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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

As we head into this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support. We are so lucky to have such a generous and caring community here at McKittrick!

In October, our Boosterthon Fun Run raised over \$65,000, which will go directly toward shade sails for the back court and teacher grants. Because we met (and exceeded!) our goal, students can look forward to the teachers and staff inflatable costume race and games this month—get ready for some fun!

We also partnered with Alexander Elementary to collect school supplies for their parent workshops. Thanks to your donations, they successfully hosted two events to support their families—thank you for helping make that possible!

Looking ahead, we're excited to host our December Toy Drive to help spread holiday cheer to local families. With your continued support, we're hoping to make this our most successful Toy Drive yet!

Don't forget to join us for our next Dine Out Night at Mandola's on November 19th. Come enjoy dinner with fellow Bobcat families and teachers—Mandola's will be donating a portion of the proceeds back to McKittrick!

As we approach the holidays, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our families, faculty, business partners, and the amazing PTA team who make McKittrick such a special place for our children. We truly make the best team!

With gratitude,

Barrie Vause PTA President

CALENDAR

November

16th Reflections Applications Due

19th Dine out: Mandola's

20th Great American Teach-In

24th-28th Fall Break

December

1st Students return

1st—12th Toy Drive

8th-12th Holiday Shop

11th Winter Music Program

19th All Pro Dad Meeting

Dec 22-Jan 5 Winter Break

Jan 6, 2026 students return

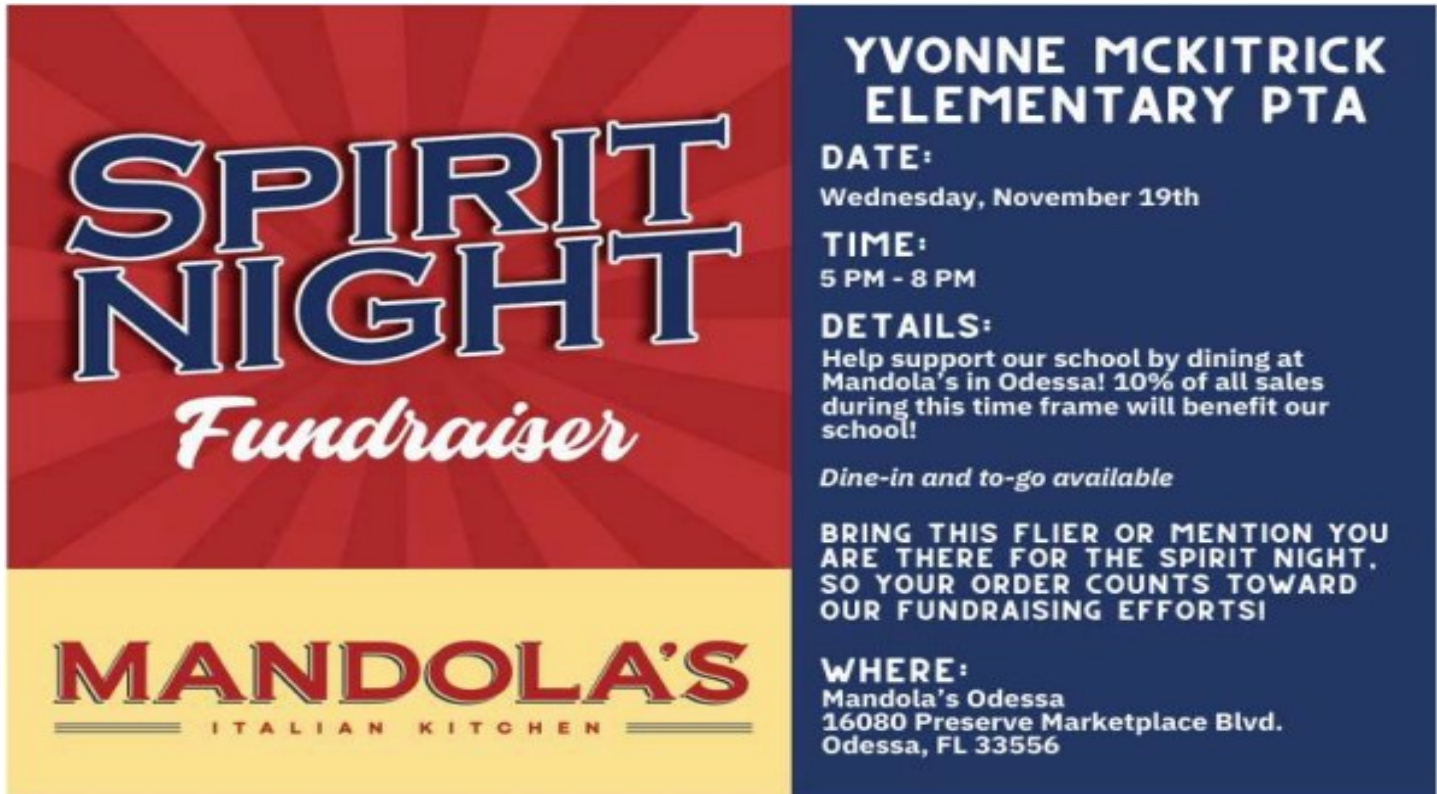


2025-2026 Student Academic Calendar Board Approved 6.4.2024

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| Students' First Day of School | Monday, August 11, 2025 |
| Labor Day/Non-Student Day | Monday, September 1, 2025 |
| End of 1st Grading Period | Friday, October 10, 2025 |
| Veterans Day/Non-Student Day | Tuesday, November 11, 2025 |
| Fall Break/Non-Student Days | Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28, 2025 |
| Students Return to School | Monday, December 1, 2025 |
| End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester | Friday, December 19, 2025 |
| Winter Break/Non-Student Days | Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026 |
| Non-Student Day | Monday, January 5, 2026 |
| Students Return to School | Tuesday, January 6, 2026 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day | Monday, January 19, 2026 |
| Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day | Friday, February 13, 2026 |
| Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day | Monday, February 16, 2026 |
| Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day | Monday, March 2, 2026 |
| End of 3rd Grading Period | Friday, March 13, 2026 |
| Spring Break/Non-Student Days | Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20, 2026 |
| Non-Student Day | Monday, March 23, 2026 |
| Students Return to School | Tuesday, March 24, 2026 |
| Non-Student Day | Friday, April 3, 2026 |
| Memorial Day/Non-Student Day | Monday, May 25, 2026 |
| Last Day of School End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester | Friday, May 29, 2026 |

Tentative Hurricane Day(s) if needed: November 11, November 24-26, and January 5

Schools follow a Monday Early Release Day schedule.
The last day of school is a 2.5-hour early release.



SPIRIT NIGHT
Fundraiser

MANDOLA'S
ITALIAN KITCHEN

**YVONNE MCKITRICK
ELEMENTARY PTA**

DATE:
Wednesday, November 19th

TIME:
5 PM - 8 PM

DETAILS:
Help support our school by dining at Mandola's in Odessa! 10% of all sales during this time frame will benefit our school!

Dine-in and to-go available

BRING THIS FLIER OR MENTION YOU ARE THERE FOR THE SPIRIT NIGHT. SO YOUR ORDER COUNTS TOWARD OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

WHERE:
Mandola's Odessa
16080 Preserve Marketplace Blvd.
Odessa, FL 33556

THANK YOU  YOU

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Brick City Dine Out! Between the two Dine Outs this year, we have raised over \$600 for our school. Our final Dine Out for 2025 will be on November 19th. Let's make this the best one yet! Take a break from cooking before Thanksgiving break, get together with other families, and dine out (or take out) to give back to our amazing school.

NURSE TAMMY
IS IN NEED OF
SHORTS
AND PANTS
FOR GIRLS AND BOYS
ALL SIZES WELCOME



You can bring in
to the office or
send with your child.

McKitrick Elementary

McKitrick Families,

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

This year's Fun Run was a HUGE success & we loved seeing all the kids having so much fun while raising funds for our school!

We are so excited to report...not only did we meet our goal of \$50K....we CRUSHED it by bringing in \$65K for our school! WOW!! Thank you for supporting our school.



McKittrick's

WONDERLAND

Gift Shop



DECEMBER 8TH-12TH

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

Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities

More Information to come



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

Toy Drive

Accepting Donations

December 1-12, 2025

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 12/11



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

**5TH GRADE
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MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY

5TH GRADE Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 12TH-DECEMBER 3RD

YOUR PURCHASE HELPS FUND FIELD TRIP, END OF YEAR BANQUET, AND FIELD DAY

WAYS TO PURCHASE:

Online: <https://mckitrick.givebacks.com/shop>

Cash: See a Fifth Grader to pay cash

**NIFTY 50 CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH**



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2025-2026
**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

I Belong!

Explore the arts and express yourself!



Submit your original work of art in response to the theme in one or all of the categories:

- ~ Dance choreography
- ~ Music composition
- ~ Film production
- ~ Photography
- ~ Literature
- ~ Visual Arts (2D or 3D)

Deadline for Entries:

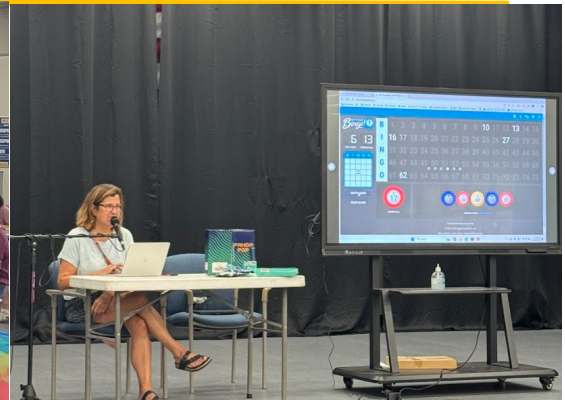
Sunday, November 16, 2025
McKitrick Elementary

For Details:

Barrie Vause
president@mckitrickpta.com

Kindergarten Family Bingo Night

Our very first Family Kindergarten Bingo Night was a huge success! Families enjoyed a fun-filled evening with popcorn, pizza, and exciting prizes. A big thank you to Mrs. Stone for being our amazing bingo caller and keeping the fun rolling all night long, and the Kindergarten teachers who joined in on the fun.





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Hello Bobcats and Bobcat families, it's Rick from Bach to Rock checking in!

Can you believe that it's been almost 7 years since we opened a few doors down from Tijuana Flats in Van Dyke Commons. Nadira from McKitrick had our very first lesson on November 10, 2018. Since that day, we've had hundreds of Bobcats taking music/DJ lessons and playing in our bands.

We feel so privileged to be part of the Sweetheart Dance and other major events each year. We are also loving our McKitrick Business Sponsor window sticker! Stop by and take a look for yourself...and come do a free trial lesson with us.

Thanks for the years of support! We look forward to continuing our great partnership with the McKitrick PTA for many years to come.



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McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

THREE BROTHERS
★ NEW YORK PIZZA ★

3 Brothers NY Pizza has been a beloved part of the community for the past 10 years. Their commitment to supporting schools, teams, charity events and special occasions truly sets them apart.

- **Delicious Pizza:** The pizza here is outstanding! They use high-quality ingredients and offer a fantastic array of toppings that cater to every taste.
- **More Than Just Pizza:** While their pizza is a highlight, don't miss out on their large selection of pastas, calzones, salads, and more. There's something for everyone!
- **Great Atmosphere:** It's the perfect spot for a casual dinner with family and friends or even a team spirit night. Plus, with several TVs around, you can catch your favorite sporting events while enjoying a delicious meal.
- **Friendly Service:** The staff is friendly and ensures that your meal is the best it can be. Their attentiveness really enhances the dining experience.
- **Affordable Prices:** The prices are very reasonable, especially considering the high quality of the food. You really get great value for your money here!

If you haven't tried 3 Brothers NY Pizza yet, I highly recommend you stop by. You won't be disappointed—we'd love to see you!

Locations are Odessa, 17773 Gunn Hwy., Odessa, fl. 33556

Palm Harbor, 3436 Tampa Rd., Palm Harbor, fl. 34684



McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight



URGENT CARE
& WELLNESS CENTER

18981 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 8:00pm Sat - Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm

813-388-5922
info@lutzuc.com | lutzuc.com

On-Site X-Rays

****Most major insurances accepted****

****On-site X-ray****

****No appointment needed****

At Urgent Care and Wellness Center we can treat most non-life threatening conditions from colds, flu, UTI's, asthma attacks, physical injuries, and much more. We are trained in suturing, abscess incision and draining, splinting, and other procedures. As an added convenience, we have an on-site X-ray machine!

We are happy to provide rapid testing for common illnesses such as influenza, COVID, Strep, and Mono. We can also send cultures for other viruses/bacteria and help provide therapy to keep your families healthy.

In addition to the urgent care visits, we also can help with sport and school physicals, along with medical clearances. We pride ourselves in serving the same community where we live and it truly is our pleasure to help keep everyone safe and healthy.