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Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

## Message from the PTA President

### February President's Message

Hi Bobcats! Thank you to our amazing teachers and volunteers for putting together the hands-on activities for our SMATH + Literacy Family Fun Night. Round of applause for the students that created artwork that was on display in the SLAM Showcase and the awesome STEM fair projects that were on the stage.

If you missed our January General PTA Meeting on 1/29, we uploaded the meeting notes to our website at [Meeting Agendas & Minutes \(mckitrickpta.com\)](https://mckitrickpta.com). It is filled with upcoming event information and highlights from the school year so far. Be sure to check it out!

Each year we get to nominate and elect the next PTA Executive Board. Applications open February 9th - 20th for the following PTA positions - President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested, please check out the google form to apply: [Executive Board Nomination Form](#)

We are also looking to fill our committee and chair positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Do you enjoy all of the programs and events the school and PTA have? In order to make those happen, we have an amazing group of our McKitrick families working together. Please consider joining our team. We have many positions with varying time commitments and responsibilities that can fit your availability. Please reach out to anyone on the PTA to get more information on a role that would be great for you. Many hands make light work!

Barrie Vause  
PTA President

## CALENDAR

### February

- 13th No School  
(FL State Fair Day)
- 16th Non Student Day
- 20th All Pro Dad's Meeting/  
Sweetheart Dance
- 26th Conference Night/  
Kindergarten  
Readiness Event
- 27th Citizen of the Month/  
True Colors

### March

- 2nd NO SCHOOL
- 5th Individual/class photos
- 6th Sons & Stars
- 12th 5th grade Busch Gardens  
field trip/Martinez Open house
- 13th All Pro Dads
- 16-20 Spring Break
- 23rd NO SCHOOL
- 27th Citizen of the Month/True  
Colors/Bobcat Bash

# ALL PRO DAD CHAPTERS

## WHAT WE DO...

All Pro Dad Chapters provide an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship. For one hour each month you'll get to join other dads and kids at school for a fun, memory-making event.

## DID YOU KNOW...

when a dad is actively involved in his child's life, the child will have...



BETTER GRADES



ENHANCED CREATIVITY



FEWER BEHAVIORAL ISSUES



STRONGER FATHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

## Join Us for our next meeting!

Location: McKittrick Cafeteria

Date: Friday, February 20, 2026

Time: 7am

MESSAGE: ***Dads...Take the special opportunity to eat breakfast, quick discussion and walk your kids to class!***

***Please RSVP below, so we know how many people are coming.***

**\* PLEASE ARRIVE @ 6:45am FOR CHECK-IN!**



Let us know if you're coming.  
**RSVP using our QR code!**

<https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990>

FOLLOW US:



@AllProDad

# *Cruising into 6th*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MCKITRICK 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

- THURS, MARCH 12: BUSCH GARDENS FIELD TRIP
- THURS, MARCH 12: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION  
AT MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL, 5-7PM
- SAT, MARCH 28: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
- FRI, MAY 22: FIELD DAY
- WED, MAY 27: BANQUET
- THURS, MAY 28: AWARDS CEREMONY @ 8:15AM
- FRI, MAY 29: CLAP OUT @ 8AM

\*Awards ceremony is by invitation  
only. All parents are invited  
to attend the clap-out.



**MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS**

# **SONS & STARS EVENT**

**SUPERHERO NIGHT**



**MCKITRICK BOYS, TEAM UP WITH YOUR SPECIAL HERO FOR AN EPIC TIME!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**LASER OPS EXTREME**  
**GAMING ARCADE**  
**6283 W. WATERS AVE.**  
**TAMPA, FL 33634**



- Laser Tag
- Nerf Court
- VR (excludes hyper deck)
- Non-redemption wrist bands for the duration of event



- Includes: Pizza, Salad & Drinks
- Dress Code: Comfortable clothing. Superhero Attire Encouraged.

**\$50 PER DUO\***  
 (\*1 ADULT + 1 CHILD)/  
**\$25 SIBLING TICKET**  
 PLEASE NOTE: ONE ADULT  
 GUEST PERMITTED PER  
**FAMILY**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
**ONLINE ONLY:**  
**FEBRUARY 10-27**  
**MCKITRICK,**  
**MEMBERHUB.COM/**  
**STORE**

**Questions?**  
 Please contact Sarah Carpenter at  
[sonsandstars@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:sonsandstars@mckitrickpta.com)

**SCAN TO BUY TICKETS**





# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **CAR WASH**

March 28<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm

Wendys (Dale Mabry/Vets)

17951 N. Dale Mabry Hwy Lutz, 33548



## **CAR WASH**

HELP SUPPORT MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!  
FUNDS GO TOWARD 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BANQUET & FIELD DAY.

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**12 - 2 pm**

• WENDY'S • 17951 N. DALE MABRY HWY • LUTZ, 33548

Bring this ticket to redeem your car wash.  
Rain or shine, will be canceled for lightning.



# \$5

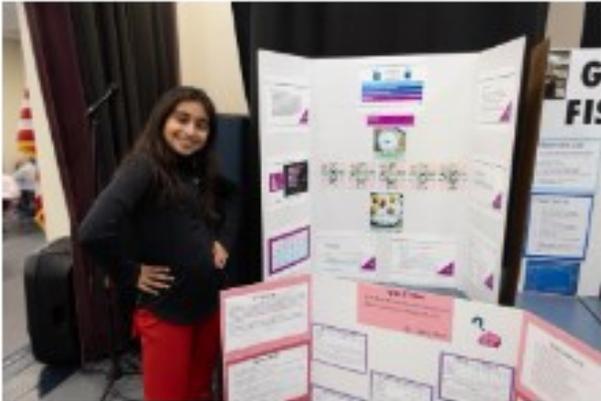
More information to come.



Thank you to our Bobcat community for all of the clothing and hygiene product donations. Our 5th grade class was able to sort and organize many bags of donated clothing to prepare them for distribution to other students in need. Our 5th graders saved Oasis Opportunity staff and volunteers an estimated four months' worth of sorting time & had fun doing it! Missed the opportunity to donate? There is an orange bin outside the school's fence you can place donations in anytime.



# SMATH night, SLAM Showcase, and STEM fair projects





# McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

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## 2025-2026 MCKITRICK PTA

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RECORDING SECRETARY- ERIN CIRCELLI  
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SPECIAL EVENTS- SHEA GRAFF-MCPHERREN & ASHLEY ITZKOWITZ  
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PROGRAMS- ARIEL MARTINEZ  
COMMUNICATIONS- LAUREN CONSTANTINE  
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MANDY MARAS, JENNA WILSON, AND LIZZY SINGLETON  
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HOLIDAY SHOP- LISA PELUSO AND MEGAN WILSON  
BOBCAT BASH- JENNIFER TEIXEIRA AND LAUREN ALLEN  
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FAMILY DINE OUTS- COURTNEY CHANTER  
SWEETHEART EVENT- HANNAH DINEEN, SHELLEY BLANCO, ASHLEY ITZKOWITZ,  
JESSICA IRIZARRI & GABRIELA SANABRIA  
SONS & STARS EVENT- SARAH CARPENTER  
FAMILY NIGHTS- AMY SWEENEY, DONNA TUCKER, DANIELLE  
JOHNSON, PATRICIA BALDWIN, & HANNAH BREIG  
FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES- DARBIE WILDER & BRITTANY HARAKE  
OPEN HOUSE- LINDSAY JIMISON  
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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!