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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

PTA has always been about speaking up and advocating for all children, but this year our PTA has taken it to a whole new level, advocating for kids, their families, and teachers to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and succeed.

Here are a few highlights from recent months:

- **SweetHeart Dance** -Was a big success! The decorations were beautiful and the girls at McKitrick had a great time.
- **School of Excellence** -Our PTA was recognized at the Hillsborough County School Board Meeting in February for being a School of Excellence. McKitrick PTA won this designation for our school by working with Martinez Middle School on successful ways to transition elementary kids to middle school.
- **Sound Buffering** - With the help of our PTA, McKitrick front office and your donations, the McKitrick cafeteria got sound buffering panels installed over winter break. These panels have been a big help in helping mitigate background noise and reduce reverb/echo in our cafeteria.
- **PTA Nomination Committee** -met recently and created the slate for the new executive officers for the 2023/2024 school year. Congratulations to those PTA members slated. The official vote will take place at our last General Meeting of the school year on May 4 at 5:30pm.

In closing, I'd like to thank our McKitrick teachers, staff and administration for their tireless efforts on behalf of our children and families. I would also like to thank our PTA for all they are doing to support our school and families.

Lindsay Jimison
PTAPresident

CALENDAR

March

6th Non-Student Day

13-17 Spring Break

24th All Pro Dads Meeting
End of 3rd Quarter

April

1st Spring Concert

13th Three Brothers Dine Out

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PEACE, LOVE & YEARBOOKS



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Yearbooks sold out last year – don't miss out on the opportunity to secure a yearbook for your student. The only way to guarantee your child's yearbook is to preorder one before the end of January. After that date it's possible that we will not have enough yearbooks.

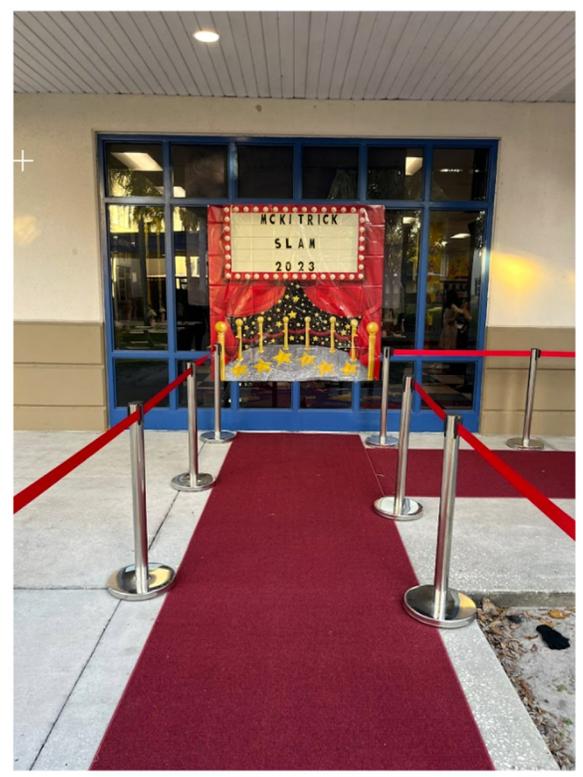
5th Grade Dedications are also for sale! You have until the end of February to purchase your ad. It's very intuitive and you have control over the photos, text and layout!

Order yearbooks and dedications today at <https://mckitrickpta.com/yearbook>

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THANKS FOR JOINING IN THE LEARNING FUN!

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to this year's SMATH & Literacy night on February 2nd! The teachers' fun educational activities engaged students of all ages, and even caught the parents' attention too! Ms. Kennedy also hosted a wonderful event in the media center, displaying all of the SLAM projects, complete with a red carpet and fresh popcorn! Everyone was also able to participate in the measurement treasure hunt to win some treats. It was a great night, and we hope to see you at the next family fun event!

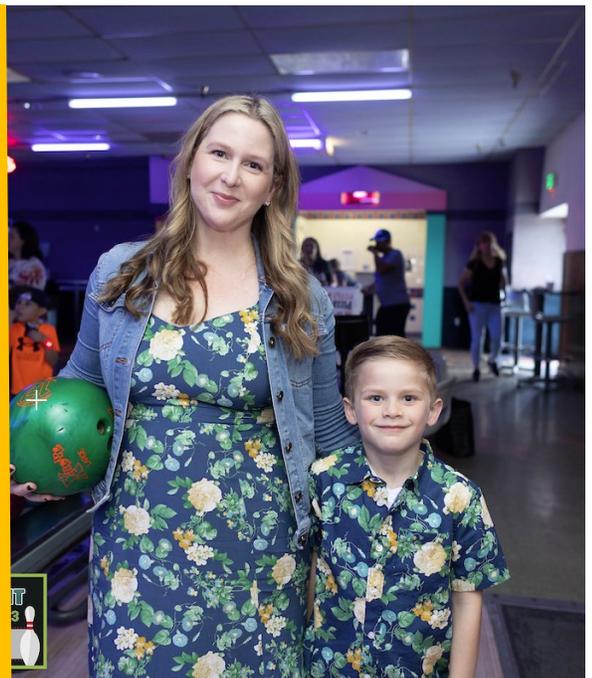


SONS & STARS BOWLING WAS A BLAST!



We are excited to share that over 150 McKittrick families enjoyed an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and arcade games on Sunday, February 5th! Thank you to so many Bobcat boys that were a special part of this year's Sons & Stars bowling event. It was a blast to see so many kids enjoying time with each other and with their families! We are so grateful to Pinchasers Veterans for hosting the festivities once again, and we're glad everyone could take home a silly photo strip from Shiny Booth as a memento!

Looking forward to our next Sons & Stars event in 2024!!!



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY MUSIC DEPARTMENT & PTA PRESENT...



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

Family Fun Activities & Food Trucks 10am-1pm
Track & Field Area

Musical Concert by Grade Level at 11am
Covered Court

*****More details coming soon*****





SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, 10AM-1PM • MCKITRICK COVERED COURT AND TRACK & FIELD AREA

We are excited to announce that McKittrick Elementary will once again be hosting its **Picnic in the Park Spring Concert & Family Fun Day** on Saturday, April 1st! We are looking for business partners that may be interested in gaining some marketing exposure among our school families and staff, while helping to create a fun event!

We are planning to have a full musical concert with performances by grade level, in addition to food trucks, popcorn, cotton candy, and family games. We would love to have business partners set up stations of activities for kids and families to participate in while they are waiting for their concert times. We are hoping to have various "sponsors" to set up and organize games such as:

- Sack Races
- Three Legged Races
- Relay Races
- Tug-o-War
- Soccer
- Kick Ball
- Face Painting
- Balloon Animals
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Or any other creative ideas that will fit into the space

There would be no charge for a sponsor to come out and set up a table with giveaways or marketing items, if they are willing to provide and organize a game or activity for our families to enjoy. We are open to your ideas as well! If you are interested in partnering with us in this way, please contact Emily Draper at businesspartners@mckitrickpta.com. Thank you for supporting our school and our community!



It has been a busy month in February for our volunteers! We appreciate all our faculty and staff and PTA committee members and volunteers who helped with hosting the SMATH Night, the Sons and Stars Bowling Event, the Fifth Grade Tie-Dye activity, the Bobcat Bash, and the Book Fair. We appreciate everyone who helped make these events possible. We also want to thank the volunteers who have been giving their continuing effort to the classrooms, media center, and lunchroom as well as performing all types of other duties on and off campus. The [signup](#) for the upcoming Sweetheart Event was sent out. Please consider helping out at this event. Your help is greatly appreciated. As always, please remember to log your hours here: <https://mckitrickpta.com/volunteer-1> and have the [Y.E.S form](#) approved prior to participating in any volunteering activities. Thank you.



It's Lunch Time!

Volunteering in the lunchroom is a win-win! You'll have a chance to see your kiddos while helping out our hardworking staff.

Duties include assisting children with opening items, collecting garbage, and helping children socialize. Adult staff will remain in the lunchroom at all times to address student concerns and needs.

To participate, please contact Assistant Principal Kimberly Stone at kimberly.stone@hcps.net to schedule a quick orientation. Ms. Stone will provide the online signup sheet after you have completed the orientation.

McKitrick All Pro Dads,

We missed each other in February and are looking forward to a great March meeting! Our Happy New Year meeting (already two months ago!!) on the topic of Loyalty sparked wonderful discussions about the importance of family and friends (especially those with younger siblings). So many Dad's are great encouragers of loyalty with their thoughtful feedback they shared with the group from their experiences!



The next meeting topic for us to huddle up on is **Perseverance** and the location is the cafeteria 7am to 7:30am Friday March 24th (due to Spring break the week before). Here is the next meeting RSVP link; we check in at the front office at 7am with a driver's license for our next impactful 30 minute meeting:
https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/45226

Attached is a link to an All Pro Dad article on Kindness: [Five Reasons Kindness Matters - All Pro Dad](#)

Please ask questions and provide your feedback to allprodads@mckitrickpta.com. Thank you again Bobcat family for being and raising such involved compassionate leaders in our community!



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Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Open House: Tanya Kayani

Fifth Grade Activities: Jessica Diefenderfer

McKitrick Cares: Heather Foster & Katie Metz

School-Wide Hospitality/Decorating: Cheryl Rodriguez & Jessica Williams

Sweetheart Event: Lisa Peluso, Tanya Kayani & Jessica Diefenderfer

Sons & Stars Event: Evan Walker & Adam Grier

Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker, Lacey Ranucci, & Barrie Vause

Teacher Appreciation: Lauren Borio, Jennifer Ptack, Cassandra Johnson, Viviana Lit, Melissa Weitzenfeld

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Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Melissa Chevalier & Punit Shah

Family Dine Outs: Kristin Swenson & Melissa Chevalier

Newcomers/Kindergarten Round Up: Chryssa Samhoury & Farheen Aldeen