



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



August-September 2015

...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear McGee Parents and Students,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, full of fun activities and time spent with family and friends. I am excited for the upcoming school year and want to welcome you all to McGee. Whether you are a returning family or new to our school, you will find McGee to be an exceptional school! Our highly skilled staff is focused on helping each child develop his/her potential. We offer a rigorous academic program, aligned to the standards in each content area. Students are also exposed to and participate in a wide variety of activities, athletics, and visual and performing arts. To get the year off to a great start, please note the following information:

- ⇒ **Class Placement/Supplies**-Your child's class placement information is included in this mailing as well as a *suggested* supply list for the grade level.
- ⇒ **Safe Walking Routes/Bus Information-Walking:** Safe walking routes will be posted on our website and a map with safe walking routes is included in this mailing. We will provide crossing guards at the following locations before/after school: Road 44/Sirocco, Santa Fe/Burden, Tuscyan/Santa Fe, Road 44/Hilltop, Horizon/Sahara, Road 44/First Place Round-About. **Busing:** Your child's busing will be scheduled by transportation. The *Tri-City Herald* will have a copy of all Pasco School District bus routes in the Sunday, August 30, 2015 newspaper. Bus routes will be posted on the school district website (www.psd1.org) as well by that date.
- ⇒ **Attendance**- School attendance is critical to a child's success in school. If your child is absent from school, please be sure to call the office on the day of his/her absence. *Frequent absences and late/arrivals (tardiness) can negatively impact a students' performance in school and can cause disruption to the flow of their education as well as that of their classmates.*
- ⇒ **Student Dress**- As you do your school-clothes shopping, please know that we do not allow bare mid-riffs, short-shorts or short-skirts, baggy pants/shorts, or spaghetti straps. Clothing should be fitted appropriately so that no underclothing is visible. We do not allow clothing items/styles which go against our district policies (no gang-affiliated or drug/alcohol-referenced clothing items/slogans for example).
- ⇒ **Parent Communication/Involvement:**
 - **Written Communication:** You will receive a Parent Handbook the first week of school, which details important information about our school. We will send information home each week in the Wednesday envelope. *We invite you to sign up to receive e-mail notification of upcoming activities and events.* The *Mustang Express* is our monthly newsletter. Our website is a great resource for families as well.
 - **Parent Involvement:** We have many opportunities for parents to volunteer at the school. If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, simply contact the teacher. **PTO**-McGee has a very active PTO. The PTO sponsors many school activities and involves students in the school. We have many opportunities for PTO leadership this year. **ATP**-Action Team for Partnership is a combination of parents, staff, and community members who develop a yearly action plan to support activities to increase parent involvement in academic areas. Please consider getting involved in our PTO and/or ATP this year.

The staff and I are excited to work with you to provide your child a wonderful school experience. Please contact me at 547-6583 with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Wendy Lechelt-Polster
Principal

2015-2016 Schedule

(Start/stop times)

- 8:40 a.m.**
Breakfast served
Students may be on
Playground
- 9:00 a.m.**
School starts
- 3:40 p.m.**
Dismissal time on
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and
Friday
- 1:40 p.m.**
Dismissal on
Wednesday



August- September 2015 Dates to Remember

New Student Tour 1:00 p.m.—cafeteria 1st-6th grades only	Aug. 25
Open House and Ice Cream Social 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Aug. 27
1st day of school 9:00 a.m.—3:40 p.m.	Sept. 1
PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sept. 3
Labor day No classes held	Sept. 7
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. - library	Sept. 17
Mustang Round-up 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Sept. 18
Individual Picture Day	Sept. 29

2015-2016 Faculty Roster

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster, Principal
 Mrs. Cozad, Vice Principal
 Mrs. Mitchell, Secretary
 Ms. Guzman, Clerk
 Miss Wallace, Attendance Clerk

Kindergarten

	Mrs. McElroy	Room A-2
	Ms. Carlson	Room A-3
A.M.	Mrs. Santo	Room A-4
P.M.	TBH	Room A-4
	Mrs. Chastain	Room A-5

1st Grade

	TBH	Room A-1
	Mrs. Kopf	Room A-6
	Mr. Ehlis	Room A-7
	Mr. Mangano	Room A-8

2nd Grade

	Mrs. Aldrich	Room B-3
	Ms. Peoples	Room B-4
	Mrs. Palomarez	Room C-4
	Mrs. Lamb	Room C-5

3rd Grade

	Ms. Flannery	Room C-1
	Mrs. Bushey	Room C-2
	Mrs. Howard	Room C-6

4th Grade

	Mrs. McPeck	Room B1
	Mrs. Dutcher	Room B2
	Mrs. Gomez	Room B5
	Mrs. Marquez	Room B6

5th Grade

	Mrs. Little	Room P28A
	Mr. Girard	Room P30A
	Mrs. Naylor	Room P30B

6th Grade

	Mrs. Scott	Room P28B
	Mr. Young	Room P31A
	Mrs. Kahl	Room P31B

Special Education

	Mrs. Giles (E.R.R.)	Room P26
	Ms. Wilson (S.C.)	Room P27
	Miss Richardson (B.D.)	Room P29A
	Mrs. Mendoza (R.R.)	Room C3

Special Programs

	Ms. Gragg (E.L.D.)	Room P25B
	Mrs. Fulton (R.R./L.L.I.)	Room P32B
	Mrs. Moore (R.R./L.L.I.)	Room P32B

Specialists

	Ms. Bieber	Librarian
	Ms. Hendrickson	Art (P25A)
	Mrs. Guzman	Technology (P23)
	Mr. Elliott	P.E.
	Mr. Kruse	Music
	Mrs. Amaya	Counselor
	Mr. Lemmon	Psychologist
	Mrs. Hoinacki	Nurse
	Mrs. Ratliff	Speech
	Mrs. Waddel	O.T.
	Mr. Bjur	Band (Stage)
	Mrs. Spadoni	Orchestra (P24)



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 Thursday, August 27, 2015. The activities will start at 5:00 p.m. in classrooms. Teachers will be welcoming students and parents in their classrooms from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Students can bring in their school supplies and meet their new teacher for the upcoming school year. Teachers will discuss their classroom routines and rules, grade level Common Core State Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics. Handouts will be available for parents. An ice cream bar will be available in the cafeteria afterwards (one per person). We hope to see you on Thursday, August 27, 2015 to start off another school year of learning and fun.



P.T.O. Board Officers 2015-2016

If you are interested in a position, please contact the office at 547-6583.
 All positions are open and available.

New Student Orientation 1st—6th Grades Only

We are planning a new student orientation on **August 25, 2015 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. Amaya, our counselor, will lead the tour.



P.S.D. Meal Prices 2015-2016

K-5th gr. \$1.25 ... breakfast
 K-5th gr. \$2.60 ... lunch
 Adult.....\$2.50 ... breakfast
 Adult.....\$4.00 ... lunch
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