



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



December 2013

...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents,

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. As I watched parents and students enter there was not waiting! 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. Our Book Fair was the largest in the area. The Book Fair sold over **\$10,000** worth of books! Wow!

I hope that you are able to have your child participate in our care packages for soldiers. This will be our sixth 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 February 11, 2014 the Pasco School District will be running a replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy. The levy currently in effect expires at the end of 2014. 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 2014 with a big smile and positive attitude for education and learning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay



December

Dates to Remember

Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre 9:45 a.m. K-2nd grades	3
Support, Advocacy & Resource Center K, 4th, 5th gr. Presentations	5 6 9 10 12 13
Popcorn Friday	6
Family Movie Night Monsters University Rated G Seating 6:45 p.m. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.	6
5th Graders to Richland High for Nutcracker performance 11:30 a.m.— 1:45 p.m.	16
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library	17
Holiday Concert 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	19
Holiday Concert at P.H.S. 6:30 p.m.	
Winter Break No classes held	23 - Jan. 3



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.



Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

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 November 27-December 18, 2013 with delivery the on December 19, 2013. 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.

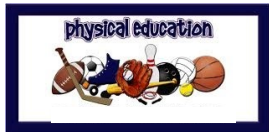
Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

- The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Topics:

- Valentine Workshop
- Fundraiser ideas
- McGee Wing Night wrap-up (12/10 & 12/11)
- Christmas Candy Gram wrap-up
- Coats for Kids
- Author visit wrap-up

Daycare will be available.



PE Monthly News

from Mr. Elliott

Please check Mr. Elliott's web page on our school website for up-to-date PE news.

Pumpkins on Parade Winners

Sponsored by McGee A.T.P.



Kindergarten	Rylin Clark—Gragg
1st Grade	Rio Gomez—Mattox
2nd Grade	Alexys Hutchings—Lamb/Borlaug
3rd Grade	Megan Austin—Bushey
4th Grade	Kelila Mitchell—McPeek
5th Grade	Noel Fernandez—Scott

Thank you to everyone that participated in this fun event!



*McGee
Chess
Club*

Denny Delafield Memorial Tournament Results

K-2
2nd place

1st Grade
1st place—Desmond Hill
3rd place—Emmanuel Romero

3rd Grade
1st place—Dean Figueroa

State Qualifiers
Marc Romero
Isaac Robinson
Dean Figueroa
Jesse Romero
Ocean Van

attendance **MATTERS**

Showing up for school has a huge impact on student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

When students miss too much school – regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent - which means missing 18 or more days over the course of the entire school year. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

Make sure your child keeps a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.

Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.

Talk to your teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day.

Mrs. McLaughlin



Exchange Club Student of the Month

The Tri-City Exchange Club is a local group that supports our school. This group 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. Students are selected for academic achievement.

October Student of the Month
Colby Beaver
Mrs. Scott's 5th Grade

November Student of the Month
Ian Nielsen
Mrs. Guzman's 1st Grade