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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Hello Bobcats! Thank you to our amazing teachers and staff for putting together all of the fun activities for our SMATH + Literacy Family Fun Night. We hope you enjoyed attending. Congratulations to the students that submitted work to the SLAM Showcase.

If you missed our January General PTA Meeting, we celebrated our accomplishments so far and highlighted upcoming events. Our PTA members voted and approved our mid-year budget which allowed us to allocate funds for:

- Media Center/Library Renovation Project
- Teacher Grants
- Technology

This funding wasn't possible without our successful Fall Boosterthon fundraiser & the continued support from our Business Sponsors. THANK YOU!! If you missed the general meeting, meeting minutes and our presentation are always uploaded to our website at [Meeting Agendas & Minutes \(mckitrickpta.com\)](http://Meeting Agendas & Minutes (mckitrickpta.com)). We included some helpful information and links in our slideshow.

Are you interested in becoming a PTA Officer for the 2024-2025 school year? Applications open February 5th - 19th for the following PTA positions - President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. See flier below for more information.

With all of the upcoming events in the next few months, be sure to read our newsletters and follow the PTA on social media. You don't want to miss out on all the fun!

Heather Foster PTA President

CALENDAR

February

9th All Pro Dad Meeting / Sweetheart Dance

15th Resource Office Appreciation Day / Conference Night

16th Non-Student Day

19-23 Spring Book Fair

22nd Martinez Open House

27th Kindergarten Round Up

March

4th Non-Student Day

6th Spring Picture Day

11-15 Spring Break (No School)

20th End of 3rd Grading Period

22nd All Pro Dad Meeting

23rd Picnic in the Park & Bobcat Bash

29th Non-Student Day

Martinez Middle School 6th GRADE OPEN HOUSE



This event is for rising 6th grade students and their families. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about life as a Martinez Middle School Student! Tour the campus, learn about general expectations, electives, extracurriculars, and more! We hope to see you there!

February 22nd | 5:30PM-7:30PM

Quick Links

[McKitrick PTA Website](#)

[McKitrick PTA Store](#)

[McKitrick PTA Facebook](#)

[McKitrick PTA Twitter](#)

[McKitrick Elementary Website](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

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2023/24 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Guarantee your child's book of memories before they are no longer available!

Don't forget to add the 5th grade supplement!

www.mckitrickpta.com/yearbook



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!



Reflections Awards - Winners from County Level

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Anna Hurless	Merit Award	K-2
Kinnari Patel	Merit Award	3-5

FILM PRODUCTION

Adeline Sanders	Merit Award	3-5
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LITERATURE

Swara Shervergar	Merit Award	K-2
Nithya Ashwin	Excellence Award	3-5

VISUAL ARTS

Tymek DeCruze	Merit Award	3-5
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THANK YOU TO ALL OF
OUR STUDENTS THAT
PARTICIPATED IN
REFLECTIONS THIS
YEAR!

ADELINE LESKE
DIYA CHHABRIA
TYMEK DECRUZE
OVI TANDLEKAR
ANYA ADHIKARI
ADAM HARAKE
NITHYA ASHWIN
PURAN NARESH
EMMA HOPPER
KINNARI PATEL

ADELINE SANDERS
SWARA SHERVEGAR
ANNA HURLESS
SHANAYA MAKHECHA
NICHOLAS RENUART
JORDYN BORIO
ELISE HARAKE
LILY ATTARD
REIKA CHANDRA
RIYA SAVARDE

JOIN US!



CALLING FOR PTA OFFICER NOMINATIONS



**APPLICATION OPENS
FEB 5TH**

McKitrick PTA is looking for nominations for Officer positions for 2024/25 school year!

NOMINATION DEADLINE

MONDAY

19TH

FEBRUARY 2024

SCAN QR CODE TO GET MORE DETAILS & EXPRESS INTEREST.

5TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT



Fifth grade is collecting
supplies for
RESCUE PETS OF FLORIDA

Please send in.....

BLEACH, ODOBAN, DOG/CAT TREATS, LITTER, PAPER TOWELS, PEE
PADS, FLEECE BLANKETS, LEASHES/COLLARS, GARBAGE BAGS,
SPONGES, DOG/CAT TOYS, MANE N TAIL SHAMPOO, PET BEDS
GIFT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED ALSO TO AMAZON, TARGET, PETSMART,
CHEWY, GAS STATIONS

"DONATIONS BOXES IN 5TH GRADE CLASSROOMS OR FRONT OFFICE"

DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 2/29

RESCUE PETS OF FLORIDA (RPOF) IS A NON PROFIT ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT FINDS LOVING HOMES FOR DOGS,
CATS...ALL SORTS OF ANIMALS...HORSES TOO! THEIR MISSION IS TO VACCINATE & SPAY/NEUTER AS WELL AS INCREASE PUBLIC
AWARENESS OF THE PET OVERPOPULATION.

SMATH + Literacy Night and the SLAM Showcase

THANKS FOR JOINING IN THE LEARNING FUN!

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to this year's SMATH & Literacy Night on January 25th! The teachers' fun educational activities engaged students of all ages, and even caught the parents' attention too! Ms. Kennedy & Ms. West also hosted a wonderful event in the media center, displaying all of the SLAM projects, complete with a red carpet! If you have a quick moment, please fill out this short survey to give feedback about the event. [SMATH and Literacy Night Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

Thank you to our vendors, Three Brothers Pizza, Station House BBQ and Twisted Kettle, for making sure we had a delicious dinner and dessert.

Thank you to our Family Fun Nights Team for another great night and we hope to see you at the Picnic in the Park / Bobcat Bash



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S H A R E T H E L O V E

JOIN US IN SHARING THE LOVE WITH SOME OF OUR LOCAL **SENIOR CITIZENS** AS WE MAKE **VALENTINES** TO DISTRIBUTE AT LOCAL **NURSING HOMES.**

A valentine card box will be located in the front office until Friday February 9th to drop off valentines for the seniors. We encourage you to make as many as you can. The more the merrier.

You can sign the card or leave blank. We will stamp the cards on the back to say "Love, McKitrick Elementary School Students"

Any questions please contact Katie at: McKitrickServes@McKitrickPTA.com

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Picnic in the Park & **BOBCAT BASH**

Saturday March 23
10:30 am- 2:00 pm



Please come out and join us for a fun day spent with our McKitrick family! Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy the student performed concert.

There will be games, food trucks, vendors and more!

Tickets will be sold online between March 1st-20th. Tickets are \$10 per student.



Twisted Kettle Popcorn

Three Brothers Pizza

Bahama Bucks

Red Tacos

100% of all money raised goes back to our McKitrick teachers for classroom supplies



SAVE THE DATE!



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS THE

SON & STARS
EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 2024

530-830PM

LASER OPS XTREME
FUN CENTER
TAMPA, FL

More details
coming soon!



February Update & Highlights!

Join us for our next All Pro Dad meeting on Friday, February 9th, at 7:00 am in the McKittrick Elementary cafeteria. This month, we delve into the essential theme of Contentment. In a world that often emphasizes what we lack, learning to appreciate what we have and where we are is

vital.

These meetings are more than just discussions; they're a chance to strengthen our bonds with our children and learn from each other. As always, be sure to bring your ID for a smooth check-in process, and we look forward to seeing you there for another engaging and meaningful session! 📅 RSVP at https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/47606/rsvp

Recap of December's Meeting

A big thank you to Family First and the All Pro Dad organization for donating a handful on wonderful, inspiring books for our meeting participants. Also a big thank you to the dedicated McKittrick dads and kids who joined us for our January session, focusing on the wonderful theme of **Dependability**. 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 can depend on?

Dad to Kid: Why do you think he or she is dependable?

Kid to Dad: Who is someone who is dependable in your life?

Kid to Dad: What qualities does a dependable person need to have?

Remember, if you have dependability, the people in your life know they can count on you do what you say you're going to do. By being dependable, you show others respect and make easy for them to trust you.

As always, feel free to reach out to me, your All Pro Dad captain Steve Attard, at allprodads@mckittrickpta.com for any input or thoughts.

Looking forward to another impactful session and building even stronger connections with our wonderful McKittrick families!



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Volunteer Update

JANUARY RECAP

The SMATH & Literacy Night was a great success, and we would like to extend our gratitude to the Family Fun Night committee (Amy Sweeney, Donna Tucker, Lacey Ranucci, Lauren Jennings, Christie Quinones) and everyone who participated in making it a success.

FEBRUARY UPDATE

We would like to remind you that our Denim & Diamonds Sweetheart Event is fast approaching on Friday, February 9th. This is one of our biggest events of the year, and we still need a few more helping hands to make it a memorable night! Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something special! The event will be held at SoireEstate on Friday, February 9th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Please help make this evening magical for our Bobcat sweethearts.

Please be on the lookout for upcoming sign-ups for our Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, February 27th. We will need help with simple tasks such as meet and greet, guiding new families through our campus, and handing out informational packets, etc.

Spring portraits will take place on Wednesday, March 6th. Sign up will be posted soon! We will need a few volunteers to guide our students and help them line up.

TUTORING HELP

If you're passionate about making a lasting impact on a child's learning journey, join our tutoring program. We still have room for 1-2 volunteers to support our teachers. Email me at volunteer@mckitrickpta.com if you're interested; a short training session will be provided.

LUNCHROOM HELP

We need your help to keep our lunchroom running smoothly during February. Please sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AEAC2FA2F4CE9-44759619-lunchroom?fbclid=IwAR2p6gjGh0uR4BervZQ4ged43wdXMI3K5dbf5bGZTHuoMWnqIpsGD5RM8aw#/>

PTA OPEN POSITION - HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

We are still in need of a volunteer to fill this open position for the rest of the school year. If you're interested in heading or assisting in this committee, please email me at 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.

We appreciate and love our Bobcat volunteers!

*2023 Volunteer Coordinator
McKitrick Elementary PTA*



HELLO MCKITRICK FAMILIES

Would you like to help take care of our sweet McKitrick goats Luna & Athena? If you are interested please reach out to me Katie at McKitrickServes@mckitrickpta.com



McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



URGENT CARE
& WELLNESS CENTER

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

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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.

THREE BROTHERS

★ NEW YORK PIZZA ★

One of our favorite parts of being in the pizza business is getting to serve all of you! We absolutely love to see all your smiling faces and while we love our pizza, we love our community more! It is an absolute pleasure to share our food with all of you and to give back to your amazing school. Come see us any time at Three Brothers Pizza. You always make our day!
<https://www.3brothersny.com/>





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Hello Bobcats and Bobcat families,

It's Rick from Bach to Rock checking in! I am looking forward to returning as the DJ for the upcoming Sweetheart Dance. It's going to be awesome!

Speaking of awesome, Bach to Rock students just competed in our Battle of the Bands, with 21 B2R bands at the Orpheum. Invasion66 was the winner of our lower division and was led by a former Mickey's band member, Cissy! We have a ton of Bobcats and former McKitrick students taking lessons at Bach to Rock...and many of those are in our bands.

Did you know that kids could join a band with no experience? Our Rock Band summer camps are really fun and yes, kids will learn to play songs and have a recording and a show...all in one week. Kids 7+ can join us for Band or Glee camp and 8+ can try DJ camp. For more info, text, call or email - 813.398.ROCK or lutz@bachtorock.com You can also sign up online at <https://www.bachtorock.com/lutz/music-camps/>

If you are interested in private music lessons for kids 7+ or group piano lessons for ages 5-7, contact us or stop by our location at Van Dyke and Dale Mabry, a few doors down from Tijuana Flats.

Thank you for an incredible 5 years and we look forward to continuing our great partnership with the McKitrick PTA!



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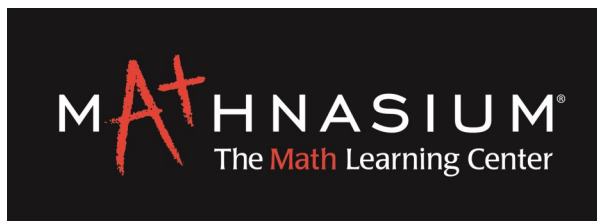
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Thank you to our McKitrick Business Partners!

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



Yvonne T. McKittrick 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**

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**Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker,
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Weitzenfeld, 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

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Reflections: Meredith Renuart

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Ptack

Tutoring: Ariel Martinez

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Circelli, Christie Quinones, Jincy Solar & Gina
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Megan Wilson**

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

Business Partners: Emily Draper

Social Media: Chryssa Samhoury

Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

Interested in being more involved in the PTA? Please contact president@mckittrickpta.com to learn more about open positions and volunteer opportunities!