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BULLETIN

Yvonne T. McKittrick Elementary

Message from the PTA President

Happy September Bobcats!

August didn't really end the way we planned. I hope you and your family weathered the storm safely. Many families in our neighboring cities were heavily impacted. The PTA is going to look at ways to help those affected by the hurricane. Be sure to keep your eye out for more information.

I hope your family is settling back into their school routine. We have some fun filled months planned. Be sure to sign up for your PTA membership which will subscribe you to Givebacks and our monthly newsletter. Also, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and check out our website to stay connected and informed. We are also wrapping up our PTA membership drive. The class with the most memberships gets a pizza party!

Speaking of pizza... don't forget to stop by Three Brothers Pizza for our first Family Dine Out event on Thursday, September 14th. 15% of the sales go back to our school!

Our first PTA General Membership meeting takes place virtually on Wednesday, September 6th at 5:30pm. Go to our website to access the meeting. We will be introducing our PTA team, talking with our Principal Mrs. Cline, reviewing our budget, and discussing programs and events coming up including our fundraising goals for this school year. Look forward to seeing you there!

Heather Foster
PTA President 2023-2024



CALENDAR

September

- 4th Labor Day / No School
- 5th Ice Cream Social
- 6th Fall Picture Day /
PTA Virtual General
Membership Meeting
- 14th Dine out: Three Brothers
Pizza
- 29th All Pro Dad Meeting
- 25th-29th Fall Book Fair

October

- 2nd Custodian Appreciation
Day
- 4th Boosterthon Kickoff
- 11th Fall Picture Day Makeup
- 12th End of 1st Grading Period
- 13th Boosterthon Event Day
- 16th Non-Student Day
- 20th All Pro Dad Meeting
- 22nd Reflections Entries Due
- 24th Family Fun Movie Night

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



Quick Links

McKitrick PTA Website

McKitrick PTA Store

McKitrick PTA Facebook

McKitrick PTA Twitter

McKitrick Elementary Website

2023-2024 School Calendar

McKitrick Lunch Menus

Meal Pre-Pay

Remember that this is the picture used in the yearbook.

Make-up/retakes is October 11th. All students will get their picture taken even if they don't purchase them.



MCKITRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL PICTURE DAY!

Wednesday,
September
6th



HOW TO ORDER:

1. GO TO WWW.GIGANTEPRODUCTIONS.COM
2. CLICK ON PHOTO FINDER
3. ONLINE CODE IS STUDENT ID #

AFTER PICTURE DAY, LOOK FOR YOUR STUDENT'S QR PAPER AND SCAN TO ORDER



McKitrick Elementary

5503 Lutz Lake Fern Road
Lutz, Florida 33558
813.558.5427

Principal/Administrator:
Allison Cline



Back to School Teacher Breakfast

The PTA hosted a welcome back breakfast for our amazing McKitrick teachers and staff on August 7th. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication. Your membership and donations help support appreciation events like these throughout the year.



Open House

We hope everyone had a great time at Open House. It was so exciting to see so many new faces! Thank you to all of the families that stopped by our PTA tables to ask questions and learn about PTA membership. We hope your students love their new McKitrick bracelet and had fun touring the campus with the scavenger hunt. We especially want to thank all of the teachers, staff and volunteers who worked so hard to prepare for Open House. We couldn't do it without you. Have a bright year Bobcats!

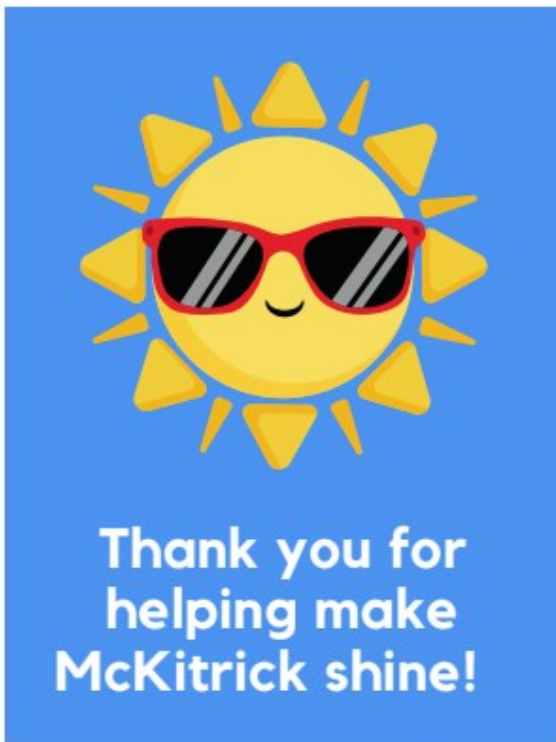


Beautification Day

Thank you to all of the families, staff and student volunteers who came together to make our campus shine! We helped spread 450 bags of mulch around campus, pulled many weeds, painted, and put the finishing touches on a few campus projects.



Mrs. Chisholm and **Mrs. Baker** also worked hard to create a beautiful outdoor garden for students to enjoy. We want to send a special thank you to **Coach Moffitt, Ann Testa-Secca** and **Katie Metz** for organizing this wonderful event.





2023-2024
**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

I am Hopeful Because...

Explore the arts and
express yourself!



Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

Deadline for Entries is October 22, 2023.

Email reflections@mckitrickpta.com for details and an informational packet.

FREE
POPCORN



MOVIE NIGHT

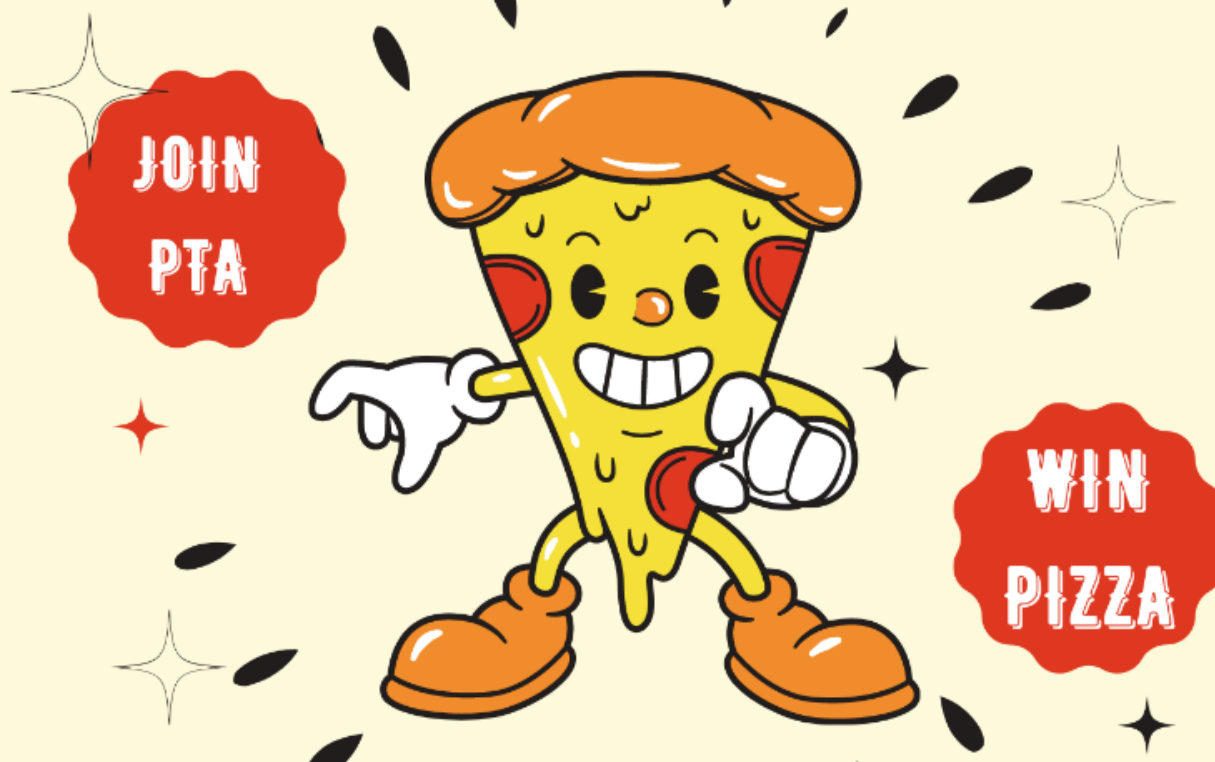
**TUESDAY 10.24.2023
MCKITRICK CAFETERIA
5-7PM**

**PIZZA SLICES, CANDY & WATER
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR \$1
*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

Please bring your own blanket or chair!

Presented by McKittrick's PTA

PTA PIZZA



EXTENDED THROUGH 9/8

**THE CLASS WITH THE MOST PTA
MEMBERSHIPS WINS A PIZZA PARTY**

Follow the class standings here:
<https://www.keepthescore.com/board/fnsgiqhfzfr/>



FUNdraising Corner

As we gear up for another fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and spirited energy, we want to extend a massive shout-out to the incredible team at **Elite Ink** for their contributions to our school's Spirit Wear program!



With the help of Elite Ink and the support of our parents, students, teachers, and staff, our school events are poised to reach new heights of excitement!

Whether it's the much-anticipated Friday Spirit Wear day, Boosterthon, Winter Performance, or our other school events, the sight of our students, parents, and teachers coming together in their Spirit Wear brings about an atmosphere of togetherness and unity.

Thank you to Elite Ink and Thank you for all of your support! Go Bobcats!

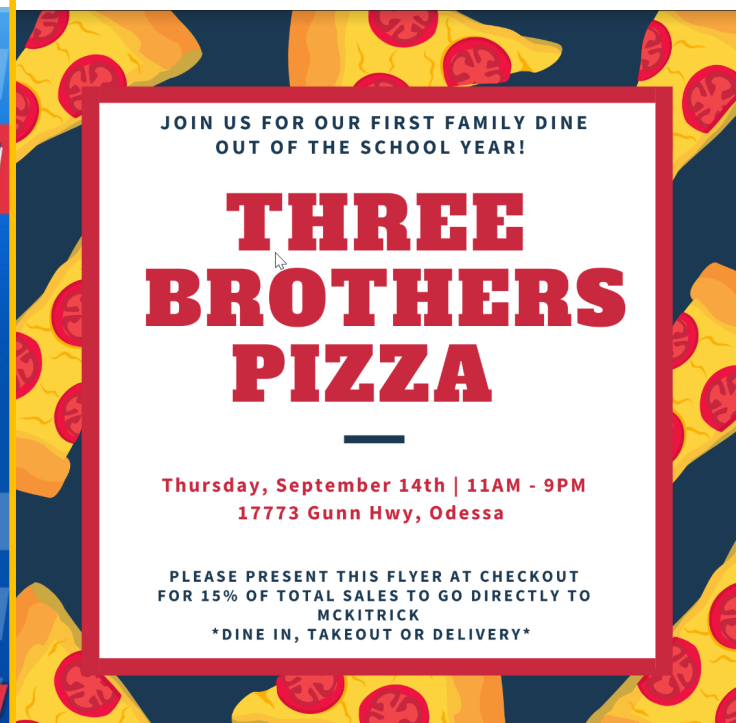


BOOSTERTHON

IS COMING!

KICKOFF - OCTOBER 4TH
EVENT DAY - OCTOBER 13TH

MYBOOSTER.COM



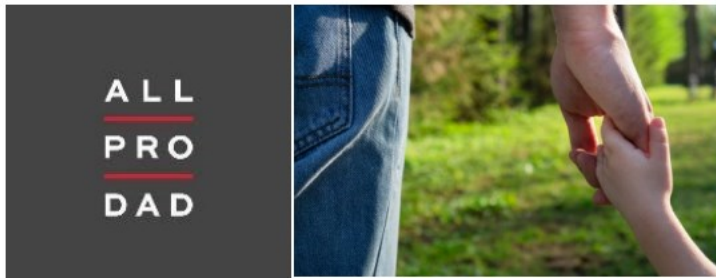
JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FAMILY DINE OUT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

THREE BROTHERS PIZZA

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Thursday, September 14th | 11AM - 9PM
17773 Gunn Hwy, Odessa

PLEASE PRESENT THIS FLYER AT CHECKOUT FOR 15% OF TOTAL SALES TO GO DIRECTLY TO MCKITRICK
DINE IN, TAKEOUT OR DELIVERY



September Update & Highlights!

Our next All Pro Dads meeting is set for **September 29th**. This month, we'll be delving deep into the crucial theme of **Self-Control**. Let's come together again at **7:00 AM in the McKitrick cafeteria**

to bond, enjoy breakfast together, and set the right tone for the day by walking our children to their classrooms.

RSVP at https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/2990/chapter_meetings/47601/rsvp or scan the QR code to let us know you're coming.



**Scan to Join
September
Meeting!**

Recap of August's Meeting

A massive thank you to the 100 dads and kids who turned out for our last session on Problem Solving! The cafeteria was alive with energy and excitement. Yes, we pushed the logistical capacity at the breakfast line and reception desk to their limits (and we truly appreciate the McKitrick staff for their support!), but the sound of engaged dads and kids made it all worthwhile.

For more information or questions, contact our team captain, Steve Attard, at this email: allprodads@mckitrickpta.com.

Feel free to get in touch with Steve anytime at allprodads@mckitrickpta.com with your suggestions, feedback, or just to share a fun moment you had.

So dads let's set the bar even higher for our next meeting. Remember, every little effort you make goes a long way in creating lasting memories with your kids. Let's do it again next month!



Volunteer Orientation and Homeroom Parent Training was a success!!

Thank you to everyone that made it out to the September 1st meeting!! Check out these slides from the training session for information on volunteer requirements and opportunities, and learn how to get involved.

- [Homeroom Parent Presentation](#)
- New Volunteers: You must complete an [HCPS Y.E.S form](#) before volunteering on campus.
- Existing Volunteers: Review your HCPS volunteer status through [Raptor](#) Portal.
- Sign up for a Giveback (formerly Memberhub) account means you'll receive emails and newsletters with volunteer opportunities- <https://mckitrick.memberhub.com/store>



We had a great and busy start for our volunteers!! Our wonderful volunteers helped lay mulch and clean up the campus on Beautification Day to get our school ready for a bright and fresh start for the school year . They also helped make Open House a success! Thank you for our volunteers that have come up to help with the Ice-cream Social Membership Drive Event. We appreciate all our enthusiastic volunteers that have joined us at the Homeroom Parent and Volunteer Training. We could not have managed all these events for our school community without you!



BE THE SUNSHINE

**LAST!
CHANCE!**
SUBMISSIONS DUE TO
THE FRONT OFFICE
BY 9/22!

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST



INTERPRETATION OF THE THEME "BE THE SUNSHINE"
OPEN TO ALL GRADE LEVELS

MUST BE HAND DRAWN
VERTICAL ARTWORK ON LETTER PAPER OR LARGER
ARTIST NAME ON THE BACK

5TH GRADE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN FOR COVER
K-4 WINNERS WILL BE FEATURED ON THE
BACK COVER OR INSIDE ENDSHEETS

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.



SCAN the QR code here to join our online community today!





McKitrick Business Partner Spotlight

Bobcat parents, teachers, and students...has it already been (almost) 5 years of partnering? Bach to Rock opened in November 2018 at Van Dyke and Dale Mabry with a McKitrick student doing the first lesson (Hi Nadira!).

In the past five years of Sweetheart Dances, Bobcat Bashes and more, we have seen students move from McKitrick to Martinez and Steinbrenner. The support from Bobcat families has never stopped growing. A huge percentage of our private music lesson students and band members are (or have been) Bobcats.

We look forward to welcoming new Bobcats as we go BACH TO SCHOOL. If you or your child are interested in music or DJ lessons, please call/text/email for a tour and a free trial lesson – 813.398.ROCK or lutz@bachtorock.com



**GO BACK ~~H!~~
TO SCHOOL**

B2R BACH TO ROCK
AMERICA'S MUSIC SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting Bach to Rock!

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.

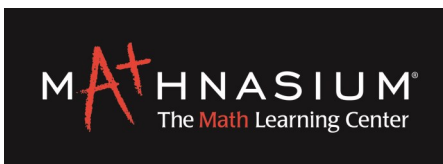
In addition to the urgent care visits, we also can help with sport and school physicals, along with medical clearances. We pride ourselves in serving the same community where we live and it truly is our pleasure to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you to our McKitrick Business Partners!

Platinum



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 2022-2023 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Heather Foster

Family Dine Outs: Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson

Vice President: Lindsay Jimison

**Bobcat Bash: Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin,
Jennifer Teixeira & Lacey Ranucci**

Treasurer: Erin Circelli

**Sweetheart Event: Lindsay Whitney, Lauren
Borio, Consuelo Benassi De Tilio & Shelley
Blanco**

Recording Secretary: Jessica Campbell

**Teacher representative: Principal Cline & Mrs.
Contreras**

**Sons & Stars Event: Candace Kasetta & Tiffany
Rendel**

Parent Outreach: Gina Willemin

Concession: Louise Johnstone

Fundraising: Darbie Wilder

**Family Nights: Amy Sweeney, Donna Ticker,
Christie Quinones, Lacey Ranucci & Lauren
Jennings**

Special Events: Hannah Breig & Becky Maenner

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**Fifth Grade Activities: Chryssa Samhoury,
Lindsay Jimison, Farheen Aldeen, Melissa
Weitzenfeld, Consuelo Benassi De Tilio, Tiffany
Rendel, Lauren Borio**

Programs: Barrie Vause

Communications: Lauren Constantine

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: Tori Willows

Homeroom Parents: Brittany Harake

McKitrick Serves: Katie Metz

Volunteer Coordinator: Viviana Lit

**McKitrick Cares: Lymari La Llave, Yajarira
Chappelle & Hyojeong Bae**

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**

**Website/Givebacks (formally MemberHub):
Steve Attard & Hanyeh Pulver**

**Bobcat Bash: Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin,
Jennifer Teixeira & Lacey Ranucci**

Yearbook: Robert Hudson & Cassandra Johnson

Business Partners: Emily Draper

Social Media: Chryssa Samhoury

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!