

# WELCOME

**McKitrick Elementary  
PTA General Meeting #3  
Annual Meeting**

**May 7, 2024**



# Agenda

## EXECUTIVE UPDATES

Welcome & Call Meeting to Order & Confirm Quorum

President Updates

Approval of Last General Meeting Minutes & Bylaw Renewal

Principal Address

Vice President Updates

Treasury Report

Nominating Committee Election Report

Heather Foster

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Jessica Campbell

Heather Foster

Mrs. Cline

Lindsay Jimison

Erin Circelli

Heather Foster, Jessica  
Campbell & Lauren Buzynski

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fundraising

Parent Outreach

Programs

Student/School Support

Special Events

Communications

Questions, Final Thoughts & Closing Remarks

Darbie Wilder

Gina Willemin

Barrie Vause

Risa Anasky

Becky Maenner

Lauren Constantine

Heather Foster

# Mission

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



Hi everyone! We are so glad you are here.



# Meeting Minutes & Bylaws



Heather Foster

## General Meeting Minutes:

Following today's meeting the minutes & presentation will be posted to our McKitrick PTA website in the Parent Resources section.



## McKitrick PTA Bylaws Update:

The McKitrick PTA Bylaws were reviewed and updated to the new version from FL PTA without changes. We will be submitting Bylaws to the FL PTA as required every 3 years minimum.

# McKitrick Administration Report



**Mrs. Cline**  
School Principal



**Mrs. Stone**  
School Vice Principal



**Mrs. Contreras**  
School Teacher  
Representative



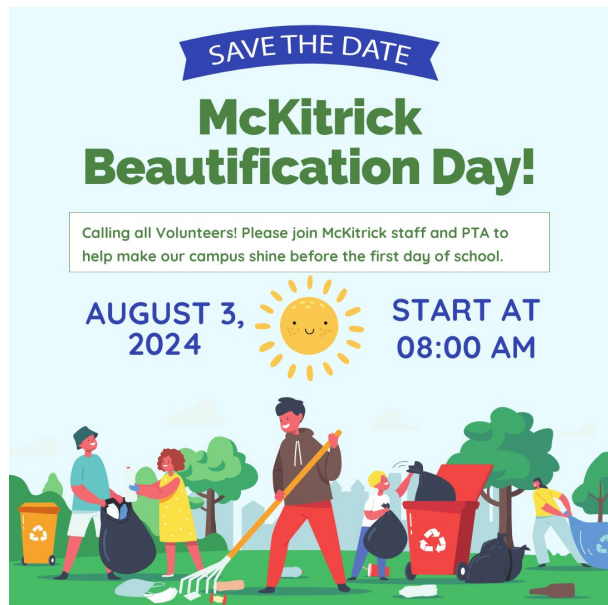
**Mrs. Testa-Secca**  
Principal's Secretary

# How To Stay Informed



Heather Foster

Be sure to follow the McKitrick PTA on social media to stay informed this summer.



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Like our McKitrick PTA Facebook page and follow us on Twitter and Instagram for real-time updates! Visit [www.mckitrickpta.com](http://www.mckitrickpta.com) to learn more.



## ISSUES WITH THE QR CODES?

Visit [www.mckitrickpta.com](http://www.mckitrickpta.com) directly to complete these easy steps.

# School of Excellence

ONE MORE SURVEY TAKE IT  
THIS WEEK!!!!

28% = never or unknown that our  
community provides support to  
families from my culture

34% = never or unknown that the  
school has a group for families  
from my culture



Lindsay Jimison



**SCHOOL OF  
EXCELLENCE**

School of excellence is a national recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experiences and overall well-being for all students. McKitrick has been recognized as a school of excellence in the past and has participated in the program for years. The McKitrick PTA is enrolled and participating in the program again this year and has created a special school of excellence committee focused to make the program successful.

The program is data driven with an ultimate goal to open up communication between the school and its community. There was a McKitrick school wide survey sent out at the beginning of the school year. The survey is provided by the program and gathers community feedback on areas such as safety, education, diversity, communication and more. Results of the McKitrick survey showed an area of opportunity to educate our school community (so parents of our school) on the services McKitrick offers in regards to culture.

# McKitrick Elementary School PTA Excellence Action Plan 2023-2024

## FOCUS AREA: Diversity & Inclusion

Objective: **Educate school community on the cultural diverse services at the school & ways the school is celebrating diversity**

Activity Added	Standard	Committee
Picnic in the Park/Bobcat Bash - added multicultural aspects to the existing event (included music from different countries & backgrounds, passports were stamped for the kids representing different countries)	Welcome All Families, Communicate Effectively, Collaborate with Community, Support Student Success	Excellence Committee, Bobcat Bash, Principle, Teachers,
Exhibit in cafeteria that showcases items from around the world. The school has this already set up & we gained awareness by writing an article in our school newsletter informing families of the exhibit and encouraging telling their kids to go look at it.	Welcome All Families, Support Student Success	Excellence Committee, PTA
Create more awareness of holidays celebrated internationally at our school. To do this, the PTA made a master calendar with dates of multicultural celebrations & created customized posts that celebrate the each holiday which also includes educational information about the holiday. This is posted on the PTA social media.	Welcome All Families, Communicate Effectively	Excellence Committee, PTA
Multicultural section in the newsletter - will highlight the holidays being posted social media & offer an area of the newsletter for families to share experiences, recipes & traditions	Welcome All Families, Communicate Effectively, Share Power, Collaborate with Community	Excellence Committee, PTA, Newsletter

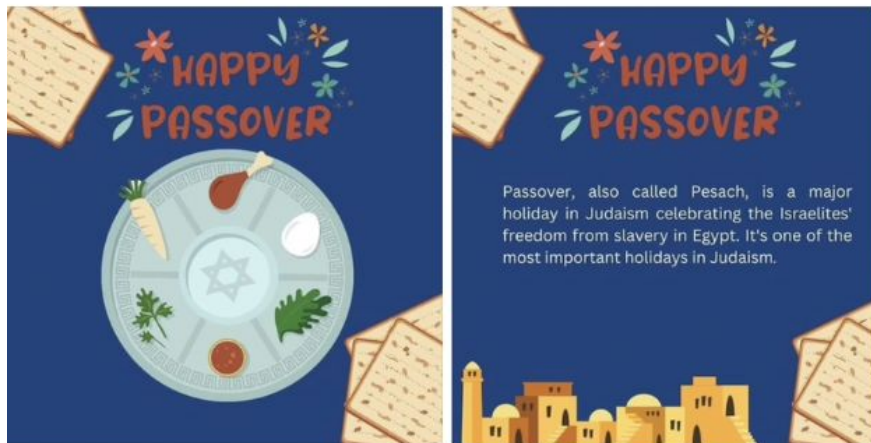


## McKitrick Elementary PTA Information



Apr 22 • 🌐

🌟 Happy Passover to those celebrating! 🌟 Wishing you joy, good company, and delicious food during this special time! ✨ #Passover

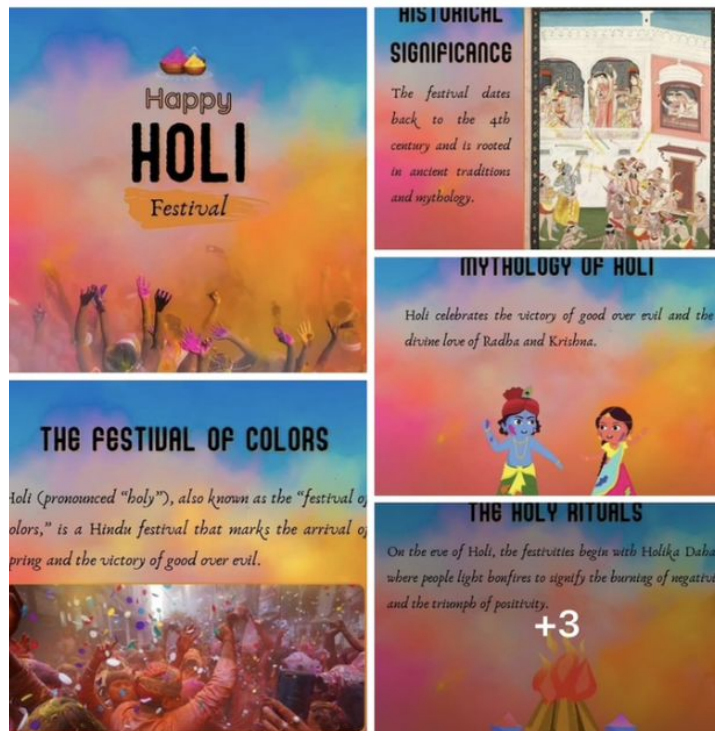


## McKitrick Elementary PTA Information



Mar 25 • 🌐

Sending happy Holi wishes to all who celebrate! This colorful festival is a celebration of good over evil, spring's arrival, and new beginnings. May your day be filled with laughter, joy, and of course, vibrant colors! #HappyHoli #FestivalOfColors 🌈



# Treasury Update



Erin Circelli

**2023/2024 Revised McKitrick  
PTA Budget & Summer Interim  
Budget Overview & Vote**

[23/24 Final Budget and summer interim budget](#)



## **Current Balance**

- Current account balance as of 4/9/24 was
- \$95,417.77, total receipts \$9,481.58; total Disbursements \$33,030.03; account balance as of 5/7/24 is \$71,869.34

**Questions? Email [treasurer@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:treasurer@mckitrickpta.com)**

# Nominating Committee



**Heather Foster**  
**Jessica Campbell**  
**Lauren Buzynski**

## Nominating Committee Election Committee Report -

The Nominating Committee reports the following Executive Office nominations for our 2024/2025 McKitrick PTA Board:

- For President, Heather Foster
- For Vice President, Brandi Kenny
- For Recording Secretary, Erin Circelli
- For Treasurer, Gina Sciacchitano



[Click here](#) to access the Agenda & Nominating Committee Report [Nominating Committee Report](#).

# Join Our Team



Heather Foster



**Call For  
Volunteers**

## Join the 2024/25 McKitrick PTA Team



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.



SCAN HERE

**Apply by May 17th**

Questions? Contact Heather Foster at [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com)

## Want to get more involved at McKitrick?

[Click here](#) to review & sign up for a committee(s) that interests you!

Have questions? Contact [president@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:president@mckitrickpta.com)

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TO SERVE!**

# Fundraising



Darbie Wilder

2024 Bobcat Bash was a huge success and so much fun!



THANK YOU



# Fundraising

## Dine Outs



Darbie Wilder

## Spirit Wear

Thank you to our spirit wear vendor, Elite Ink!



[McKitrick Elementary – Elite Ink  
\(eliteinkllc.myshopify.com\)](https://eliteinkllc.myshopify.com)

# Fundraising



Shout out to our 2023-2024  
Business Partners!



Darbie Wilder

## Platinum



## Silver



## Gold

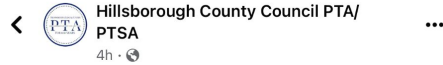


To learn more, please contact **Emily Draper** for details at [businesspartners@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:businesspartners@mckitrickpta.com)

# Parent Outreach



Gina Willemin



While our mission is to advocate for all children, we are still a membership organization. Increasing membership is vital for our PTA voice to be stronger, more powerful & influential.

Congratulations to all of our local units working hard to build their communities to help move the mission forward. Please make sure you are submitting for membership awards at [Florida PTA](https://www.floridapta.org/florida-pta-awards/)! There are 14 different membership awards to apply for to recognize the hard work of your volunteers.

<https://www.floridapta.org/florida-pta-awards/>

A special shoutout to [Farnell PTSA](#) as the one and only local unit to surpass 1000 members this year with 1066 members strong! Wow! Great job!



Membership				
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Elementary	K-8	Middle	High School	
01 McKittrick	01 Turner-Bartels	01 Farnell	01 HB Plant	
02 Mabry	02 Collins	02 Martinez	02 Steinbrenner	
03 Westchase	03 Roland Park	03 Randall	03 Newsome	
04 Fishhawk Creek	04 Lutz K8	04 Coleman	04 Sickles	
05 Mary Bryant	05 Maniscalco	05 Tomlin	05 Robinson	

## ALL PRO DAD

### All Pro Dads:

All Pro Dad's had their final meeting on 4/17 on campus. Steve is hosting a All Pro Dads Social on Thursday, May 16th from 7:00-9:00 pm at Double Bogey's in Heritage Harbor.

Please RSVP to help us plan accordingly. Here's the link to let us know you're coming: [https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter\\_meetings/54710/rsvp](https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/54710/rsvp) . Remember, this is a dads-only event, so enjoy a night off from parenting!

# Parent Outreach



Gina Willemin

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

CLICK LINK BELOW TO RSVP



Volunteers  
needed

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- ▶ 5th Grade Banquet - Sign up to help <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAEAC29A75-49221682-5thgrade>
- ▶ 5th Grade Field Day - Sign up to volunteer [PTA Volunteers 2023-2024: 5th Grade Field Day Help Needed \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

LINK



[https://www.evite.com/event/027BEPBQ5O63AEOBGEPPAHQWMC3KPA?gid=009AUUH7RL4JFENOSEPPBDX4MUKUCQ&utm\\_campaign=sms\\_text\\_link&utm\\_source=sms\\_invite\\_event&utm\\_medium=sms\\_invite](https://www.evite.com/event/027BEPBQ5O63AEOBGEPPAHQWMC3KPA?gid=009AUUH7RL4JFENOSEPPBDX4MUKUCQ&utm_campaign=sms_text_link&utm_source=sms_invite_event&utm_medium=sms_invite)

# Programs



Barrie Vause

## McKitrick Serves

- \*This year we held a campus Beautification Day that was done before school opens.
- \*Over 100 Valentines were created and sent to Bristol Care Center in Tampa.
- \*There was a Paws for Literacy event every month where students can volunteer to read to animals.
- \*Thank you to all the McKitrick Families who have participated in our events this year and we look forward to more service events next school year!
- \*Would you like to help take care of Luna & Athena? Reach out to [mckitrickserves@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:mckitrickserves@mckitrickpta.com)



# Programs

## Reflections



Barrie Vause

Huge THANK YOU to the student participants this year!

*Reflections Art Contest*

Dance:  
1st: Adeline Leske  
2nd: Diya Chhabria & Reika Chandra (duet)

Visual Art - Intermediate  
1st: Tymek De Cruze\*  
2nd: Ovi Tandlekar  
3rd: Anya Adhikari

Visual Art - Primary  
1st: Swara Shervegar  
2nd: Anna Hurlless  
3rd: Adam Harake

Literature - Intermediate  
1st: Nithya Ashwin\*\*  
2nd: Puran Naresh  
3rd: Anya Adhikari

Literature - Primary:  
1st: Anna Hurlless  
2nd: Swara Shervegar\*

Music Composition - Intermediate  
1st: Kinnari Patel\*  
2nd: Anya Adhikari  
3rd: Emma Hopper

Music Composition - Primary  
1st: Anna Hurlless\*

Photography  
1st: Shanaya Makhecha

Film:  
1st: Adeline Sanders\*

\*\* Student advanced to State with "Award of Excellence"  
\* Student advanced to State with "Award of Merit"  
State results not available at time of publication

*I Am Hopeful Because...*  
Ovi Tandlekar

*I am hopeful for...*  
Anya Adhikari

*Hope*  
Anna Hurlless

Tymek De Cruze

Adam Harake

Adeline Leske

Shanaya Makhecha

Diya Chhabria & Reika Chandra

## 2024/25 Reflections Theme

Explore the arts and express yourself!

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

FILM PRODUCTION

LITERATURE

MUSIC COMPOSITION

PHOTOGRAPHY

VISUAL ARTS

2024-2025  
CALL FOR ENTRIES!

*Accepting Imperfection*

Get involved! [PTA.org/Reflections](https://PTA.org/Reflections)

# Programs

## Tutoring

- 19 teachers utilized the tutoring program. Up from 5 that used it last year!
- 9 tutors helped approximately 75 students. Up from 6 tutors and 30-40 students last year.
- We would love to have even more tutors next year so please consider being a volunteer!

## McKitrick Cares

Thank you for all of the support this year! The McKitrick Cares Program was able to have successful Coat Drive, Toy Drive, and Angel Tree. We also provided support with school pictures, book fairs, spirit wear, Sweetheart Dance, Sons and Stars Event, yearbooks, field trips, and end of the year events



Barrie Vause

## Junior Achievement

We had 21 teachers participate this year in the Junior Achievement program. The JA program teaches students financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness through an interactive program our trained volunteers lead.



**Junior  
Achievement™**  
of Tampa Bay

# Student & School Support



Risa Anasky

## Staff Appreciation:

We celebrated our bus drivers with a grab bag full of goodies and our lunch superheroes with catered lunch.



**Teacher Appreciation:** We celebrated our SUNsational teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week.



# Special Events

## Family Fun Night Highlights



Becky Maenner

### SMATH Night



### Picnic in the Park/ Bobcat Bash



# Special Events



Becky Maenner

## Sweetheart Dance



## Sons & Stars



# Special Events



**Aloha!**  
UPCOMING DATES FOR  
SURFING OUT OF 5TH GRADE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
YARD SIGNS FOR SALE  
FOR PURCHASE ONLINE MCKITRICKPTA.COM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
FIELD TRIP  
\*\*REFER TO INFO SENT HOME\*\*

**MONDAY, MAY 20**  
FIELD DAY  
\*PARENTS CAN VOLUNTEER\*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**  
BANQUET LUAU  
\*PARENTS CAN VOLUNTEER\*

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**  
EOY AWARDS

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**  
CLAP OUT AT 8AM  
\*ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND\*

A SIGN UP WILL BE EMAILED WITH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. MOST EVENTS HAPPEN DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FILED TRIP.

FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL:  
FIFTHGRADEACTIVITIES@MCKITRICKPTA.COM



**Aloha!**  
**5TH GRADE BANQUET!**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
10am-1pm

Aloha 5th graders! Let's celebrate your last year in elementary with a break from the classroom & have FUN with a DJ, Photobooth & MORE!

Please wear your best school appropriate tropical attire.

Lunch will be provided to you to include: chicken fingers, fries, pretzel bites, pizza & sweets.

This event is exclusive to 5th graders & parent volunteers only. If you are a parent & would like to attend, you can do so by volunteering. Spots are limited.

A signup will be sent via email by 4/19.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE  
ITEMS FOR THE BANQUET



Lindsay Jimison



**Surf's Up!**  
**5TH GRADE**  
**FIELD DAY**  
Monday, May 20, 2024  
10:00-12:00

Please remember...

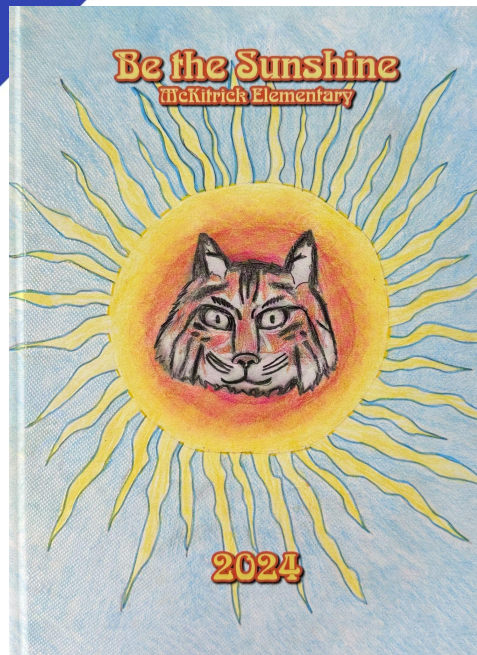
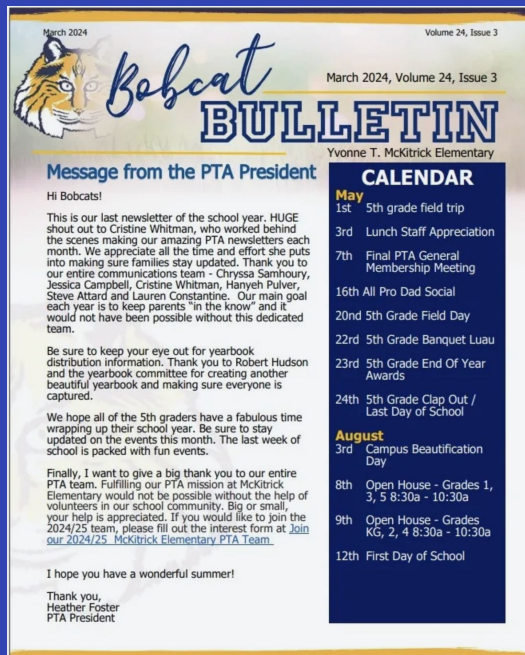
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Wear your sunscreen.
- Bring a hat.

This activity is for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students & registered volunteers.

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

# Communications

May's PTA Newsletter is out now!



Lauren  
Constantine

**REMAINING  
YEARBOOKS  
FOR SALE**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 8TH, 2024  
@5AM**

**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE. ONCE  
THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE!**

<https://mckittrick.memberhub.com>

PLEASE NOTE -  
THEY WILL NOT  
SHOW  
ON OUR SITE  
UNTIL  
5AM ON 5/8/24

McKittrick Elementary PTA - General Meeting - May 7, 2024



THANK  
YOU!



Don't forget to check out the  
PTA website to stay informed!