



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



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## ...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents,

Spring is here! We still have much to accomplish with our students in the next few months. We really appreciate the wonderful turn out for Parent Teacher conferences. It is such a great opportunity to share with you how your child is doing. Please remember, you can always contact us with any questions or concerns you have regarding your child's education and experience here at James McGee.

Every spring we have our state-level assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. The following information is for our parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students:

### MAP

We administer the MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) in mathematics and reading twice per year (fall and spring). This is a computer adaptive test that provides teachers and parents with specific information about student progress in specific strand areas. The test usually takes one hour to complete for each subject area, though students are given as much time as they need to complete the assessment. We receive the results immediately and will be sending home a MAP progress report with all students that have taken it at the end of the school year. Here are the testing dates for MAP:

April 19<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MAP (Reading), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Reading)

April 21<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Math)

April 26<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MAP (Math), 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Reading)

April 28<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Math)

May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Reading)

May 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP (Math)

### SBA

We also administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), which is the assessment used hold each school in Washington state accountable for student learning, each spring. The SBA requires four days of testing (2 days each for mathematics and English Language Arts). The SBA is taken using the school laptops and has two components in each subject area, a computer adaptive test and a performance task, which requires students to apply multiple skills to complete a task. Each portion of the SBA is estimated to take 1-3 hours but students are provided as much time as they need in a day, to complete the assessment. Here are the testing dates for SBA:

May 10<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 1

May 12<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 2

May 17<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SBA, Math 1; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 1

May 19<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SBA, Math 2; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 2

May 23<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, Math 1

May 24<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 1; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 1

May 26<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 2; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, ELA 2

May 27<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, Math 2

May 31<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, Math 1; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Math 1

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, Math 2; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA, Math 2

### MSP

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students complete the science MSP (Measurement of Student Progress), the Science MSP is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

While the assessments above are ones that we complete annually, we are continually monitoring students' progress through in class assessments, monitoring understanding through questioning and students' in class performance, and other means. We use many means to determine if our students are learning and do not rely solely on the results of one assessment. If you have any questions regarding assessment, please contact Mrs. Cozad or Mrs. L-P.

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster,  
Principal



## April 2016 Dates to Remember

<b>PTO Hat Day</b> Donate \$1 to wear a hat for the day. All proceeds will be donated to Caps for Kids.	<b>1</b>
<b>6th Grade to visit 2nd Harvest in Pasco</b> 9:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.	<b>1</b>
<b>Spring Break</b> No classes held	<b>4 - 8</b>
<b>Accelerated Reader Reward Party</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>ATP Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. in the library	<b>18</b>
<b>National Library Week</b>	<b>18- 22</b>
<b>Ehls/Mangano 1st gr, to LIGO</b> 9:10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>
<b>PTO Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. in the library	<b>20</b>
<b>Spring Picture Day</b> Class Pictures	<b>21</b>
<b>Kopf/Guzman 1st gr. to LIGO</b> 9:10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	<b>21</b>
<b>Earth Day</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Administrative Professionals Week</b>	<b>25- 29</b>
<b>Poem in Your Pocket Day</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Bus Evacuation Drill #3</b> 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	<b>29</b>
<b>PTO Fun Run</b>	<b>29</b>



# Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

Contact us at [mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com)



Us on Facebook "Mustang PTO"



## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

### Topics:

- \* Door prizes!
- \* Fun Run
- \* Muffins with Moms
- \* Spring Book Fair—BOGO Free

Door prizes will be given out! Every child whose parent attends the P.T.O. meeting will have their name put in a drawing for a book. *They will also be given one dollar of Mustang Money.*



## **Purchase Your Yearbook Today!**

Mrs. Purvis, from our P.T.O., has been working very hard to put together a yearbook for our students to purchase. It will have individual student pictures as well as pictures from many of the events that we have had this year. Order your yearbook today. It is a great way to save childhood memories. The cost of a yearbook is \$25 each.



## **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 was recently 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 child.

Read for 20 minutes daily!



## Kindergarten Readiness Night



Thursday, May 12, 2016  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**2016-2017 James McGee Kindergarten Students Only**  
Join us for an evening geared towards your kindergarten student.

- \* Tour the building and kindergarten rooms
- \* Meet the kindergarten teachers
- \* Sign-up to join our P.T.O. group
- \* Receive hand-outs with valuable information
- \* Receive school supplies to work with your child during the summer (while supplies last)

We look forward to meeting you and your incoming kindergarten student. Space is limited, so please call the office at 547-6583 to make your reservation. Your child needs to be registered for school prior to attending this event.



## **2016-2017 Kindergarten Registration!**



Now through  
June 21, 2016  
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 along with a copy of the state issued birth certificate.