



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Robin Hay, Principal



August-September 2013

## ...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. With the start of school, we will see many more vehicles on the road, especially during school hours. Please consider whether driving your child to school 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 on the third Thursday. Meeting times are from 8:30-9:00 a.m.** This allows more staff members to participate. 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 20 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 OUR VICE PRINCIPALS, MRS. BROWN AND MRS. SIMON WILL LEAD THE TOURS. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT.

Our Ice Cream Social will be changing to an **Open House and Ice Cream Social**. We will hold this on the Wednesday before school begins. We will begin at 5:45 p.m. by taking school supplies to classes. Students will be in the gym for a movie while parents will attend a traditional Open House from 6:00-7:10 p.m. We ask that parents start in one child's classroom and move on to another room after our signal. We will have three rotations. Finally, we will gather for ice cream, before going home. Please check our website for more details.

**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 with a lot of information. 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. You can do this with Mrs. Romero in the office. Enjoy your last few days of summer and we will see you soon.**

Sincerely,

## 2013-2014 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.—cafeteria	Aug. 20
Open House and Ice Cream Social 5:45—7:30 p.m.	Aug. 21
1st day of school 9:00 a.m.—3:40 p.m.	Aug. 27
Labor day No classes held	Sept. 2
Popcorn Friday	Sept. 13
Mustang Round-up 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Sept. 20

## 2013-2014 Faculty Roster

Mrs. Hay, Principal  
 Ms. Taylor Siemon, Vice Principal  
 Mrs. Mitchell, Secretary  
 Mrs. Romero, Attendance Clerk  
 Mrs. Rodriguez, 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 A-3
P.M.	Mrs. Moreno	Room A-3

### 1st Grade

Ms. Moss	Room A-1
Mrs. Guzman	Room A-2
Mrs. Kopf	Room A-6
Mrs. Vincent	Room A-7
Mrs. Mattox	Room A-8
Ms. Hollenbeck	Room B-4
Mrs. Salisbury	Room B-5
Mrs. Perry	Room P25A

### 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. Palomarez	Room C-4
Mrs. Lamb	Room C-5

### 3rd Grade

Ms. Flannery	Room C-1
Mrs. Bushey	Room C-2
Mrs. Halverson	Room C-3
Miss Dooley	Room C-6
Mrs. Sullivan	Room P31B
Mrs. Santo	Room P29A

### 4th Grade

Mrs. McPeck	Room P25B
Mrs. Gomez	Room P29B
Mrs. Santo	Room P29A
Mr. Mangano	Room P30B
Miss VanderSchoor	Room P31A
Mrs. Wright	Room P32A
Mr. Ehlis	Room P32B

### 5th Grade

Mrs. Naylor	Room P24
Mr. Girard	Room P27
Mrs. Little	Room P28A
Mrs. Scott	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. Bieber	Librarian
Ms. Hendrickson	Art
Mr. Young	Technology
Mr. Elliott	P.E.
Mrs. Dunn	Music
Mrs. McLaughlin	Counselor
Mr. Lenmon	Psychologist
Mrs. Stubblefield	Nurse
Mrs. Ratliff	Speech
Ms. James	Occupational Therapist

## P.T.O. Board Officers 2013-2014

*President*..... Heidi Redfield  
*Vice President*..... Gina Bartels  
*Vice President Elect*..... Open  
*Secretary/Communications*..... Raquel Martinez  
*Treasurer*..... Heidi Bridges  
*Volunteer Coordinator*..... Open

### Committee Chairpersons

*Book Fair Chairperson* ..... Open  
*Mustang Round Up Chairpersons* .... Lisa Scott,  
 ..... Heidi Bridges, and Kari Peterson  
*Candy Grams Chairperson*..... Open  
*Fall Fundraiser Chairperson* ..... Open  
*Trunk or Treat Chairpersons* ..... Open  
*Valentine Workshop Chairperson*..... Open  
*Spring Fundraiser Chairperson*..... Open  
*Student Store Chairperson*..... Heidi Bridges  
*Popcorn Fridays Chairperson* ..... Gina Bartels  
*Movie Night Chairperson*..... Open  
*T-shirt Sales Chairperson* ..... Open  
*Yearbook Chairperson* ..... Open  
*Box Tops Chairperson*..... Allison King  
*Capri Sun Chairperson*..... Heidi Bridges  
*Coats for Kids Chairperson* ..... Gina Bartels

*If you are interested in an open position, please*

## New Student Orientation 1st—5th Grades Only

We are planning a new student orientation on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 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, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Siemon, Vice Principals will lead the tour.



## P.S.D. New Meal Prices 2013-2014

K-5th gr. \$1.25....breakfast  
 K-5th gr. \$2.50....lunch



### Back to School Open House and Ice Cream Social

We are going to have a **Back to School Open House and Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. The activities will start at 5:45 p.m. Classrooms will be open at 5:45 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. 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).

