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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy Holidays McKitrick!

As we embrace the month of December and the holiday season, I reflect on what a year it has been. 2022 was filled with on campus events, volunteer opportunities galore, parents back in the classrooms and more! We are back and this PTA has been busy. This year we have already accomplished:

- Boosterthon fundraiser raising the most money we have ever raised
- Walk to school safety day
- Ice cream social
- Holiday shop
- Holiday concert
- Toy drive
- Clothes drive
- First ever school beautification day
- Goat pen improvements
- Teacher lounge renovations
- Catering teacher conferences
- Dine-outs
- Tutoring on campus *More volunteers needed!

In the new year, we look forward to more events and volunteer opportunities! Please look out for additional information in January.

I wish you warm holiday wishes and time well spent with your families! Happy New Year!

Lindsay Jimison
PTA President 2022-2023

CALENDAR

December

5-9 McKitrick Holiday Shop
McKitrick Cares Toy Drive

8th Holiday Concert

16th All Pro Dads Meeting

19-23 Holiday School Spirit Week

Dec 26– Jan 8 Winter Break

January

12th Family Dine out: Three Brother

20th All Pro Dads Meeting

McKitrick Elementary

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Lutz, Florida 33558

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Principal/Administrator:

Allison Cline



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Preparing Students for Life

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

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JOIN US ON OUR **NEW**
DINE OUT **DATE!!!**

THREE BROTHERS PIZZA

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January 12th | ALL DAY
17773 Gunn Hwy, Odessa

ALL PROCEEDS FROM SALES THAT DAY GO TO
OUR SCHOOL! TELL THEM YOU'RE FROM
MCKITRICK WHEN YOU ORDER!

McKitrick Cares

So many amazing things have been going on this year and we want to show our gratitude for all of your support.

Clothing Drive: Thank you so much for your donations to the clothing drive. All donations are headed to students at McKitrick, Alexander and OASIS - [OASIS \(oasisopportunities.org\)](http://OASIS(oasisopportunities.org)). OASIS partners with social workers all over Hillsborough County to provide clothing and essentials to students. They were very appreciative of our donations. Your generosity will help to keep kids warm and clothed. Please visit their website for additional donation and volunteer needs. They are also looking for student volunteers if you have any older children needing volunteer hours.

Picture Day: We would like to give a HUGE thank you to Gigante Productions for donating picture day sheets to our families.



Thank you for making a difference!

McKitrick Holiday Toy Drive: The McKitrick Toy Drive is December 5th - 9th. You can send a new, unwrapped toy to school with your child. We will have donation boxes in every class hallway. There will also be a donation box outside the front office each day until 3:30pm. All donations will benefit McKitrick and Alexander Elementary students. Thank you for helping to make their holidays bright!

THANK
YOU

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YOU!



MCKITRICK
Bobcats

Winter Wonderland Holiday Shop

December 5th-9th

This year the Holiday Shop will be set up on the stage. It will be transformed into a winter wonderland that will create a wonderful shopping experience for the McKitrick students to purchase holiday gifts for friends and family.

The merchandise ranges from \$.50 to a few items at \$22.00. The students will visit the shop as a class, with parent volunteers assisting the class in shopping and keeping to their budget.

Please confirm with your teacher which day your child's class will visit the holiday shop so your child doesn't miss their shopping day.

Students may bring cash or check (checks to be made out to McKitrick PTA).

If you have any questions, please contact:
holidayshop@mckitrickpta.com



TREE BROTHERS

CHRISTMAS PREORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



1. **CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL**
2. **CHOOSE YOUR SIZE OF TREE**
3. **\$10 OF EVERY TREE GOES BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL**
4. **BRING YOUR RECEIPT TO LOT TO GRAB YOUR PERFECT TREE**

18105 GUNN HIGHWAY AT
KEYSTONE PREP HIGHSCHOOL
WWW.TREEBROSXMAS.COM/ODESSA



Jersey Mike's Subs Grand Opening

Wednesday, December 7th - Sunday, December 11th

Grand Prize \$500 to the winning school

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that **McKITRICK ELEMENTARY** is one of three schools to be selected to participate in the Grand Opening Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's.

Located at **17790 Aprile Drive, Land O Lakes (Ballantrae and HWY 54)**

Here's how it works:

- Attached to this letter you will find cards for a **Free Jersey Mike's Sub with a \$2 Donation to McKITRICK ELEMENTARY.**
- Simply present the attached Free Sub Card; donate \$2.00 to your school and choose **any** Regular-size Sub on the menu.
- **100%** of the proceeds donated will be given back to **McKITRICK ELEMENTARY.** The promotion is limited to one card per person.
- The school that redeems the most of their student's cards will receive a **cash prize of \$500** in addition to their original donations!

• ***Fun Facts:*** In 1956, Jersey Mike's originated in Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

Everything about Jersey Mike's is high quality. Our meats and cheeses are all top quality premium brands and are sliced to order. Our bread is baked fresh daily on the premises. Our lettuce, tomatoes, and onions are prepared fresh, every day. It's what makes Jersey Mike's the most authentic tasting submarine sandwich available.

- Stop by Jersey Mike's Subs **anytime between Grand Opening Day Wednesday, December 7th and Sunday, December 11th** to support **McKITRICK ELEMENTARY.** Jersey Mike's is open daily from



Volunteer Update



We are very excited to have our Tutoring program up and running the past month!!! Some teachers can use a few more tutors in their classrooms. If you are interested, please fill out the form for more details and our tutoring committee will get in touch with you. <https://forms.gle/PBcYJDCaqGtcarYn9>

Don't forget to submit those at home or in-person volunteer hours. A link to the log can be found here: <https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1>. If you have not already done so, please fill out the [Y.E.S form](#) before proceeding with any type of volunteering. This includes being a classroom helper!!

A festive poster for a toy drive. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights (red, orange, green, yellow) hangs against a dark blue background with white snowflakes. Below the lights, the text "MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY" is written in yellow. The main title "Toy Drive" is in large, white, bold letters with a red outline. Underneath, it says "Accepting Donations" in yellow. The dates "December 5-9, 2022" are in large white letters. The background transitions to a light blue section with instructions: "Bring a toy and spread some joy!", "Place a new, unwrapped toy in marked boxes located across campus. There will also be a donation box outside the front office until 3:30 pm each day.", and "Donations to benefit students and brighten their holiday." Below this is a dark blue section with a red heart containing the text: "We will also be collecting donations at the Holiday Concert on 12/8." To the right of the heart is a cartoon penguin wearing a red scarf and holding a green gift box with orange bows. At the bottom, it says "Thank you for your generosity!" and "If you have any questions, please contact: mckitrickcares@mckitrickpta.com".

Boosterthon

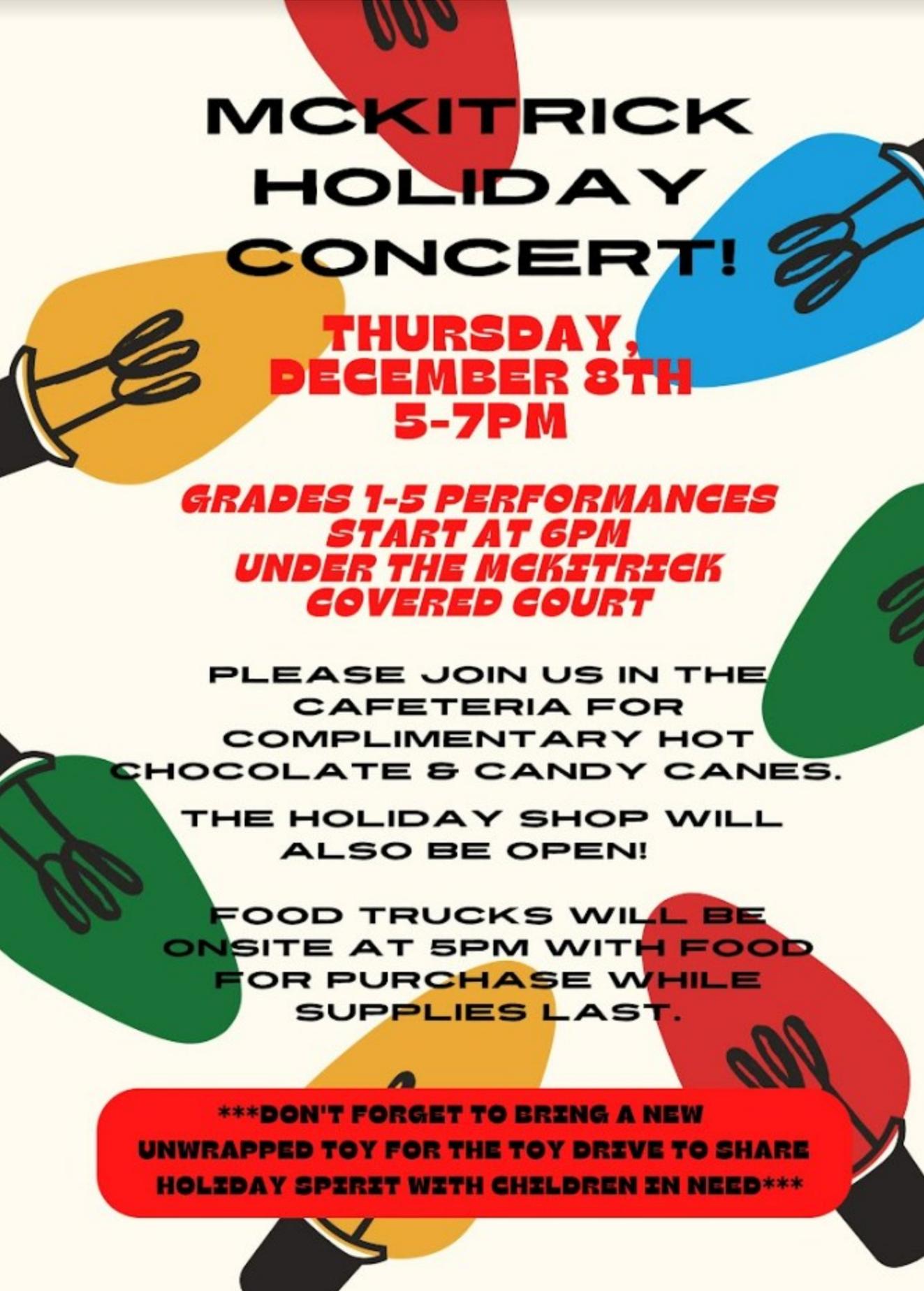
As promised, since we exceeded our \$50K Boosterthon fundraising goal as a school, we had a groovy good time at our Lip Sync Battle of the Principal's!

👏 Congratulations to our top fundraising students who earned a spot to perform with Ms. Cline & Ms. Stone on stage! Blaze, our new Bobcat Mascot, even made an appearance! 🙌

🚩 BIG thank you to everyone as we received donations from 43 different states and 9 different countries, bringing in a whopping \$71, 907!!! 🤑

Thank you to Stand Out Balloons for the awesome Peace Sign balloon arch!





MCKITRICK HOLIDAY CONCERT!

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
5-7PM**

***GRADES 1-5 PERFORMANCES
START AT 6PM
UNDER THE MCKITRICK
COVERED COURT***

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
CAFETERIA FOR
COMPLIMENTARY HOT
CHOCOLATE & CANDY CANES.**

**THE HOLIDAY SHOP WILL
ALSO BE OPEN!**

**FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE
ONSITE AT 5PM WITH FOOD
FOR PURCHASE WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST.**

*****DON'T FORGET TO BRING A NEW
UNWRAPPED TOY FOR THE TOY DRIVE TO SHARE
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH CHILDREN IN NEED*****

McKittrick All Pro Dad's,

The amount of praise our Bobcat Dad's declared in the Thankful November meeting last month was spectacular! So many thankful compliments for our children, our teachers and our school were announced as each Dad took advantage of their time shown in the picture.



One Bobcat Dad stated during the meeting, "My family is new to the area and my Dad wasn't involved in my family's life growing up. This Bobcat All Pro Dad chapter has given me a community and resources to help be a very successful first generation involved Dad for my children."

We also had two special guests from the nearby Schwarzkopf Elementary School PTA. They are two Dad's that have heard of our Bobcat Dad success and are actively involved in starting a new chapter at their school. How exciting to know that our Bobcat family is having this impact across our community that will benefit our kids as they all go to the same middle school! The guests mentioned how the Thankful praise of Dad's for their kids portion of the meeting brought tears to their eyes; it created a lot of motivation for them to get their chapter started asap ☐



The next meeting topic for us to enjoy together is **Generosity** and the location is the cafeteria 7am to 7:30am Friday December 16th. Here is the next meeting RSVP link; we check in at the front office at 7am with a driver's license for our next impactful 30 minute meeting:

https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/44158/rsvp

Attached is a link to an All Pro Dad article on being generous with encouragement at bedtime: <https://www.allprodad.com/15-encouraging-words-for-children-at-bedtime/>

Please ask questions and provide your feedback to allprodads@mckittrickpta.com. Thank you again Bobcat family for being and raising such involved compassionate leaders in our community!





Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School **2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE**

President: Lindsay Jimison

Vice President: Jessica Campbell

Treasurer: Erin Circelli

Recording Secretary: Tanya Kayani

Parent Outreach: Yasamine Viehland

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Student/School Support: Brandi Kenny

Programs: Jessica Diefenderfer

Communications: Lauren Constantine

Parents Club: Chryssa Samhoury

All Pro Dads: Clint Swigart

Homeroom Parents: Brittany Harake

Volunteer Coordinator: Viviana Lit

Memberships: Kim Hunt

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Ptack

Boosterthon: Darbie Wilder, Gina Willemin, Consuelo Benassi & Erin Circelli

Bobcat Bash: Darbie Wilder, Gina Willemin, Barrie Vause, Lacey Ranucci

Holiday Shop: Jessica Diefenderfer & Lisa Peluso

Business Partners: Emily Draper

Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Open House: Tanya Kayani

Fifth Grade Activities: Jessica Diefenderfer

McKitrick Cares: Heather Foster & Katie Metz

School-Wide Hospitality/Decorating: Cheryl Rodriguez & Jessica Williams

Sweetheart Event: Lisa Peluso, Tanya Kayani & Jessica Diefenderfer

Sons & Stars Event: Evan Walker & Adam Grier

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker, Lacey Ranucci, & Barrie Vause

Teacher Appreciation: Lauren Borio, Jennifer Ptack, Cassandra Johnson, Viviana Lit, Melissa Weitzenfeld

Health & Safety: Jessica Greene & Katalin Vinci -Sierra

McKitrick Serves: Katie Stahl, Heather Foster & Michelle Dacanay

Reflections: Katie Stahl, Michelle Dacanay & Meredith Renuart

Junior Achievement: Rick Coleman & Loren Mednick

Tutoring: Paula Hamadani

IT- Website: Steve Attard

Memberhub: Steve Attard

Yearbook: Robert Hudson & Cassandra Johnson

Social Media: Chryssa Samhoury

Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

Front Marquee: Erin Circelli

Concessions: Louise Johnstone & Iris Sims

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Melissa Chevalier & Punit Shah

Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up: Chryssa Samhoury & Farheen Aldeen