



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

August-September 2011

...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents and Student,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at McGee! I hope that your summer was restful, fun and educational. This year we are changing up our traditional Ice Cream Social. We will still have ice cream, but invite you to come early for a barbeque of hot dog, chips and bottled water. Students will then have time to drop off school supplies before heading to the gym for a movie. At this time parents will be able to visit classrooms to learn about their child's upcoming school year. We hope this meets your needs as stated in the parent survey conducted at Spring Conferences. Our evening will begin at 5:00 and end at 7:30. A flyer will be sent out to all with more information.

With the start of school we will see many more vehicles on the road, especially during school hours. Please consider whether transportation for your child is needed. It is good for children to get exercise by walking to and from school. We have crossing guards stationed on the major streets and roads that students will need to cross. If you do drive your child to school, please remember that the rules of the road apply to the parking lot. Cell phones should not be in use as you drive through the lot. Please drive extra slow, yield to pedestrians, and drop your children on the sidewalk. Students may not walk through the parking lot unescorted. It would only take one tragedy for everyone to change their ways, but the damage would be done.

McGee has a very active PTO and also an award winning ATP (Action Team for Partnerships). The PTO works in traditional ways to help support the students and their activities at school. The ATP is a partnership of parents, staff and sometimes community members. This group meets once a month. The meeting time is yet to be determined, but will be made available to everyone. The group works with the PTO and other school groups to sponsor events at school. This group is a great example of collaborative work between parents and school staff. Our goal is more learning for students! If you would be interested in joining, please contact the school. **We are actively looking for two to three new ATP members at this time.**

We are planning a **First-Fifth Grade** new student orientation on Tuesday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m. It will begin in the cafeteria with a PowerPoint presentation about the school. Students/parents will also be able to take a tour of the school and find their classroom. Mrs. McLaughlin, school counselor, and Mrs. Brown, vice principal will lead the tour. Please plan to join us for this event.

Check out our school website on the Pasco School District site. Then go to schools and find McGee. We have a very up to date site. If you have suggestions for information to be included drop us a note/email. Also, sign up for our McGee Information email list to receive an electronic copy of school flyers that are sent home. Enjoy your last few days of summer and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hay

2011-12 Schedule

(Start/stop times)

8:40 a.m.

Breakfast served
Students may be on
playground

9:00 a.m.

School starts

11:55 a.m.

Morning Kindergarten
session dismissal

12:45 p.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten
starts

3:40 p.m.

Dismissal time on Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday

1:40 p.m.

Dismissal on Wednesday

Kindergarten sessions will alternate attending school on Wednesdays. A schedule will be given to kindergarten parents.



August-September Dates to Remember

New Student Tour 1:00 p.m. in cafeteria	Aug. 23
Open House BBQ Ice Cream Social 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Aug. 25
1st day of school 9:00-3:40 p.m.	Aug. 30
Labor day No classes held	Sept. 5
Popcorn Friday	Sept. 9
Mustang Round-up	Sept. 16
Vision & Hearing Screenings	Sept. 22-26



Crosswalk Changes on Horizon Drive

The crosswalk on the west side of Horizon Dr. crossing to the east side of Horizon Dr. at the corner of Tuscayan and the crosswalk on Hilltop Dr. and Horizon Dr. will both be moved to Sahara Dr. and Horizon Dr. which is in front of the school. We will have two crossing guards at this new crosswalk.

2011-12 Faculty Roster

Mrs. Hay, Principal
 Mrs. Brown, Vice Principal
 Mrs. Mitchell, Secretary
 Mrs. Romero, Attendance Clerk
 Mrs. Nelson, Clerk

Kindergarten

A.M./P.M.	Mrs. Aldrich	Room A-4
A.M./P.M.	Ms. Gragg	Room A-5
A.M.	Mrs. Russell	Room P29A
P.M.	TBH	Room P29A

1st Grade

Ms. Moss	Room A-1
Mrs. Stern	Room A-2
Mrs. Hollenbeck/Mrs. Moreno	Room A-3
Mrs. Bieber	Room A-6
Miss Elliott	Room A-7
Mrs. Mattox	Room A-8

2nd Grade

Mrs. Fulton/Mrs. Moore	Room B-1
Mr. Lugo	Room B-2
Mrs. Perkins	Room B-3
Miss Peoples	Room B-6
Mrs. Lamb	Room P30B
Mrs. Palomarez	Room P29B

3rd Grade

Mrs. Bushey	Room B-4
Mrs. Halverson	Room B-5
Ms. Flannery	Room C-1
Miss Dooley	Room C-6
Mrs. Palomarez	Room P29B

4th Grade

Mrs. Gomez	Room C-2
Mrs. Arsanto	Room C-3
Mrs. Hammer	Room C-4
Mrs. Wright	Room C-5
Miss VanderSchoor	Room P31A

5th Grade

Mrs. Naylor	Room P24
Mr. Girard	Room P27
Miss Clark	Room P28A
Mrs. Kopf	Room P28B
Mrs. Borey	Room P30A

Special Education

Mrs. Giles (E.R.R.)	Room P26
Mrs. Feryn (Resource Room)	C Pod
Mrs. Estes (Resource Room)	B Pod

Specialists

Mrs. Brown	Facilitator—office
Mrs. Bryce	Librarian
Ms. Hendrickson	Art
Mrs. Salsbury	Technology
Mr. Elliott	P.E.
Mrs. Smith	Music
Mrs. McLaughlin	Counselor
Mr. Lenmon	Psychologist
Mrs. Lewis	Nurse
Mrs. Ratliff	Speech

Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

2011-12 Officers

President—Jamie Southworth

Vice President—Heidi Redfield

Vice President Elect—Open

Secretary—Heidi Berry

Treasurer—Bob Gelston

Volunteer Coordinator—Tonya Steele

Communications Specialists—
 Stacy Harbour-VanHoy

Book Fair Chairperson—Open

Mustang Round-up Chairperson—Lisa Scott
 (Fall Festival)

Candy Grams Chairpersons—
 Kelly Robinson & Amy Goret

Fall Fundraiser Chairperson—Heidi Redfield

Valentine Workshop Chairperson—Open

Spring Fundraiser Chairperson
 Tiffany Nelson

Student Store Chairperson—Open

Popcorn Fridays Chairperson—Open

Movie Night Chairperson—Tiffany Nelson

T-shirt Sales Chairperson—Open

If you are interested in a position, please
 contact the school at 547-6583.



Back to School Barbeque, Open House and Ice Cream Social



We are going to have a **Back to School Barbeque, Open House and Ice Cream Social** on Thursday, August 25, 2011. The activities will start at 5:00 p.m. with the barbeque in the cafeteria. Classrooms will be open at 5:30 p.m. to drop off school supplies. At 6:00 p.m. school aged students will go to the gym for a movie. They will be supervised by our new Peer Helpers. Classroom sessions for parents will be at 6:00 p.m., 6:25 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Teachers will be available to discuss their classroom routines and rules, grade level curriculum and Grade Level Expectations. Handouts will be available for parents. An ice cream bar will be available in the cafeteria afterwards (one per person).

New Student Orientation 1st—5th Grades Only

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