  
the school-day moments,  
*make this year one to remember.*

## WHY BUY A YEARBOOK?



Capture your child's  
school year in a way  
they'll cherish.



Celebrate friendships,  
classmates, teachers,  
and special moments.



A keepsake your child  
will treasure for  
years to come.



*Prices increase  
after 11/13!  
Order early  
and save!*

## HOW TO ORDER

Order your yearbook today!



SCAN THE **QR CODE**  
TO ORDER ONLINE!



OR VISIT OUR ORDER SITE:

<https://mckitrickpta.com/yearbook>



## ★ IMPORTANT! ★

### 5th Grade Dedications

Celebrate your 5th grader with  
a special message in the yearbook!  
Add your own photo and message  
to make it extra special.

**Available for purchase  
with your yearbook order.**

One School.  
One Story.

★ *Rooted in History.* ★

Buy your yearbook soon  
before they sell out!



What My  
**CULTURE**  
Means to Me



**Explore the arts and express yourself!**

**Deadline for Entries:**

11/20/2026

**For Details:**

[Reflections@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:Reflections@mckitrickpta.com)

## 2026-2027 McKitrick PTA

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**Interested in being more involved in the PTA? Please contact  
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volunteer opportunities!**