



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



December 2011

...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents,

Where has the time flown? It will soon be 2012! We at McGee hope that you and your family are well and have everything that you need during this time of year. If there is anything that we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call us. Mrs. McLaughlin (school counselor), Mrs. Brown (vice principal) and I would be happy to talk with you.

Parent-Teacher conferences have just been completed. Your attendance rate at conferences was over 95%! I hope that you have had any questions answered. If a concern ever arises, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and then myself. We are here to help!

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for the wonderful support that you show to McGee and its students. Our annual Donuts with Dads before school breakfast was again extremely well attended. This year we had two serving lines and more helpers. Hope your wait was not as long. Profits from the Book Fair go to new library books and books to give away during the year. Your support is amazing and we appreciate it.

I hope that you are able to have your child participate in our care packages for soldiers listed below. This will be our fourth year of sending packages overseas to active duty personnel. Each year has been more successful than the last. I think it is important for students to give back to others, so we participate in this program.

On Valentine's Day of 2012 the Pasco School District will be running a replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy. The one currently in effect expires at the end of 2012. The Levy pays for many things in elementary schools including librarians, library clerks, Art, Music and PE teachers. It pays for our Vice Principal, custodians and utilities. This Levy is a slight reduction of \$4.51 per \$1000. If you have questions regarding the Levy please contact me.

Please enjoy your holiday break! We will see you in 2012 with a big smile and positive attitude for education and learning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay



Dates to Remember

P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Library	1
McTeacher Night 5:00-7:00 p.m. Road 68 McDonalds	5
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A.T.P. Meeting 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the library S.I.P. Meeting 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the library	7
Popcorn Friday	9
Nutcracker Play 5th grade to Richland High Auditorium 12:00 p.m.	12
Starship McGee Assembly Respect 9:45 a.m. K, 1, 2, 3 3:00 p.m. K, 4, 5	19
Early Release at 12:30 p.m. for winter break	21
Winter Break No classes held	22 - Jan 3

JAMES MCGEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SERVICE PROJECT

Care packages for McGee families' servicemen and servicewomen in the armed forces

A notice has been sent home with classroom assignments for items to be collected for the care packages. Please send the items to school on or before December 7, 2011. The care packages will be sent out before the holidays.



Food Drive for Pasco Charities

We will be collecting food for charities in Pasco on **Friday, December 2, Friday, December 9, Friday, December 16 and Wednesday, December 21, 2011.**

Please bring in canned or dry non-perishable food items to donate to help those less



Caps for Kids

Thank you to everyone that donated \$1 on our Caps for Kids Day on October 28, 2011. We raised \$289.32 to send to Caps for Kids.

Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

Candy Grams

A Candy Gram is a message you write to someone that comes with a fun seasonal candy attached. You can purchase a Candy Gram for 50¢ each. The order forms will be sent home soon. Candy Grams can be ordered from December 1-16 with delivery on Monday, December 19, 2011. If you need additional gram message forms, they will be in the office. Once completing the gram message, cut it out and put it in an envelope along with the money. Bring it to the office and put it in the special collection box.



PTO POPCORN FRIDAYS!

Students will be able to purchase a ticket for \$.25 for a bag of popcorn on Popcorn Fridays. Classroom teachers will collect the money and turn in a count in the morning. Students will get their popcorn at lunchtime. Kindergarten students will get their popcorn before the end of their school day.

POPCORN FRIDAY DATE

December 9, 2011



December PTO Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2011
6:30 p.m. in the library

Topics

- Book fair
- Donuts with Dads
- Spring fundraiser
- Grade Parents
- Candy grams
- Holiday sales of Mustang gear
- Valentine Workshop

Daycare will be available.

Exchange Club Student of the Month

The Tri-City Exchange Club is a local group that supports our school. This group of local people brings awareness about abuse and provide support to groups that help children who have been abused. This group buys the small flags for our Veteran's Day assembly every year. They have been a huge part of our Valentine Workshop as well. They also recognize one student per month here at McGee who is living the McGee Peace Pledge. Students are selected for a variety of reasons.

October Student of the Month

Lindsey Martin
Mr. Girard's 5th Grade

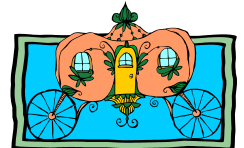
November Student of the Month

Kenzie Salisbury
Miss VanderSchoor's 4th Grade

Pumpkins on Parade

Winners

Sponsored by McGee A.T.P.



- Kindergarten** Mack Muhlbeier, Mrs. Russell
If You Give a Dog a Donut
- 1st Grade** Nik Bosman, Miss Elliott
More Bears
- 2nd Grade** Zara Rodriguez, Mrs. Palomarez
Pikachu
- 3rd Grade** Noel Fernandez, Mrs. Palomarez
Pinocchio
- 4th Grade** Kendle Dodson, Mrs. Wright
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- 5th Grade** Korie Fajmon, Mrs. Kopf
Horton Hears a Who

Thank you to everyone that participated in this fun event!



Spirit Fridays

Everyone is encouraged to wear red and/or gray on Fridays. The primary and intermediate classrooms with the highest percentage of students showing spirit each Friday will receive Otter Pops and will get to have "Spirit", the stuffed mascot, in their classroom for part of the week.



Winter Weather

Winter weather is here again. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Coats, hats and gloves along with the appropriate shoes or boots will keep your child warm and dry. The office doesn't have extra clothing, if they get wet. Please listen to KONA 610 AM radio on snowy/icy mornings for delays or closures. The radio station regularly updates school information. Updates are also posted on the District webpage www.psd1.org.

