



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

April 2014

...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the wonderful turn out that we had at Parent Teacher Conferences. It is such a great opportunity for us to share with you how your child is doing, but please don't feel like that is the only time you can talk with us. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

We are waiting on a schedule from the district for the new Common Core Standards testing for 3-5 grade students. As soon as we have that information we will communicate it to you. We have found that students test best with their class on the day that the test is scheduled. If we have to pull them to do make up tests, they often rush through the work or feel less comfortable away from their classroom. For this reason we ask that you try to make sure students are in attendance on the day of the test. Thank you!

Along with academic expectations for students, public schools have behavioral expectations. I have included the McGee Peace Pledge in this issue as a talking point for students and parents. The Peace Pledge was created several years ago by students, with the assistance of the school counselor. Every morning we recite the McGee Peace Pledge after the Pledge of Allegiance. Please talk with your child about the meaning of each of the statements. If we all lived by those four rules the world would be a lot better place and isn't that what we want for our kids!

Please know that when Mrs. Siemon or I talk to students we want them to know that we all make mistakes and school is a safe place to make those mistakes. If a consequence is involved in our actions for students it is for them to learn and remember, so that next time they will be less likely to make the same mistake.

Birthdays-Our policy about birthdays is twofold. We ask that birthday treats be store bought and in their original wrapper, so that the ingredients are known to us in the event of a concern. A non-food item is also encouraged. Pencils, stickers, etc. are some examples. Also, we ask that birthday treats be brought to share during lunch. This does not take class time and allows all students to participate. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

A reminder about our parking lot-McGee Staff will not allow students to cross into the parking lot without a parent. If you pick up your child and do not park along the sidewalk, please park and get out of your car to walk your child through the sidewalk. It is for their safety. We just want all of our students to be safe.

Finally, you may have heard that I have accepted a new position for the 14-15 school year. I have enjoyed every minute of my time at McGee and will miss the students, staff and parents tremendously. The only thing that makes this transition a little easier for me is knowing that the new principal for McGee will be someone that I admire and respect greatly. So....welcome to Wendy Lechelt-Polster! Mrs. Lechelt-Polster is currently the principal at Edwin Markham Elementary in Pasco. She will be a wonderful next step for McGee students, staff and parents. Welcome Mrs. L. P.!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay

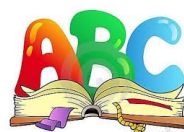
Dates to Remember



Spring Break No classes held	1-4
Class Picture Day	10
Starship McGee Fairness 9:50 a.m.-K, 1, 4, 5	14
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library	15
5th Avenue Play at Chiawana 10:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m. 5th grade to attend	15
Starship McGee Fairness 2:05 p.m.-K, 1, 2, 3	18
Fun Run Day	18
McNary Wildlife Refuge 9:05 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Howard/Halverson	22
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the library	24
McNary Wildlife Refuge 9:05 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bushey/Flannery	24
Popcorn Friday	25
Family Movie Night Seating—6:45 p.m. Movie starts—7:00	25
McNary Wildlife Refuge 9:05 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Santo/Sullivan/Giles	29

 **Every Friday is Spirit Day!**
Wear **Red** and **Gray**

Open enrollment for fall Kindergarten classes is now!



Now through June 12, 2014
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

A registration packet is available in the office. Immunizations must be current (booster shots after the age of 4). Verification of residency is also required.

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- ★ **James McGee** ★
- ★ **Peace Pledge** ★
- ★ I will be responsible for my actions. ★
- ★ I will respect others and myself. ★
- ★ I will treat others the way I wish to be treated. ★
- ★ I will think of others before I think of myself. ★
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Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

April PTO Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
6:30 p.m. in the library

Topics

PTO Board and Chairpersons for 2014-2015
Fun Run
Book Fair
Muffins with Mom

Daycare will be available.

Popcorn Friday is April 25, 2014

Students will be able to purchase a bag of popcorn on Popcorn Fridays for a quarter.



McGee ATP and the Mustang PTO Presents



Family Movie Night

Friday, April 25, 2014

Showing . . .
Rated PG



Seating starts—6:45 p.m.
Movie starts—7:00 p.m.

No outside food/drink allowed!



P.T.O. Board Officers
2014-2015

President Open
Vice President Open
Vice President Elect Open
Secretary/Communications Open
Treasurer Open
Volunteer Coordinator Open

Committee Chairpersons

Book Fair Chairperson Open
Mustang Round Up Chairperson Open
Candy Grams Chairperson Open
Fall Fundraiser Chairperson Open
Trunk or Treat Chairperson Open
Valentine Workshop Chairperson Open
Spring Fundraiser Chairperson Open
Student Store Chairperson Open
Popcorn Fridays Chairperson Open
Movie Night Chairperson Open
T-shirt Sales Chairperson Open
Yearbook Chairperson Open
Box Tops Chairperson Open
Capri Sun Chairperson Open
Coats for Kids Chairperson Open

If you are interested in a position, please call the office at 547-6583.



Liberty Christian Chess Tournament Results

K-2 Division

2nd Place—Mark Romero
3rd Place—Emmanuel Romero

Overall K-3

2nd Place Team Trophy

3rd Grade

3rd Place—Dean Figueroa
5th Place—Ben cook

4th Grade

3rd Place—Jesse Romero
6th Place—Tito Rodriguez

Exchange Club Student of the Month

The Tri-City Exchange Club is a local group that supports our school. This group brings awareness about abuse and provides support to groups that help children who have been abused. The Exchange Club buys the small flags for our Veteran's Day assembly every year. They also recognize one student per month here at McGee. Students are selected for academic achievement.

March Student of the Month

Maddie Zabilka, 4th gr. Miss VanderSchoor



Reminder for 5th grade families

Before moving to middle school, students need their 11 year old immunizations. It's a great time for a well-child visit to evaluate their growth and development as well as get the required and optional vaccinations. Tdap is required before starting middle school. There are several other important vaccines available at this time including one to prevent some kinds of meningitis, hepatitis A, and HPV to prevent some types of cancer. Be sure to talk to your provider or health office about these. Remember that they need to be given after your child turns 11, but before starting 6th grade and Tdap is the only required vaccine if your child is up to date on others.

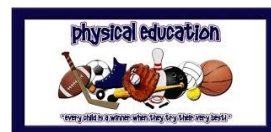


Dress Appropriately

Warm weather is on its way! It is very important that students wear the appropriate clothing to school. The Pasco Elementary Dress Code will be sent home. Please refer to the dress code to see what attire is not acceptable at school. It is also important to have your child wear the appropriate clothes and shoes to PE class. Improper shoes can be a safety hazard to your

PE Monthly News

from Mr. Elliott



Please check Mr. Elliott's web page on our school website for up-to-date PE news.