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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy October Bobcats!

We are so excited to be kicking off our Boosterthon FUN RUN Fundraiser today! This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year that directly benefits our school. This year we are raising funds for the Media Center renovation (multi-year, phased project), teacher grants for classroom resources and other technology improvements. Our Media Center hasn't been renovated since McKittrick was built in 2001. Being the hub of the school, every student visits the Media Center to not only check out books, but to have lessons, collaborate and use technology. It's also a meeting space for classes, staff, SAC and PTA. The school is looking to have more flexible, versatile and interactive furniture to support the needs of students and staff. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. If we reach our goal, all students will enjoy a dance party including an ice pop treat. The first class to reach 100% student registration gets an ice cream party!

The Fun Run will be on Friday, October 13th. Parents are invited to attend and cheer their child on during the run. PTA is looking for volunteers to help so be sure to grab a spot on our volunteer sign up below. I also want to take a moment to thank our Boosterthon team for all of their hard work planning the event and decorating the school to get students excited for the big run.

The PTA has more exciting events coming up. Our Reflections contest is accepting submissions until October 20th. All students can participate. Winners will have a chance to be judged at local, state and national levels. We will also have an award/participation ceremony at school. Check out the flier in the newsletter for more information. Don't forget to mark your calendars for another amazing Family Fun Night. We will be showing a movie and handing out free popcorn. Our Business Partners Three Brothers Pizza and Bahama Bucks will be selling food and treats too.

We can't wait to see you this month!

Heather Foster
PTA President



CALENDAR

October

- 2nd Custodian Appreciation Day
- 4th Boosterthon Kickoff
- 11th Fall Picture Day Makeup
- 12th End of 1st Grading Period
- 13th Boosterthon Fun Run
- 16th Non-Student Day
- 20th All Pro Dad Meeting / Reflections Entries Due
- 24th Family Fun Movie Night

November

- 1st Report Cards Available
- 10th No School - Veterans Day Observed
- 11th Veterans Day
- 15th Dine Out - BurgerFi & Chipotle
- 16th Great American Teach In
- 17th All Pro Dads Meeting
- 20-24 No school - Fall Break

BUY THE SUNSHINE



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!

www.mckitrickpta.com/yearbook



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Congratulations to **Ms. Okby / Ms. Alderman's** class for winning the PTA membership drive!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

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!

A survey will be emailed in October and we need your answers to identify and implement an action plan for school improvement.





FUNdraising Corner

Thank you to our Bobcat families, teachers & staff who attended our first Family Dine Out at Three Brothers Pizza. It was a huge success! We raised over **\$1,000** for our school!

Football season is here! You can't beat these price per person deals! Offers good on game days--College Football Saturdays and NFL Game Days on Sunday, Monday and Thursday.



THREE BROTHERS
* NEW YORK PIZZA *

GAME DAY & CATERING SPECIALS

 <p>Feeds 8-10 2 Lg (16") Cheese Pizzas 20-pc Wings \$46.95 (5.87 per person)</p>	 <p>Feeds 40-50 10 Lg (16") Cheese Pizzas 120-pc Wings \$249.95 (4.99 per person)</p>	 <p>Feeds 6-10 Sausage&Peppers or Chicken Parm \$32.95 (3.30 per person)</p>
 <p>Feeds 8 2 Lg Cheese (16") Pizzas Lg Chicken Tenders Lg Salad \$42.95 (5.37 per person)</p>	 <p>Feeds 12-15 3 LG (16") Cheese Pizzas Half tray of Penne Vodka Half tray of House or Caesar Salad \$85.95 (5.73 per person)</p>	 <p>Feeds 4-8 Sandwich & Wrap Platters • Chicken Caesar • Spicy Chicken • Italian • Balsamic Eggplant *4 in each, cut into thirds* \$30 (5.00 per person)</p>

ADD 30 WINGS TO ANY PACKAGE FOR ONLY \$30!!

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

DUO

DINE OUT



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH | 5-9PM
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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 9DANTHK
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward 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.

Odessa

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



McKitrick Elementary School families!

McKitrick Sprinting to Change the World Fun Run kicks off **October 4th** & the Fun Run will be **October 13th**! Our students and staff are so excited! We're looking forward to having fun and building community together.



[Log into MYBOOSTER.COM today to get started!](https://www.mybooster.com)

Register & share today to help our school reach our goal of \$50,000 for students & staff.

Thank you for supporting our school - we are grateful for our amazing school community!

Fun Run times:

- K & 1st: 8-8:45
- 2nd & 3rd: 9-9:45
- 4th & 5th: 10-10:45



**FIND
A NEED**



**WRITE
A PLAN**



**RALLY
A TEAM**



**LAUNCH
IT NOW**



**GRIT
IT OUT**

HEY FAMILIES! WE'RE RAISING FUNDS!
REGISTER TODAY!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



MYBOOSTER.COM



Register for our event

Share your donation link

Give to our school fundraiser



Learn more about our all-inclusive celebration event on **MYBOOSTER.COM**



McKitrick Elementary School
CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY!



THANK YOU

FOR MAKING EVERYDAY



Shine

We appreciate
your hard work and dedication
each and every day!!



Ice Cream Social

We kicked off the school year with an ice cream social and had a fantastic turnout!

Ice cream was partially sponsored by Blue Bell. Dawson Dance, Cheval Club, and Art Paper Scissors provided entertainment for the kids and we had two food trucks on campus! Spirit wear was also present with their t-shirt press handy!

Students also had the opportunity to take a photo op with Blaze, our Bobcat mascot!

Special thanks to all the families that signed up for PTA memberships!

Keep an eye out for our next family fun night! Movie Night at McKitrick on October 24th!



FREE
POPCORN



MOVIE NIGHT

TUESDAY 10.24.2023
MCKITRICK CAFETERIA
5-7PM



THREE BROTHERS
• NEW YORK PIZZA •

*Movie begins promptly at 5:15

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WATER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**
***WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

Wear pajamas & bring your own blanket or chair!



October Update & Highlights!

Our next All Pro Dads meeting is scheduled for **October 20th**. This month, we'll be touching on the importance of **'Creativity'** in our daily lives. Join us at **7:00 AM in the McKitrick cafeteria** to connect, share breakfast, and continue

our heartwarming tradition of walking our children to their classrooms.

RSVP at https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/47602/rsvp or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance.

Recap of September's Meeting

Thank you to the wonderful dads and kids who joined our last session focused on Self-Control! For those who couldn't join us, we encourage you to dive into this exercise at home:



**Scan to Join
October
Meeting!**

Dad to Kid: Why do you think having self-control is important?

Dad to Kid: What are some things you could do to exercise self-control?

Kid to Dad: Can you tell me a time when you waited for something?

Kid to Dad: What's the best thing you've ever waited for?

Self-control requires us to pause before we do something, even if we really want to do it. By pausing, we give ourselves time to think about whether what we want to do is really a good idea—and if it isn't, we decide not to do it.

As always feel free to get in touch with your All Pro Dad captain Steve Attard anytime at allprodads@mckitrickpta.com with your suggestions and feedback.

Let's bring that same enthusiasm to our next meeting and keep forging these precious connections with our kids. See you next month and let's make it another impactful session!



Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped make all the following events a success in the past month, the **Ice-cream Social, Fall Picture Day** and **Book Fair!** We could not have done it without your support. Looking ahead to October, we are excited to provide our members with volunteer opportunities to help us host our largest fundraiser of the year, **Boosterthon!** We will need volunteers to help sort and distribute prizes on campus leading up to the day of the event, and we will also need volunteers to help during the day of the event on Friday October 13th!



- Sign up at Signup Genius to help distribute prizes [here](#)
- To help during the day of the event, please sign up [here](#)

Last but not least, we look forward to having our volunteers help with **Family Fun Movie Night** on Tuesday, October 24th. Please stay tuned for a sign-up in the upcoming weeks.

As always, we appreciate your generosity and dedication and we value our volunteers. As a gentle reminder, you must have a [Y.E.S form](#) approved by HCPS before performing any in-person volunteer work.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We are actively looking for tutoring volunteers!! Please fill out the Tutoring Interest Form for more information → <https://forms.gle/qU8aW2af6pek2xfM8>

We need lunchroom heroes to save the day! Please sign up through the following link → <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AEAC2FA2F4CE9-44759619-lunchroom#/>

McKittrick Elementary

TUTORS NEEDED

We need you for:

- 30-minute tutoring session, 1 or 2 times a week for the school year during school hours
- No experience needed
- Schedule and classwork will be worked out individually with teachers assigned
- PTA will provide a short training session.

Share your passion for making a difference and join us in our mission to better our community.

Please fill out the Tutoring Interest Form
Contact us for more information
✉ tutoring@mckittrickpta.com



OCTOBER LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to help in the cafeteria to assist our lunch staff and students. Please sign up via Signup Genius Link provided.



Reach out to Mrs. Stone for any questions: kimberly.stone@hcps.net

McKitrick Cares

McKitrick Cares is looking to continue to help students and families in our community. This year we hope to support McKitrick and other Hillsborough County students through events like the coat drive and toy drive. Be on the lookout for more information on ways you can help.



McKitrick Serves

Volunteer opportunity at the Humane Society's Paws for Literacy program they offer on **Tuesday and Thursday 2:45-4pm**. Paws for Literacy is a free program offered for children ages 5 and up. Humane Society provides reading stools, books and treats (for the animals), but children are welcome to bring their own books if they wish. Books provided include animal tales, stories of the animal-human bond, and books that teach empathy to young readers. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Reflections

Reflection entries are due October 20th.

Please visit the [Reflections page](#) on the McKitrick PTA website for more information and contest forms.

If you have any questions, email reflections@mckitrickpta.com.



Are you interested in submitting your art for the Reflections Contest?

CALLING ALL:

Artists
Choreographers
Dancers
Film Producers
Musicians
Photographers
Writers

More information can be found at www.McKitrickPTA.com
You can also email us at reflections@McKitrickPTA.com to answer any questions you may have about the program. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59PM ON OCTOBER 20TH VIA EMAIL TO: reflections@mckitrickPTA.com**

This is a national program with awards available to our students. There are awards available at the school, county, state and national level. We also honor students who participate with fun incentives. All forms and descriptions available at our trifold stations in hard copy form at specials or PTA.org/Reflections





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Primrose School of Lutz is owned by Ketan and Ami Gohil, after taking over ownership on May 1, 2017. Mr. & Mrs. Gohil also own a thriving Primrose School in the Bloomingdale area that opened in 2011, and Mrs. Gohil taught Pre-Kindergarten for several years at another local Primrose School. They have two daughters that are both Primrose School graduates, and live in the Lutz area.

Each Primrose school is independently owned and operated by Franchise Owners, who partner with parents to help children build the right foundation for future learning and life, and offer an environment that helps children have fun while nurturing Active Minds, Healthy Bodies and Happy Hearts®.

Primrose School of Lutz is managed by Mrs. Sonya Boyette, Managing Director of Operations, and operated daily by Mrs. Monica Rivas. Mrs. Boyette has over 18 years of Primrose experience and over 30 years of experience in Early Childhood Education as a teacher, management team member, trainer, and Franchise Owner. Mrs. Rivas has over 10 years of experience in Early Childhood Education and 5 years with Primrose Schools. The Leadership Team includes, Ms. Danielle Nales (Admin Assistant), Mrs. Samantha Strong (Education Coordinator), and Mrs. Denise Meier (Education Assistant). The Leadership Team has over 30 years of experience with Primrose Schools, as teachers and management team members.

We are in our first Semester in our Academic School year for our Infant through Pre-Kindergarten classes, and we are looking forward to an exciting Summer Camp for our after-school age children, full of live and virtual field trips, in-house guest speakers/activities, cooking lessons, art appreciation, science fun, and more! Our STEAM based themes make Summer Camp learning fun and challenging. We have low student/teacher ratios, meals included, and experienced/trained teachers.

Primrose School of Lutz is accepting applications for just a few openings in a couple of classes for our 2023 – 2024 Academic School Year. Enrollment for 2024 – 2025 will be open to the public Spring 2024, and we will be accepting applications for new students. To learn more about our school and programs, logon to our website: www.primroselutz.com or our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/primroselutz . You may also contact the school office at [813.920.9384](tel:813.920.9384).



Thank you to our McKittrick Business Partners!

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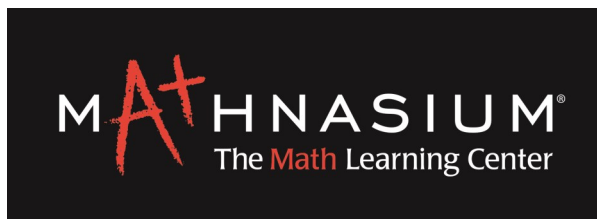
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Silver



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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. McKitrick Elementary School

2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Heather Foster

Family Dine Outs: Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson

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Jennifer Teixeira & Lacey Ranucci**

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Newsletter: Cristine Whitman

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