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# BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President

Hi Bobcats!

Happy Spring. We hope you enjoyed the "Picnic in the Park & Bobcat Bash" event hosted by the McKitrick Elementary Music Department, McKitrick Staff and the PTA. Big thank you to our Bobcat Bash Committee and Mrs. Contreras for helping coordinate all of the teacher activities, family games and food trucks.

All grades performed in a fantastic musical concert directed by Mr. Whiting and Mrs. Ward. We have some talented Bobcats! Thank you to all the teachers, staff and volunteers making this event successful. I was personally excited to see the teacher splash game back in action. All proceeds will go directly to the teacher's classrooms. Thank you for showing your support.

Join our Team! McKitrick PTA serves as a liaison between school administration, parents and teachers. We work closely with the school to support academic and extracurricular programs, organize fundraisers and facilitate communication between the school and families.

Our PTA is an essential part of our school community, and we rely on the involvement & support of parents and faculty members to achieve our goals. Your participation is critical to the success of our school. If you are interested in joining a committee for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact [volunteer@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:volunteer@mckitrickpta.com) or [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com) and we will be happy to help guide you.

Thank you,  
Heather Foster  
PTA President

## CALENDAR

### April

- 5th Sons & Stars Event at Laser Ops
- 8th Report Cards Available
- 9-10 Eid al Fitr
- 13th Cheval Carnival - Open to everyone
- 18th Family Dine Out: Blaze Pizza (4p-8p)
- 19th All Pro Dad Meeting
- 22-30 Passover
- 23rd Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 29-May 3 Teacher Appreciation week

### May

- 1st 5th grade field trip
- 3rd Lunch Staff Appreciation
- 7th Final PTA General Membership Meeting
- 20-24 5th Grade activities
- 24th Last day of school



**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER**

**APPRECIATION DAY**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**



Be the sunshine and thank your bus driver!  
Bus riders can bring thank you notes or anything you see fit to show your appreciation that day.

## Quick Links

**McKitrick PTA Website**

**McKitrick PTA Store**

**McKitrick PTA Facebook**

**McKitrick PTA Twitter**

**McKitrick Elementary Website**

**2023-2024 School Calendar**

**McKitrick Lunch Menus**

**Meal Pre-Pay**



  
**save the date**

**PTA GENERAL VIRTUAL MEETING**

**May 7 2024  
5:30-6:30PM**

Check out the calendar section  
[mckitrickpta.com](http://mckitrickpta.com) for virtual meeting info



## 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!



# ALOHA!

SAVE THE DATE FOR

**"SURFING OUT OF 5TH GRADE!"**

- MARTINEZ OPEN HOUSE 2/22/24
- SERVICE PROJECT- 2/29/24
- BIZ TOWN 3/20/24
- FIELD TRIP- 5/1/24
- FIELD DAY 5/20/24
- BANQUET LUAU 5/22/24
- EOY AWARDS 5/23/24
- CLAP OUT 5/24/24



BEACH

FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL  
[FIFTHGRADEACTIVITIES@MCKITRICKPTA.COM](mailto:FIFTHGRADEACTIVITIES@MCKITRICKPTA.COM)

Our very own McKittrick Elementary students are performing in Steinbrenner High School's production of Peter Pan! Show your support and purchase tickets now to enjoy an amazing show.

**STEINBRENNER HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE  
PRESENTS**



**PETER PAN**

**APRIL 4-5, 11-13, 2024  
7:00PM**



*Music by Morris "Moose" Charlap*

*Additional Music by Jule Styne*

*Originally directed & choreographed by Jerome Robbins*

*Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh*

*Additional Lyrics by Betty Comden, Adolph Green*

*Based on the play by Sir J. M. Barrie*

PETER PAN (1954 BROADWAY VERSION) IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI  
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MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS THE

# SON & STARS EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 2024

530-830PM

LASER OPS XTREME FUN CENTER  
6283 W WATERS AVE, TAMPA

Tickets on sale from 3/18-3/29 online only at  
<https://mckitrick.memberhub.com/store>

\$50 Couples Ticket (1 adult, 1 child)

\$20 Sibling Ticket (1 child)

\* Please just 1 adult per family

One 30-min Laser Tag Session  
Unlimited Bazooka Ball/Archery Tag  
Unlimited Virtual Reality

2 hrs Time Play Non-Redemption  
Game Card (no prizes awarded)  
Pizza and Water/Soda

*Excludes HyperDeck*

**STEP RIGHT UP  
FOR FUN & EXCITEMENT!**

# CHEVAL CARNIVAL

**Saturday, April 13th 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Early Bird Tickets Until 3/20  
(Cheval Members Only)**

**\$5 Entry per family member**

**\$20 Punch Card (20 punches per card)**

**Ticket Sales (3/19 - 4/12)**

**\$6 Entry per family member**

**\$30 Punch Card**

**Day of  
Ticket Sales**

**\$8 Entry per  
family member**

**\$40**

**Punch Card**

*(+tax and fees)*

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TRUCKS & FUN**



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Register**



  
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# Teacher Appreciation PTA Flower Sale

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH  
BEFORE SCHOOL**

\$1 donation per stem suggested

*\*This is not a fundraiser. Proceeds will cover the cost of flowers\**

*More flowers available this year!*





McKITRICK ELEMENTARY  
Teachers & Staff are  
**Sunsational**

LET'S SHOW OUR APPRECIATION  
MONDAY, APRIL 29TH-FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

We will be celebrating our teachers and staff this week! Below are some ways for you and your family to show your appreciation. Our 'sun'sational teachers will appreciate any form of sunshine you send. Please feel free to celebrate the way you see fit.

## MONDAY 4/29

Catch Some Rays!

Wear your best school appropriate beach or sun attire. Flowers, bright colors, sunglasses!

## TUESDAY 4/30

Brighten Their Day!

Get your teachers some flowers. PTA will sell flowers at the entrances of the school in the morning. PTA suggests \$1 per stem donation.

\*This is not a fundraising event. Proceeds will cover the cost of the flowers.\*

## WEDNESDAY 5/1

Be the Sunshine!

Please bring in a needed school supply. Checkout <https://mckitrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers> for some ideas.

\*Parent/Volunteer donated breakfast\*

## THURSDAY 5/2

Warm Their Hearts!

Write your teachers a note or make a drawing to let them know how much they shine.

## FRIDAY 5/3

Sweet Treats and Sunshine!

Bring your teachers a sweet treat or something from their favorite things list.

<https://mckitrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers>

## THANK YOU

for supporting your child in showing their appreciation for our stellar teachers and staff!

- McKitrick PTA





**CAUSE A  
SCENE FOR  
A GOOD  
CAUSE!**

**STEP 1:**  
Visit Blaze Pizza

**STEP 2:**  
Show this Flyer to the Blaze Team

**STEP 3:**  
Enjoy your Pizza!

**GET FIRE'D UP TO SUPPORT**

## **McKitrick Elementary**

**Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization!**

**Thursday, April 18th, 2024**

**4:00 PM until 8:00 PM**

**Find us at Blaze Pizza - Land O Lakes,  
18701 FL-54, Lutz, FL 33558**

**Want to order online?**

**Use Promo Code "1415A"**

**when ordering through our APP or our website at [WWW.BLAZEPIZZA.COM](http://WWW.BLAZEPIZZA.COM)**

**A \$0.01 discount applied to your order as confirmation of your participation.**

**20% of all purchases using this code will be counted towards the donation total.**

Event proceeds are void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.  
For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time of the date specified above will be counted towards the donation total.  
Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases.  
Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded.

**FAST-FIRE'D  
BLAZE  PIZZA**

## Bobcat Bash & Picnic in the Park

It was a great event with so many families & faculty enjoying the gorgeous day! The concert was fantastic, and the casual atmosphere of the bash was a great place for families to hang out. The games were fun and the food and treats were delicious! The student volunteers from Martinez and Steinbrenner were grateful to be able to have the opportunity to be back on campus after not being able to for a few years. Thank you to the families for being a part of this give back to the teachers. We appreciate everyone that came out and enjoyed the day while supporting our classrooms!





## April Update & Highlights!

Join us for our next All Pro Dad meeting on **Friday, April 19th, 2024, at 7:00 am** in the McKitrick Elementary cafeteria. This month, we dive into the profound theme of **Gentleness**. In a world that often values strength and power, gentleness reminds us of the importance of treating others with kindness and compassion, ensuring the people in our lives feel valued and cared for.

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This session offers a unique chance for dads and kids to engage in discussions about the strength in softness, sharing experiences where gentleness has made a difference, and learning ways to incorporate this valuable trait into our daily interactions.

To ensure a smooth start, please consider arriving a bit early for check-in (and remember your ID!). This extra time is perfect for grabbing breakfast and enjoying those moments with your children before we begin. We look forward to seeing you and your thoughtful little ones for a morning filled with gentle wisdom and heartfelt connections!

**RSVP** at [https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter\\_meetings/47608/rsvp](https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/47608/rsvp)

## Recap of March's Meeting

A huge thank you to the incredible McKitrick dads and kids who joined us for our March meeting on the theme of Courage. It was truly inspiring to witness the kids openly share their moments of courage, discussing everything from facing fears of alligators, snakes, and bugs, to taking that brave jump on the trampoline or bouncing back from an injury.

This gathering underscored the power of supporting one another through challenges and celebrated the victories, big and small, that come from facing our fears head-on.

For those who couldn't be there, we encourage you to engage in this reflective exercise with your child:

**Dad to Kid:** Who is someone you think has courage?

**Dad to Kid:** When have you used your courage?

**Kid to Dad:** When have you been afraid and in need of courage?

**Kid to Dad:** When have you seen me being courageous?



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, Steve Attard, at [allprodads@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:allprodads@mckitrickpta.com).



## Volunteer Update

**Barrie Vause & Darbie Wilder:** You two are the sunshine on a perfect picnic day! We can't thank you enough for the endless hours you spent planning and buzzing around with the school faculty to make Bobcat Bash/Picnic in the Park a joyful time for everyone!

We are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who helped with the event in so many ways. Whether you set up, cleaned up, sold water, or generously lent tents and tables, your contributions were invaluable. A special thank you to our junior volunteers from Martinez and Steinbrenner who set up, cleaned up and ran the games and kept the smiles bright for our students.



Our Spring portrait session was successful thanks to those who have helped. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to **Robert Hudson** for always capturing all the best moments, from formal poses to candid fun, at all our campus events throughout the school year. He is always working to ensure our yearbooks are filled with heartwarming memories. This is his third consecutive year in dedicating his expertise to our school yearbook. We are so grateful.

### APRIL UPDATE

Our annual Sons and Stars event is blasting off on Friday, April 5th at Laser Ops Extreme Fun Center. We need a few volunteers to make it LEGENDARY! Sign Up via Sign Up Genius below if you're ready to level up and volunteer!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAEAC29A75-48733768-sons>

### LUNCHROOM HELP

Sunshine & lunchtime cheer needed! April lunchroom volunteers, [sign up here](#)

Just a friendly reminder: To volunteer, please fill out and have the Hillsborough County Public School Y.E.S. form approved.

We appreciate your generous support!

*2023 Volunteer Coordinator  
 McKittrick Elementary PTA*





# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



## URGENT CARE & WELLNESS CENTER



On-Site  
X-Rays

18981 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548

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

**813-388-5922**  
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\*\*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.

# Thank you to our McKittrick Business Partners!

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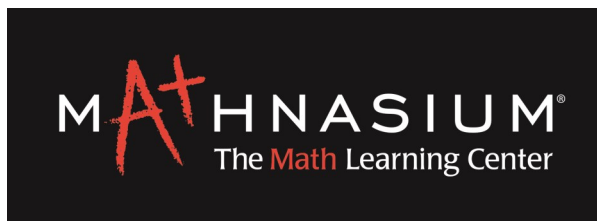
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# Thank you to our McKitrick Business Partners!

## Gold



## Silver



We love our Business Partners! With the start of the new school year, we are welcoming new Business Partner applicants. We have several commitment levels available. For more info, please contact Emily Draper at [businesspartners@McKitrickPTA.com](mailto:businesspartners@McKitrickPTA.com)



# Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

## 2023-2024 PTA COMMITTEE

**President:** Heather Foster

**Family Dine Outs:** Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson

**Vice President:** Lindsay Jimison

**Bobcat Bash:** Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin,  
Jennifer Teixeira & Lacey Ranucci

**Treasurer:** Erin Circelli

**Sweetheart Event:** Lindsay Whitney, Lauren Borio,  
Consuelo Benassi De Tilio & Shelley Blanco

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Campbell

**Teacher representative:** Principal Cline & Mrs. Contreras

**Sons & Stars Event:** Candace Kasetta & Tiffany Rendel

**Parent Outreach:** Gina Willemin

**Concession:** Louise Johnstone

**Fundraising:** Darbie Wilder

**Family Nights:** Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker,  
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**Special Events:** Hannah Breig & Becky Maenner

**Student/School Support:** Risa Anasky

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Consuelo Benassi De Tilio, Tiffany Rendel, Lauren Borio

**Programs:** Barrie Vause

**Communications:** Lauren Constantine

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

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:** Brandi Kenny & Hanyeh Pulver

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation:** Ariel Martinez,  
Jessica Williams, Jincy Soler, Jennifer Ptack,  
Melissa Weitzenfeld

**Parents Club:** Chryssa Samhoury

**All Pro Dads:** Steve Attard

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

**Homeroom Parents:** Brittany Harake

**McKitrick Serves:** Katie Metz

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Viviana Lit

**McKitrick Cares:** Lymari La Llave, Yajarira Chappelle & Hyojeong Bae

**Memberships:** Kim Hunt

**Reflections:** Meredith Renuart

**Spirit Wear:** Jennifer Ptack

**Tutoring:** Ariel Martinez

**Boosterthon:** Consuelo Benassi De Tilio, Erin Circelli,  
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**Website/Givebacks (formally MemberHub):** Steve Attard & Hanyeh Pulver

**Bobcat Bash:** Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin,  
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**Yearbook:** Robert Hudson & Cassandra Johnson

**Business Partners:** Emily Draper

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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!