



WELCOME TO MCKITRICK  
ELEMENTARY PTA

**NEWCOMERS  
INFORMATION PACKET**

# Your PTA & School staff Welcome you to McKittrick Elementary





## BELL SCHEDULE:

ADMIN OFFICE OPENS @ 7:10AM

CLASSES BEGIN @ 7:40AM

Dismissal: Students will dismiss by grade level.

KG & 1st grade: 1:35 pm except Mondays 12:35 pm

2nd & 3rd grade: 1:40 pm except Monday 12:40 pm

4th & 5th grade: 1:45 pm except Mondays 12:45 pm

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Arrival:** Students may come on campus at 7:10 each morning.
- ◆ A free breakfast is available if the student chooses to eat, or they can go right to class.
  - ◆ Car Riders need to be dropped off in the car line.
    - Please let your student out on the school side only.
    - Please do not let your child out of the car on Lutz Lake Fern Rd. It is unsafe for everyone.
    - As the staff and patrols wave you forward in line, please pull up. This is the only way we can get the students to class on time.
- **Dress Code:** Students will be outside every day. Please dress appropriately.
- ◆ Closed toe shoes are highly recommended.
  - ◆ Skirts and dresses need to be of appropriate length.
  - ◆ No thin strap tank tops.

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct>

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## → **Where do you find bus routes?**

- ◆ These can be found <https://webquery.sdhc.k12.fl.us/livewq/webquery/>

## → **Are staff present to guide children off/on the bus and to their classrooms?**

- ◆ Staff and safety patrols will help students to safely find their way to their classrooms and help as needed to ensure the safety of all students.

## → **If my child is sick and not attending school, who do I call? Is there a cutoff time to call them in by?**

- ◆ If your child will be absent from school, please call 813-558-5427, option 1 by 8 am. Please leave the student's name, teacher, your name, why the child is absent and when they will be returning.

## → **What if my child needs to go in late to school or be picked up early?**

- ◆ If your child is going to be late to school, please bring him/her to the front office to sign them in.
- ◆ If your child needs to be picked up early, and if you know in advance, please send a note to the teacher letting them know and call the office, 813-558-5427, to ask for your child to come to the office for early dismissal.
  - On Mondays, the latest time to sign a child out is 12:00 pm, Tuesday-Friday by 1:00 pm.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS CONTINUED

- **What if my child has a change to dismissal? If they are usually a bus rider, but will be car rider, will be going home with someone else, etc**
  - ◆ Please put all dismissal changes in writing to your child's teacher.
- **How do the kids purchase meals at school?**
  - ◆ Breakfast is always free :)
  - ◆ Lunch is only free for qualified students. Lunches can be purchased by creating an account on [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) and adding money for your student. Students then use their assigned school number at checkout.
- **What if my child has a severe food allergy?**
  - ◆ Contact Nurse Tammy at the school to inform her of the allergy and let your child's teacher know.
  - ◆ Please include information on emergency card received at Open House.
  - ◆ There is a separate table in the lunchroom to accommodate any severe allergies to ensure the child's safety.
- **What is the best way to communicate with my child's teacher?**
  - ◆ Many teachers use communication apps associated with their classroom. If your child's teacher does not utilize an app, you can reach him/her via email. The staff directory can be found here: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/mckitrick/staff>

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS CONTINUED

## → What are after care choices available for my child?

- ◆ After School Options (links also available on McKitrick's PTA website: <https://mckitrickpta.com>)
  - Cheval Golf & Athletic Club
  - Primrose School of Lutz
  - HOST - after school at McKitrick
  - SRK After School & Summer Camp
  - Discovery Point
  - World Champion Center Taekwondo
  - JCC

## → What are some volunteer opportunities if I want to get involved with the school?

- ◆ Prior to volunteering, please fill out the Hillsborough County Y.E.S. volunteer form. This must be done every other year.
  - <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/page/volunteer-application>
- ◆ You can be informed of any volunteer opportunities by creating an account on MemberHub. Be sure to check the box to indicate that you are interested in volunteering. The PTA will notify any people interested when volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year.
  - <https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1>



**MS. STONE- PRINCIPAL  
MS. BIELITZ- ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



**The Front Office Staff**

From Left to right:  
Sandy, Ann, Nurse Tammy, Raquel, Mrs. West in the front



## LIBRARY RESOURCES

Ms. West- Media Secretary

Ms. Kennedy- Media Specialist



## SCHOOL RESOURCES

Ms. Arnold- Guidance Counselor

Ms. Kempgens- Guidance Counselor

Ms. Whitlock- Speech Language Pathologist



## OFFICER RIVERA

# Meet Your Teachers

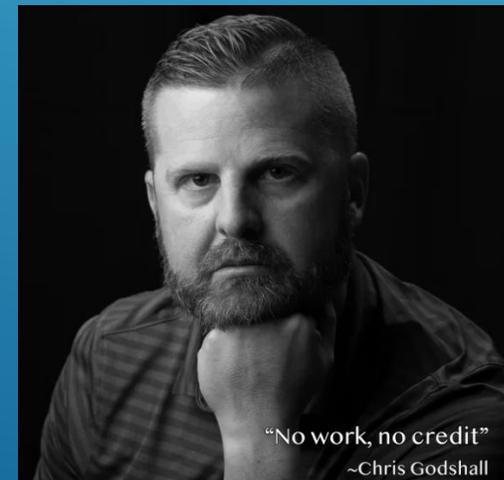
Visit the McKitrick PTA website for information about our teachers by grade, including Specials.

<https://mckitrickpta.com/meet-your-teachers>

- Learn more about your teachers through their Favorites list (\*helpful for gift ideas)
  - Access the link to their Amazon page

Deborah Draper

- Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/3QGIKF9DU5HC6>
- When is your birthday? May 26th
- What is your Monogram? DDL
- Favorite Team/s Buccaneers, Daytona State College Women's Soccer
- Favorite Color/s Yellow and Kelly Green
- Favorite Restaurant/s Carrabba's, Burger 21, Chipotle, Longhorns, Smoothie King, Blaze, Chick-fil-A
- Favorite Food/s Pizza, cheese and crackers, fruit, Haribo Gummy Bears, Reese's Dark Chocolate Thins (store candy aisle)
- Favorite Drink/s Raspberry or Strawberry Lemonade, Smoothies, Dr. Pepper
- Favorite Flower/plant Any Kind
- Favorite Store/s Target, Ann Taylor, Loft, Teacher Pay Teacher (online), Amazon, Tampa Outlet Mall
- Hobbies Soccer Mom, beach, my dogs
- Thank you, but I do not need any more.... Hand Sanitizer, quart size ziplock bags



Chris Godshall - AGP

- Amazon wish list: N/A
- When is your birthday? August 27th
- What is your Monogram? CGD
- Favorite Team/s Buccaneers, USF Bulls
- Favorite Color/s Red
- Favorite Restaurant/s Starbucks, Ford's Garage
- Favorite Food/s Snickers Trail Mix
- Favorite Drink/s Starbucks
- Favorite Flower/plant Fiddle Leaf
- Favorite Store/s Target, Home Depot
- Hobbies Yodeling
- Thank you, but I do not need any more.... Ferrero Rocher



CELEBRATING OUR KIDS AND THEIR  
SUCCESSSES WITH MONTHLY  
CHARACTER AWARD CEREMONIES!

# McKitrick's Goats



**Luna**



Through PTA funding, Luna and Athena received an upgrade to their pen last Summer.

**JOIN  
THE  
PTA**

**“ALL CHILDREN ARE OUR CHILDREN”**

**MEMBERSHIP IS \$6 per family member.  
Purchasing multiple memberships for your  
family makes a bigger impact!**

**\*the more you buy the more you save\***

**No time commitment required!**

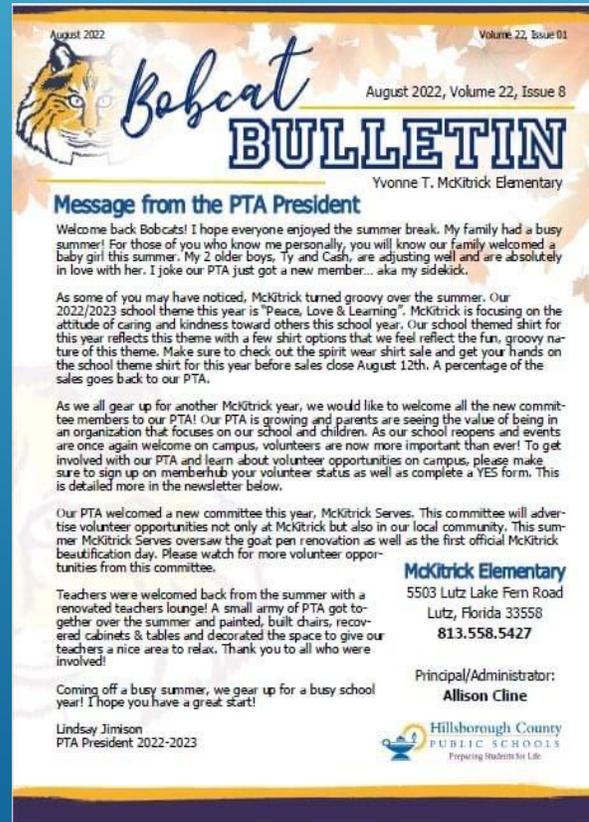
**Visit [www.McKitrickPTA.com](http://www.McKitrickPTA.com) to purchase your  
membership today or use the QR code below**



# McKitrick PTA Newsletter

Stay informed on all events and happenings at the school by joining the PTA and checking out our monthly newsletter

<https://mckitrickpta.com/newsletters>



# Library Renovation

With generous support from our Bobcat community, the PTA has partnered with school Administration to launch a multi-year, phased renovation of the library. As of August 2024, the first phase has been completed with new tables, chairs, book display shelves, and storytime area.



# McKittrick Track

A paved track was installed just prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. A cooperative effort between the PTA and school administration, the track took two years of Boosterthon fundraising to become a reality.



# Teacher's Lounge Update

The PTA provided an update to the Teacher's Lounge before the start of the 2022-2023 school year



# MCKITRICK SPIRIT WEAR



Watch our PTA Facebook page for links to our spirit wear sales.

If you have any questions email:  
[Spiritwear@mckitrickpta.com](mailto:spiritwear@mckitrickpta.com)

# 2024-2025 PTA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Raised over \$56,000 through our Boosterthon fundraiser
- Awarded teachers \$15,000 in grants for classroom supplies
- Completed a multi-year, phased project to renovate the library
- Helped teachers earn \$105 each for their classroom through Bobcat Bash
- Awarded the 2023-2025 School of Excellence Program designation
- Received two HCC PTA awards- Super Dad Award and Top Community Partner of the Year Award
- Continued the McKitrick Serves program to help cultivate the love of service and giving within our Bobcat family
- Gained 800+ PTA members during the year



**Heather Foster**  
**PTA President**

Our PTA organization is comprised of over 40 executive officers, standing chairs and special committees. The McKitrick PTA loves our school community and is passionate about advocating for ALL children.

# FAMILY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THE PTA



\*FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

\*BOBCAT BASH

\*ALL PRO DADS MONTHLY MEETINGS

\*RESTAURANT DINE OUTS FOR  
MCKITRICK

\*SWEETHEART DANCE

\*SONS & STARS EVENT

# Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteering your time is optional! When buying your PTA membership on Memberhub, make sure you indicate on the form if you are interested in volunteering!



Click on the link below to visit our PTA website and get more information on volunteering!

<https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1>

Prior to volunteering on campus, you must fill out the Hillsborough County Y.E.S. volunteer form.

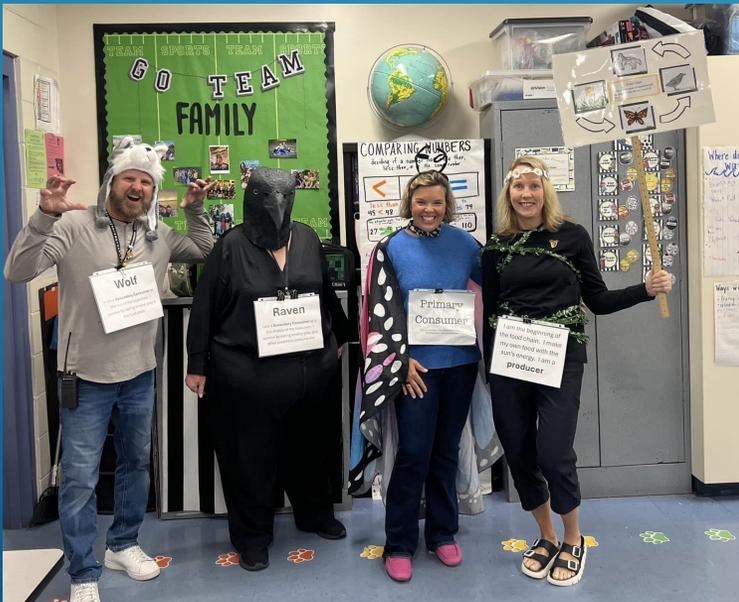
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# Succulent Wall

Have you seen our wooden M and succulent paws?

Built by Coach Moffitt and his wife





Our teachers  
and staff  
**LOVE** to dress  
up and make  
learning extra  
fun for our  
students!

# IMPORTANT SOCIAL MEDIA TO FOLLOW

## McKitrick Elementary Website

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/mckitrick>

## McKitrick PTA

<https://mckitrickpta.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/McKitrickpta>

## Instagram

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<https://www.instagram.com/mckitrickelementarypta/>

## Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/mckitrickelem>

## McKitrick Parents Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mckitrickparentsclub>

