



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



August-September 2016

...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 his/her 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, Tuscayan/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 28, 2016 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

2016-2017 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 2016**

Dates to Remember

New Student Tour 1:00 p.m.—cafeteria 1st-6th grades only	Aug. 23
Open House and Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Aug. 25
1st day of school 9:00 a.m.—3:40 p.m.	Aug. 30
PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sept. 8
Labor day No classes held	Sept. 5
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. - library	Sept. 12
Mustang Round-up 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Sept. 23
Individual Picture Day	Sept. 27

2016-2017 Faculty Roster

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



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 25, 2016. The activities will start at 6:00 p.m. in classrooms. Teachers will be welcoming students and parents in their classrooms from 6:00-7:00 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. 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 25, 2016 to start off another school year of learning and fun.



Kindergarten

	Miss Setbacken	Room A1
	Mrs. Turner	Room A2
A.M.	Mrs. Santo	Room A4
P.M.	TBH	Room A4
	Mrs. Hendrix	Room A5

1st Grade

	Miss Carlson	Room A3
	Mrs. Kopf	Room A6
	Mrs. Guzman	Room A7
	Mr. Mangano	Room A8

2nd Grade

	Mrs. McPeck	Room B1
	Mrs. Aldrich	Room B3
	Ms. Peoples	Room B4
	Ms. Gragg	Room B5

3rd Grade

	Ms. Flannery	Room C1
	Mrs. Bushey	Room C2
	Ms. Harder	Room C5
	Miss Melnik	Room C6

4th Grade

	Mrs. Dutcher	Room B2
	Mrs. Marquez	Room B6
A.M.	Mrs. Gomez	Room C5
P.M.	Mr. Ehlis	Room C5

5th Grade

	Mrs. Little	Room P28A
	Ms. Hale	Room P28B
	Mr. Girard	Room P30A
	Mrs. Naylor	Room P30B

6th Grade

	Mr. Young	Room P31A
	Mrs. Gussenhoven	Room P31B
	Mrs. Scott	Room P32A

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
	Mrs. Lemmon (R.R.) (.5)	Room C3

Special Programs

	Mrs. Fulton (R.R./L.L.I.)	Room P32B
	Mrs. Moore (R.R./L.L.I.)	Room P32B

Specialists

	Mrs. Iverson	Librarian
	Ms. Hendrickson	Art (P25A)
	Mrs. Wilson	Technology (P23)
	Mr. Elliott	P.E.
	Mr. Kruse	Music
	TBH	Counselor
	Mrs. Fritz	Psychologist
	Mrs. Hoinacki	Nurse
	Mr. Hamilton	Speech
	Mrs. Waddel	O.T.
	Mr. Bjur	Band (P25B)
	Mrs. Spadoni	Orchestra (P24)
	Mrs. Gomez	ELA Coach
	Mr. Ehlis	Math Coach
	Mrs. Chastain	Literacy Coach

P.T.O. Board Officers 2016-2017


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Volunteer Coordinator Open

We are excited for a great year at McGee. We have a lot of fun events planned to show support and appreciation to students, staff and families. Some of these events include our Mustang Round Up, Spirit Week, Duct Tape the Staff, Fall Book Fair, Donuts with Dads, Bubblegrams, Muffins with Moms, Spring BOGO Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Spring Fun Run, and Spirit Sales. Come volunteer and be a part of making this year great for everyone!

Contact us at mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com

New Student Orientation 1st—6th Grades Only

We are planning a new student orientation on **Tuesday, August 23, 2016 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.



P.S.D. Meal Prices 2016-2017

K-6th gr.	\$1.25breakfast
K-6th gr.	\$2.65lunch
Adult	\$2.50breakfast
Adult	\$4.00lunch
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