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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy November Bobcats! Let's take a moment to express how thankful we are for all of your support. We are so lucky to have a giving community here at McKittrick. In October, we were able to raise over \$60,000 from our Boosterthon Fun Run that will go directly to updating the Media Center and teacher grants! Also, because we met and exceeded our goal, all students will get to enjoy a dance party with ice pops!

Last month, we partnered with Schwarzkopf Elementary to collect Halloween costumes for all K-3 students at Sheehy Elementary. Thank you so much for donating. Right now, the school is collecting donations for Tunnel for Towers in honor of Veterans Day. Check out the flier in our newsletter to read how you can help.

We can't wait to see you at our duo Dine Out event at Chipotle & BurgerFi on November 15th. Please come and have dinner with fellow bobcat families and teachers. Both restaurants will be donating a percentage back to the school.

As we approach the holiday season, we want to thank our families, faculty, business partners, and the PTA team that make McKittrick an amazing place for our children. We make the best team!

Lastly, I challenge you to do something for others this month. Volunteer your time, donate to a food drive or clean up your neighborhood. It can even be as simple as writing a note to your teacher or school staff letting them know how much you appreciate them. Let's spread some good this November!

Heather Foster
PTA President



CALENDAR

November

- 1st Report Cards Available
- 7th New Family Volunteer Training
- 9th Veterans Day Program
- 10th No School - Veterans Day Observed
- 11th Veterans Day
- 15th Dine Out - BurgerFi & Chipotle
- 16th Great American Teach In / All Pro Dad Happy Hour
- 20-24 No school - Fall Break

December

- 4-8 Holiday Shop / Toy Drive
- 6th Family Fun Holiday Concert
- 15th All Pro Dads Meeting
- 18th No early release (Hurricane Makeup Day)
- 18-22 Holiday School Spirit Week
- 22nd End of 2nd Grading Period
- 25—Jan 5 Winter Break

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2023/24 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Guarantee your child's book of memories before the price increases!

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

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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!



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

McKitrick Elementary

5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road
Lutz, Florida 33558

813.558.5427

Principal/Administrator:

Allison Cline

School of Excellence



The National PTA School of Excellence program is an improvement and recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs, families and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

✓ TAKE THE SURVEY!

An anonymous survey has been emailed to you & we need your answers to identify and implement an action plan for school improvement! You have until **November 10th** to take the survey.

PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THIS
URL IN YOUR BROWSER

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/TNU22T4ZPPKRRSML8](https://forms.gle/TNU22T4ZPPKRRSML8)





FUNdraising Corner

SAVE THE DATE
 NOVEMBER 15, 2023
DUO
 — DINE OUT —

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY
 COMMUNITY STARTS HERE
 TASTE! MAD
 POIL-WRAP
 GOODN
 GENEROUS
 HELPING
 HARRY
 ASK
 ULTIMATE
 BEST

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**MCKITRICK
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
 33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH | 5-9PM
 16118 PRESERVE MARKETPLACE BLVD, ODESSA, FL,
 33556

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **9DANTHK**
 OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Odesa



Eat to support McKitrick Elementary



Wednesday, November 15th
 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM



20% of sales gets
 donated back to
 McKitrick Elementary



BurgerFi,
 16120 Preserve Marketplace
 Blvd, Odessa



The Boosterthon Team would like to thank everyone including all our wonderful parents, PTA, all the donors, business donors, volunteers, homeroom parents, school admin, teachers and students for all your support during our Boosterthon fundraiser!

We are so proud of our school for exceeding our goal of \$50K, raising over **\$60,000** for Media Center Renovations (multi-year, phased project) teacher grants and technology improvements!!

Congratulations to all our WINNING classes below!

★ TOP CLASS OVERALL: **Ms. Granell** ★

- Top Kindergarten class: **Ms. Dorazil**
- Top First Grade class: **Ms. Granell**
- Top Second Grade class: **Ms. Moffatt**
- Top Third Grade class: **Ms. Prentiss**
- Top Fourth Grade class: **Ms. Arnold**
- Top Fifth grade class: **Ms. Lockwood**



As promised, since our school met our fundraising goal, the students will enjoy a dance & popsicle party!

Thanks again for all your support in making this year's Fun Run such a success!

*2023 Boosterthon Team
McKittrick Elementary PTA*



**FIND
A NEED**



**WRITE
A PLAN**



**RALLY
A TEAM**



**LAUNCH
IT NOW**



**GRIT
IT OUT**

Honoring All Those
Who Have Served

VETERANS 2023 — DAY

Thursday, November 9th

- * 8:15am - 8:45am K, 1st, 2nd grades
- * 9:00am - 9:30am 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

Cafeteria Presentation
McKittrick Elementary School

Please join us in honoring all the men and women who have served our country. This year we will be presenting our school's donation to the Tunnel to Towers Project: Let Us Do Good Village.

Please scan the QR Code to RSVP and check out our project for this incredible Veterans Day Event!





Honor Their Courage

*McKitrick Elementary is honoring our Veterans by joining forces with Tunnel to Towers Foundation to help support the Let Us Do-Good Village. *

What we are doing:

McKitrick Families,

We are collecting donations for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation: Let Us Do Good Village project, located in Land O' Lakes, Florida. This community will provide mortgage-free homes for families of fallen first responders and military as well as adaptive homes for our heroes.

Goal:

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for this incredible community being built for our local heroes. This will allow McKitrick to make a direct positive impact in our community.

How to donate:

Cash or check can be sent in with your child. Donations will be collected and organized by McKitrick Office Staff.

Suggested Donation: \$10



Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises funds, through donations, to honor and provide assistance for our military, first responders, and their families, that continue to make the sacrifice.

Please visit T2T.org for more information on this amazing organization



Questions? Please contact McKitrick front office or Coach Moffitt

McKitrick's 2023

HOLIDAY Shop

December 4th-8th

**The shop will be
held on the cafeteria
stage**

**Students will shop with their class at
assigned times. Items range from 50¢ to \$22!**

Don't forget your shopping list!

Fall Conference Night

Our PTA was excited to provide dinner for our hard-working teachers as they stayed late on campus for Conference Night. Our teachers enjoyed food from Hungry Harry's BBQ along with some desserts and drinks. Thank you to our Teacher Appreciation Committee for coordinating the meal.



Successful Family Fun Movie Night

Everyone had so much fun at our Family Fun Movie Night. A special thank you to all our volunteers who made it such a successful night!





November Update & Highlights!

Attention dads! While we won't have our usual All Pro Dad meeting in November because of Thanksgiving break, mark your calendars for an **All Pro Dad Happy Hour on November 16th**, 7pm onwards, at the **Double Bogeys Tavern & Grille** 19502 Heritage Harbor Pkwy, Lutz, FL 33558. A perfect opportunity to unwind

and get together with fellow dads! Drinks will be on individual tabs, and you're welcome to order food for yourself, or to share with the group. Let's use this unique chance to bond and brew stronger connections among McKitrick dads!

RSVP at https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/50662/rsvp or scan the QR code to help us book the right amount of space.



**Scan to Join
November
HAPPY HOUR!**

Recap of Octobers Meeting

Thank you to the inspiring McKitrick dads and kids who attended our recent session centered on Creativity! If you missed out, we invite you to delve into this activity with your child:

Dad to Kid: How do you like to be creative?

Dad to Kid: What is something you have created that you are really proud of?

Kid to Dad: Have you created anything that you are really proud of?

Kid to Dad: What are ways you can help me be creative?

Creativity lets us tap into our unique talents and imaginations, enabling us to conjure new ideas and beautify the world around us. Encouraging this in our children not only nurtures their skills but fosters innovation for the future.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your All Pro Dad captain Steve Attard at allprodads@mckitrickpta.com with any suggestions or feedback.

Let's keep that momentum going into our upcoming social gathering and continue to deepen those special bonds with our children, and create new bonds between us. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on November 16th for our Happy Hour!



October is the month that blessed me with the joy of becoming a dad, twice over! Celebrating Lily, my radiant 8-year-old in Grade 3, and Ivy, the soon-to-be Bobcat, turning 4. Here's to many more memories with my two October gems!

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with our Boosterthon fundraiser and family movie night! Thanks to your hard work and dedication, both events were a huge success! It was a blast to see our community come together to support our school. We couldn't have done it without you!



We especially want to thank our Boosterthon team: **Erin Circelli, Darbie Wilder, Gina Willemin, Jincy Solar, Consuelo Benassi DeTilio, Megan Wilson, and Christie Quinones.**

Thank you, Erin, for taking leadership on Boosterthon for the third consecutive year and continuing to make it a huge success!

We also want to thank **Hannah Breig, Becky Maenner, Amy Sweeney, Donna Tucker, Lacey Ranucci, Lauren Jennings, and Christie Quinones** for their help with the family movie night. Hannah and Becky, thank you for taking on such a key role to be our leaders in Special Events in your first year in PTA!

Please be on the lookout in November for signups for the Holiday Shop and Family Fun Night & Holiday Concert coming up! We are so grateful for your support!

*2023 Volunteer Coordinator
McKitrick Elementary PTA*



McKitrick Cares

Our annual toy drive will be happening again this year! Families can donate new and unwrapped toys during the Holiday Shop! There will also be an opportunity to bring the toys to a table at the Holiday Concert.



McKitrick Serves

Mrs. Blackwood is currently working with Ms. Cline to set up a goat training day for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping with our sweet goats please email mckitrickserves@mckitrickpta.com

Also, Ms. Cline will hold new family volunteer training on **Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 am**. Any questions please email McKitrickserves@mckitrickpta.com

Tutoring

We had a successful start to our tutoring program this year. Teachers and volunteers alike were excited to help our wonderful students on their roads to success. Volunteers are working with students on various subjects across grade levels for 30 min—1 hour.

Thank you to our volunteers for all of your help so far. We're looking forward to a great year! If you are interested in helping out with tutoring, please email tutoring@mckitrickpta.com and we can get you scheduled!

Reflections

At this time all Reflections entries should have been submitted and judging will begin soon. All participants regardless of being a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winner will receive a prize at our Spring Reflections Ceremony!

Congratulations to all who entered - there were some beautiful projects!

"We are hopeful" some of the projects will move onto the county and state levels. Those projects moving on to our county will be announced in the next couple of weeks!





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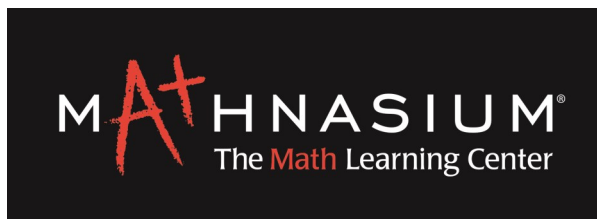
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Thank you to our McKitrick Business Partners!

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 2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

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