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Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President

Hi Bobcats! We hope you enjoyed fall break and are ready for a magical December.

We hope to see you at the Family Fun Night Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm. It is an amazing event where you can socialize with other McKittrick families and get into the holiday spirit. Here are just a few vendors and activities to look forward to:

- Free hot chocolate!
- Three Brothers Pizza, The Twisted Kettle and more snack options
- Fun activities & crafts
- Holiday Shop
- Toy Drive - Free cookie to anyone who brings a new unwrapped toy
- McKittrick Cares Toy Drive benefiting McKittrick Elementary students
- Holiday Concert featuring the Melody Makers Chorus, Bobcat Singers Chorus, Mickey Tricks Rock Band, and Ukulele Ensemble starting at 5:30pm

Don't forget that the Holiday Shop & McKittrick Cares Toy Drive are taking place the entire week from December 9-13th. Visit Tree Brothers to get a holiday wreath or tree to help 5th graders raise money for their end of the year activities. Check to make sure you've purchased a yearbook and 5th grade dedication ad before prices increase. If you have any questions, please reach out to us on our website at [mckittrickpta.com](http://mckittrickpta.com).

On behalf of the McKittrick PTA, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope you enjoy time with your family!

Heather Foster, PTA President

## CALENDAR

### December

9-13 Holiday Shop /  
McKittrick Cares Toy  
Drive

12th Holiday Concert

13th All Pro Dads Meeting

16-20 Holiday Spirit Week

Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter  
Break

### January

6th Early release day

13th Early release day

17th All Pro Dads Meeting

22nd PTA General  
Meeting

28th SMATH and Literacy  
Family Night

31st Sweetheart Dance

# 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

**McKitrick PTA Website**

**McKitrick PTA Store**

**McKitrick PTA Facebook**

**McKitrick PTA Twitter**

**McKitrick Elementary Website**

**2024-2025 School Calendar**

**McKitrick Lunch Menus**

**Meal Pre-Pay**

## McKitrick Elementary

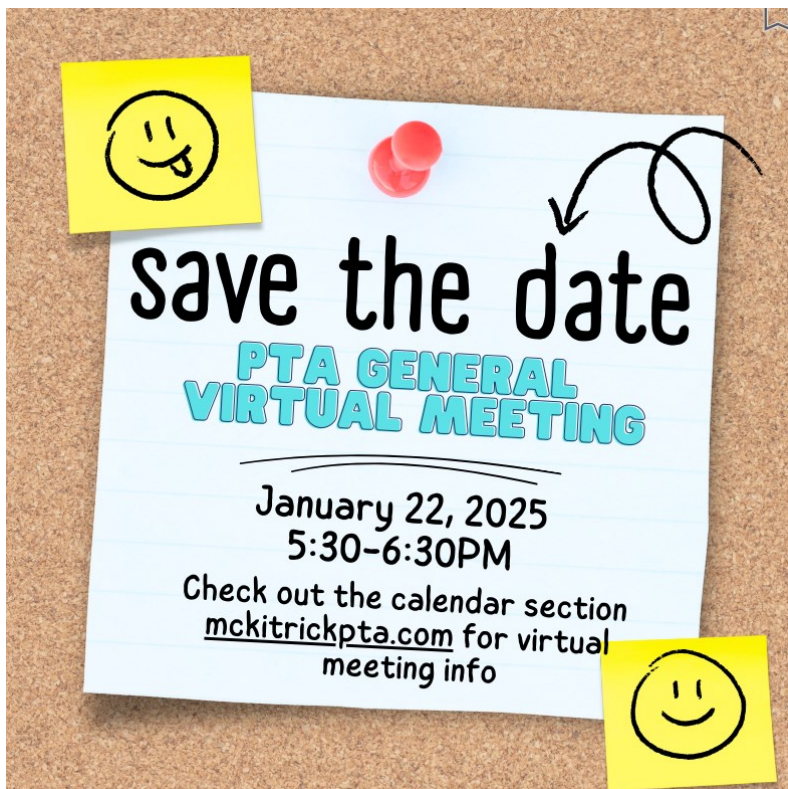
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Lutz, Florida 33558

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Principal/Administrator:

**Allison Cline**



# 2024/25 McKittrick Yearbook



**ORDER  
NOW!**

**Yearbooks are a great way  
we capture memories and  
can look back on all the fun  
we had for years to come!**

**Scan the QR code now to order a  
2024-2025 McKittrick yearbook!**

**PRICES WILL INCREASE  
JANUARY 28TH!**

**SCAN HERE**



**ORDER NOW**

**NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

## **5th Grade Yearbook Dedications**

Sales will be open until January 30th, but there will be a price increase on January 1st. You can order your ad now and submit the design at a later date!

To order your fifth-grade dedication visit the site below (choosing "Start your Ad" from the "Share Your Love" section).

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/10651>

**SCAN HERE**







# 5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

## *Holiday* FUNDRAISER

November 22-December 6th



# TREE BROTHERS



## ▲ CHRISTMAS ▲

Step 1: Visit one (or both  tree lots)



Keystone Prep High School: 18105 Gunn Hwy, Odessa



Oldsmar Flea Market: 180 Race Track Rd, Oldsmar

Step 2: Choose your tree and/or wreath

5ft-15ft Trees!

Step 3: Mention your school at checkout



\$10 goes back to your school for every tree sold



\$5 goes back to your school for every wreath sold



## DIRECT DONATIONS



**MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY**

# **Toy Drive**

**Accepting Donations**

**December 9-13, 2024**

**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.**

**Donations to benefit students and brighten their holiday.**

**Thank you for  
your generosity!**

**We will also be  
collecting  
donations at the  
Holiday Concert  
on 12/12.**



**If you have any questions, please contact: [mckitrickcares@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:mckitrickcares@mckitrickpta.com)**



# MCKITRICK HOLIDAY CONCERT

**December 12, 2024**

**5-7 PM**

**Performances starting at 5:30 by:  
Melody Makers, Bobcat Singers Chorus,  
Mickey Tricks**

**Please join us in the cafeteria for  
complimentary hot chocolate and activities.  
The holiday shop will also be open. Food and  
snacks will be available to 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's WONDERLAND

## Gift Shop



DECEMBER 9TH-13TH

**Students will shop as a class**

Students can pay with cash, Check or gift card. To purchase a gift card go to [www.wonderland-GC.com](http://www.wonderland-GC.com)

**Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities**

More Information to come



**MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY**

# **HOLIDAY**

**SPIRIT WEEK!**

**FRIDAY, 12/13      HANNUKKAH DAY**

wear blue, white, and/or silver

**MONDAY, 12/16      GRINCH DAY**

wear green and/or red

**TUESDAY, 12/17      GINGERBREAD DAY**

show your gingerbread spirit...

wear brown or your favorite color of candy.

**WEDNESDAY, 12/18      SNOW PERSON DAY**

wear white and a scarf like a snowman or snowwoman

**THURSDAY, 12/19      REINDEER DAY**

wear brown like a reindeer... antlers if you like

**FRIDAY, 12/20      POLAR EXPRESS DAY**

wear school appropriate pajamas and slippers

please bring a change of shoes for PE/ recess (if participating)







# SAVE *the* DATE

*for the 2025  
McKitrick Sweetheart Dance*

A NIGHT IN PARIS  
AT SOIRÉE STATE

JANUARY 31, 2025

6:00PM - 8:30PM

*more information to follow*

A graphic for 'SMATH AND LITERACY NIGHT!'. The title is in large blue letters. To the left is an illustration of a globe with a rocket, stars, and an open book. Above the globe are two gears and a lightbulb. To the right are various math symbols (plus, minus, multiply, divide), a ruler, a protractor, and a microscope.

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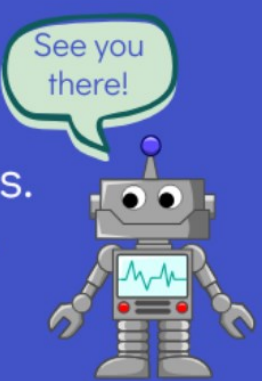
**SMATH**

AND

**LITERACY NIGHT!**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Teachers will provide hands on learning through science, math and literacy activities. The SLAM showcase will displayed in the media center.

A small robot character with a speech bubble that says 'See you there!'.

Thank you to the families & staff for coming out to **Hungry Greek** for our dine out!







# Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School

## 2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

**President:** Heather Foster

**Vice President:** Brandi Kenny

**Treasurer:** Gina Sciatcchitano

**Recording Secretary:** Erin Circelli

**Teacher representative:** Principal Cline,  
Mrs. Contreras, Mrs. Behnke

**Parent Outreach:** Viviana Lit

**Fundraising:** Darbie Wilder

**Special Events:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Student/School Support:** Risa Anasky

**Programs:** Barrie Vause

**Communications:** Lauren Constantine

**Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up:**  
**OPEN POSITION**

**All Pro Dads:** Steve Attard

**Homeroom Parents:** Brittany Harake

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jessica Irizarri

**Memberships:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Spirit Wear:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Boosterthon:** Lindsay Jimison, Erin Circelli,  
Jincy Soler

**Holiday Shop:** Lisa Peluso &  
Megan Wilson

**Bobcat Bash:** Barrie Vause, Jennifer  
Teixeira

**Business Partners:** Cristine Whitman

**Family Dine Outs:** **OPEN POSITION**

**Sweetheart Event:** Lindsay Whitney,  
Shelley Blanco

**Sons & Stars Event:** Alexandra Santana,  
Michelle Dacanay, Heather Hubbard

**Concessions:** Louise Johnstone

**Family Nights:** Amy Sweeney, Donna  
Tucker, Lauren Jennings, Patricia Baldwin

**Fifth Grade Activities:** Chryssa Samhoury

**Open House:** Heather Foster & Lindsay  
Jimison

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation:** Ariel  
Martinez, Jincy Soler, Dani Molla

**Health & Safety:** **OPEN POSITION**

**McKitrick Serves:** **OPEN POSITION**

**McKitrick Cares:** Hyojeong Bae

**Reflections:** Meredith Renuart & Viviana Lit

**Tutoring:** Ariel Martinez

**Junior Achievement:** Loren Mednick

**Website/Givebacks:** Hanyeh Pulver

**Yearbook:** Robert Hudson & Lacey Ranucci

**Social Media:** Chryssa Samhoury

**Newsletter:** Cristine Whitman

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