



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



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...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents,

We are almost through the first trimester of school. There is much going on in the month of December so be sure to review this newsletter for all the information.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing all of our parents at parent-teacher conferences December 8th-11th. Conferences allow parents and teachers to discuss student progress on a one on one basis. Report cards will be given to parents at conferences. We encourage you to make every effort to attend your child's conference.

To maximize the time you have with the teacher, consider the following ideas:

- Ask your child if there is anything he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- Make a note of anything you want to be sure to discuss with the teacher at the conference.
- Arrive on time or a little early so you have the maximum time available to conference with your child's teacher.
- Make the most of your time—ask questions to clarify anything that is unclear to you, ask your child's teacher if he/she has suggestions for your child in any areas that you have concerns.
- Make a note of what was discussed and/or agreed upon so that you can follow up.
- If you have concerns about your child's behavior and/or academic progress, you may want to discuss what intervention options are available for your child.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place during conference week. We invite you to stop by and check out all the wonderful books that are available for purchase. We love to get high-interest books into the hands of our students! Profits from our book fair benefit our library, and allow us to purchase more books for our students. The book fair will be open before school each day and will be open after school during parent-teacher conference hours.

Coat and Non-Perishable Food Drive

This month we will kick off the **James McGee Coat and Non-Perishable Food Drive**. All donated coats and non-perishable food items will be given to families in need during this cold weather/holiday season. Items must be brought in to the school by December 18th.

PTO Executive Board

A big thank you to our outgoing PTO executive board Tonya Steele, Heidi Redfield, Jamie Southworth, and Nicki Austin for their selfless service and support of McGee! Welcome to our new executive board members: Cindy Erickson, Nicole King, Brandy McConathy, Julie Pluff, Tracey Stuenkel, and Naya Wahler; our PTO executive board is eager to support the students, staff, and community at James McGee Elementary. We look forward to another great year with our fantastic PTO!

Thank you all for your continued support. We have had a great year so far and look forward to a great 2016!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster




December 2015

Dates to Remember

Donuts with Dads 7:45-9:00 a.m.	4
Scholastic Book Fair Before school & after school during conferences	4-11
Parent Conferences 12:30 p.m. release for all students K-6	8-11
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the library	14
Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria Parent performance	16
Winter Concert 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria	17
1st Trimester Ends for Accelerated Reader Goals	22
Winter Break No classes held	23-Jan. 1
Christmas Day	25

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. You can also subscribe to the School Messenger System by going to <http://psdapps.psd1.org/schmess/index-parent.php> to register. Updates are also posted on the District webpage www.psd1.org.



dOnuts
with Dad

and Scholastic Book Fair
Friday, December 4, 2015
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.



Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

Contact us at mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com



Us on Facebook "Mustang PTO"



Students are asked to invite their dad, grandpa or male friend to have a donut and milk or juice with them on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 7:45 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. There is no charge to have a donut and milk or juice. You can then visit the book fair in the library. There will be many books, magazines, posters and miscellaneous items to purchase for a minimal price. The book fair will be open from December 4 through December 11, 2015.

2015-2016 P.T.O. Board Members

President—Cindy Erickson
Vice President—Nicole King
President Elect—Brandy McConathy
Secretary—Tracey Stuenkel
Treasurer—Julie Pluff
Volunteer Coordinator—Naya Wahler

Thank you to all of these ladies for volunteering to be on the P.T.O. Board this school year. There are still Committee positions open. If you are interested, please contact the P.T.O. group at mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com.



Remember to save Box Tops for Education coupons from all participating products.

Cut out the coupon and send it to school.



Clip and save UPCs and caps from participating Labels for Education Brands. **You no longer need to clip the entire label – just the UPC code itself.**

A great big thank you to **Mrs. Tomer** for volunteering to be in charge of this program for the school. She will be preparing the coupons to be mailed in for the rebate check.



Pumpkins on Parade Winners

Sponsored by McGee A.T.P.

Kindergarten

1. Blake Johnson
2. Alicyn Marshall and Peyton
2. Isabella Rouse

1st Grade

1. Kaydence Mendoza
2. Isabella Parra
3. Logan Lemmon

2nd Grade

1. Emily Little
2. Cooper Cazier
3. Xander Feil

3rd Grade

1. Taya Riner
2. Rio Gomez
3. Dyllan Giles

4th Grade

1. Savannah Johnson
2. Chris Zacarias
3. Daniela Mesplie

5th Grade

1. Micah Little
2. Evan Adams

6th Grade

1. Salma Neito
2. Hailey Williams

Thank you to everyone that participated in this fun event!



Technology Time at Home

Have you tried accessing DreamBox for your student at home? It is an amazing Math Website that supplements the Math instruction given in class. The program is leveled for each student and moves them ahead or for additional practice based upon their performance. It is a guilt free, educational way for your student to have some computer or iPad time at home.

On a computer you can access the site at:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/ec2w/jamesme>

On an iPad search "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

ec2w/jamesme

With both devices click the teacher name. Each student has a personal login. Students should know theses. The younger students have picture logins and the older students have passwords.

Recently your child brought home a blue paper with DreamBox instructions. If you need another one, they are on a table by the front counter of the school.

This will instruct you how to set up a free Parent Account to review your student's academic progress.