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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy Holidays McKitrick!

I can't believe it is already December. Our PTA is working extremely hard this month. Be sure to attend the Family Fun Night Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00-7:00 pm. It is an amazing event where you can socialize with other McKitrick 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, Station House BBQ and The Twisted Kettle
- SWAG Party Rentals & Cheval will also have some fun activities
- Winter Spirit Wear Sale with Elite Ink
- Holiday Shop
- McKitrick Cares Toy Drive benefiting McKitrick & Alexander Elementary students
- Photos with Blaze the Bobcat
- Holiday Concert featuring the Bobcat Singers Chorus, Mickey Tricks Rock Band & Melody Makers starting at 6pm

We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget that the Holiday Shop & McKitrick Cares Toy Drive are the entire week from December 4-8th. Our spirit wear sale is also going on until December 8th. Don't miss out!

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

Heather Foster PTA
President



CALENDAR

December

- 1-8 Winter Spirit Wear Sale
- 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

January

- 15th No School—MLK Day
- 19th All Pro Dad Meeting
- 22-26 Florida Literacy Week
- 25th SMATH & Literacy Night

McKitrick Elementary

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Allison Cline

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.



Quick Links

[McKitrick PTA Website](#)

[McKitrick PTA Store](#)

[McKitrick PTA Facebook](#)

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[McKitrick Elementary Website](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[McKitrick Lunch Menus](#)

[Meal Pre-Pay](#)

McKitrick Elementary HOLIDAY Spirit Weeks

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH: HANUKKAH DAY
WEAR BLUE, WHITE, AND/OR SILVER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH: GRINCH DAY
WEAR GREEN AND/OR RED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH: GINGERBREAD DAY
SHOW YOUR GINGERBREAD SPIRIT. WEAR BROWN OR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR OF CANDY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH: FROSTY & FRIENDS DAY
WEAR WHITE AND A SCARF LIKE A SNOWMAN OR SNOW WOMAN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST: REINDEER DAY
DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE REINDEER WITH YOUR BEST ANTLERS

+FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND: POLAR EXPRESS DAY

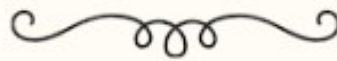
WEAR FESTIVE PAJAMAS & YOUR SLIPPERS - IF YOUR STUDENT HAS PE, PLEASE BRING A CHANGE OF SHOES






MCKITRICK ELEMETARY

Holiday
CONCERT




MUSIC : FOOD TRUCKS : ACTIVITES

 Wed, 6 December

 5 PM - 7 PM

*Performances by Bobcat Singers Chorus, Mickey Tricks Rock Band and Melody Makers Chorus begin at 6pm.
Student performances by grade will occur at the Spring concert.

 McKitrick Elementary
Cafeteria & Covered Court

Complimentary  

Holiday Shop: OPEN

Accepting toy donations for
children in need!



McKitrick's 2023

HOLIDAY Shop

December 4th-8th

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

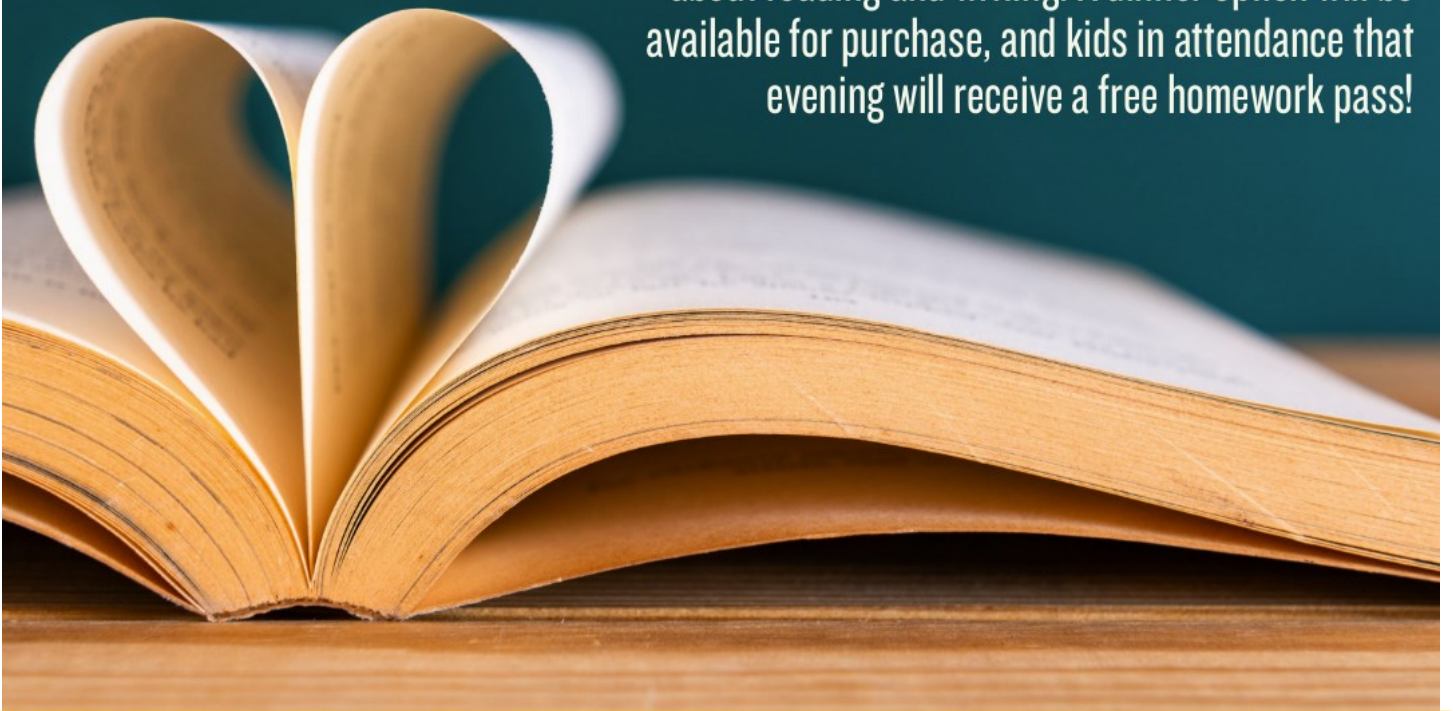
**Students will shop with their class at
assigned times. Items range from 50¢ to \$22!**

Don't forget your shopping list!

SAVE THE DATE!

SMATH & LITERACY NIGHT IS BACK!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, January 25, 2024 for some fun learning with your Bobcat friends. Teachers will provide hands-on learning through science, math & literacy activities in the cafeteria, while the library will get everyone excited about reading and writing! A dinner option will be available for purchase, and kids in attendance that evening will receive a free homework pass!



BUY THE SUNSHINE

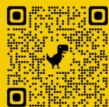


2023/24 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

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

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

www.mckitrickpta.com/yearbook



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



FUNdraising Corner

As promised, for reaching and exceeding our \$50K Boosterthon goal, the students enjoyed a dance & popsicle party!

Blaze, the Bobcat Mascot, showcased his moves on the dance floor while Bach2Rock played the latest tunes! 🎧

👏 Shoutout to the school's administration, teachers, boosterthon committee, and volunteers who made this event a blast for the students!!!



THANK YOU TO OUR BOBCAT FAMILIES,
TEACHERS AND STAFF
FOR SUPPORTING OUR DINE OUT DUO



WE RAISED OVER \$700
FOR OUR SCHOOL!!

MCKITRICK
ELEMENTARY

WINTER SPIRIT WEAR SALE



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12/1/23 - 12/8/23

ADDITIONAL DESIGNS AND COLORS AVAILABLE ONLINE!
ONLINE STORE WILL BE OPEN DECEMBER 1ST AND CLOSE ON DECEMBER 8TH. ELITE INK WILL BE ONSITE FOR WINTER PERFORMANCE WITH SIZING SAMPLES. NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE STORE IS CLOSED. ORDERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CLASSROOMS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18TH.
SPIRITWEAR@MCKITRICKPTA.ORG.



Nothing Bundt Cake **FUNDRAISER**

Makes a great holiday dessert or gift!

Support our 5th graders & their year of fun by purchasing a sweet treat today!

Vouchers will be sent home with your child prior to December 20th

Send in check or cash with order form by 12/15/23

****ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12/15****





December Update & Highlights!

Attention dads! With the holiday season upon us, it's a great time to connect deeper with our kids. Our next All Pro Dads meeting is scheduled for **Friday December 15th, 7:00 am, at McKittrick Elementary's cafeteria**. This

month, we're diving into the theme of Forgiveness - a crucial conversation for us and our kids especially at this time of year.

RSVP at https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/47604/rsvp to help us book the right amount of space. As usual, don't forget to bring your ID for a smooth check-in at the school reception.

Holiday Book Drive

Also, we're excited to announce our '**holiday book drive**'! I've curated a wish list of 3 books that delve into various aspects of forgiveness and nurturing relationships for different age groups. We'll give out the books to every family attending our next meeting! We wanted to create an opportunity for fostering connections at home while also sending out a positive message around gift-giving so please check out the wish list here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1K2GVO4QPKUOT?ref=wl_share or scan the QR



**Scan to Join
our Book
Drive!**



code below. Your contribution can make a big difference to other families!

Recap of November's Happy Hour

Our recent All Pro Dad social event at Double Bogeys was incredibly fulfilling experience, drawing in 15 dads throughout the evening. The atmosphere buzzed with shared experiences as we enjoyed a rare opportunity to connect and strengthen bonds in a kid-free environment.

It was particularly exciting to welcome some new dads to the group! The evening underscored the importance of creating spaces for dads to come together and support each other in our parenting journeys. Looking forward to more of this in the new year.

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

DECEMBER VOLUNTEER UPDATE

As we near the close of 2023, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our dedicated volunteers. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant impact on our school community. We deeply appreciate your willingness to share your time and talents to enrich the lives of our students.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our PTA leadership team for their exceptional guidance and unwavering commitment to excellence. Their leadership has been instrumental in ensuring a successful start to this school year. Additionally, I want to recognize the dedication of our committee chairs and members. Their hard work and dedication have played a vital role in creating a vibrant and supportive school environment.

Tutoring

We are happy to announce that our tutoring program has been running smoothly for the past month! Some teachers are in need of additional tutors in their classrooms. If you're interested in joining our team of tutors, please complete this form for further details, and our tutoring committee will reach out to you: <https://forms.gle/PBcYJDCaqGtcarYn9>

A huge thank you to **Ariel Martinez** for spearheading the tutoring committee this year and making it a success.

Holiday Shop

Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer at the Holiday Shop! We still have open slots available if you haven't signed up yet or would like to volunteer for additional shifts. Please visit this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAEAC29A75-45763239-2023#/>

Lunchroom Help

We need your help to keep our lunchroom running smoothly during December.

Please sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AEAC2FA2F4CE9-44759619-lunchroom#/>

Please remember to complete the [Y.E.S form](#) before engaging in any volunteer activities, including being a classroom helper. Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

*2023 Volunteer Coordinator
McKitrick Elementary PTA*



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@mckitrickpta.com

Volunteers needed

Our annual holiday shop is around the corner. We need your help. Come join the fun!!!

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA SIGNUP GENIUS LINK



DECEMBER



Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please sign up via Signup Genius link provided.



WE WISH OUR VOLUNTEERS A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON



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





MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

Toy Drive

Accepting Donations


December 4-8, 2023

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 12/6.



If you have any questions, please contact: mckitrickcares@mckitrickpta.com

Reflections

Congratulations to all who participated in our Reflections contest! McKitrick has some amazing entries! All students will be honored in an upcoming ceremony and receive a gift from the school just for participating. Here are the students advancing to Hillsborough County Reflections!



Dance:

- #1- Adeline Leske
- #2- Diya Chhabria and Reika Chandra (duet)

Literature Primary:

- #1- Anna Hurless
- #2- Swara Shervegar

Visual Art- Intermediate:

- #1- Tymek De Cruze
- #2- Ovi Tandlekar
- #3- Anya Adhikari

Music Composition:

- #1- Kinnari Patel
- #2- Anya Adhikari
- #3- Emma Hopper

Visual Art- Primary:

- #1- Swara Shervegar
- #2- Anna Hurless
- #3- Adam Harake

Music Composition- Primary:

- #1- Anna Hurless

Photography:

- #1- Shanaya Makhecha

Literature:

- #1- Nithya Ashwin
- #2- Puran Naresh
- #3- Anya Adhikari

Film:

- #1- Adeline Sanders





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

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- Individual document and package prices available at FLPLawfirm.com

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The advertisement features a dark blue header with the FLP logo and tagline. Below this is a photograph of a woman smiling and kissing a young child on the cheek. The text 'Protect Your Family. Wills. Trusts. Estates.' is overlaid on the photo. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the phone number and website URL.

Thank you to our McKittrick Business Partners!

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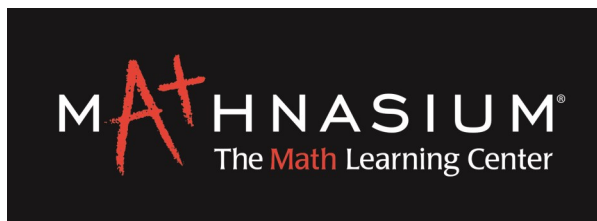


Thank you to our McKitrick Business Partners!

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. McKitrick Elementary School

2023-2024 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Heather Foster

Family Dine Outs: Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson

Vice President: Lindsay Jimison

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Jennifer Teixeira & Lacey Ranucci

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Borio, Consuelo Benassi De Tilio & Shelley
Blanco

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Contreras

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Parent Outreach: Gina Willemin

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Christie Quinones, Lacey Ranucci & Lauren
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Rendel, Lauren Borio

Programs: Barrie Vause

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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**

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McKitrick Serves: Katie Metz

Volunteer Coordinator: Viviana Lit

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Memberships: Kim Hunt

Reflections: Meredith Renuart

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Ptack

Tutoring: Ariel Martinez

Boosterthon: Consuelo Benassi De Tilio, Erin
Circelli, Christie Quinones, Jincy Solar & Gina
Willemin

Junior Achievement: Loren Mednick

Holiday Shop: Lisa Peluso &
Megan Wilson

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Steve Attard & Hanyeh Pulver

Bobcat Bash: Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin,
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!