



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



February 2015

...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Families,

We have a number of fun and educational opportunities for students during the month of February! On February 3rd, we will host the Rugare Marimba Ensemble, a local marimba ensemble that plays African-style marimba music that is energetic, inspiring, and fun.

Our first graders will be performing their first concert of the year on February 12th. The parent performance will be held on February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the McGee cafeteria.

We will have a visit from author Paul Owen Lewis on February 23rd. Mr. Lewis is an author and illustrator from Washington State. He has written a number of books but is most well-known for Davy's Dream and Storm Boy. Students will have the opportunity to listen to and interact with Mr. Lewis. They will also be given the opportunity to purchase books and have Mr. Lewis autograph the books they have purchased, while he is visiting our school.

We will end the month with our annual Reading Rocks event on February 26th from 6:00-7:30. We will have fun activities as well as delicious ice cream floats for all who attend Reading Rocks and every McGee student that attends will receive a free book!

Reminders:

- ◆ **Winter Weather Dress**-Please remember to send your child/children to school prepared for the ever-changing weather conditions. Students go out to recess most days, so being prepared for the cold, wind, and rain is very important!
- ◆ **Non-Edible Birthday Treats**-Please remember that we **do not** allow edible birthday treats such as cupcakes and candy; we have too many issues with food allergies. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please contact your child's teacher **in advance** and arrange for a celebration that does not include food items.
- ◆ **Attendance**-Please remember to call the office **on the day of** your child's absence. If we do not hear from you, one of our secretary's, Ms. Wallace, will call you in the afternoon. If we don't make personal contact with you to excuse the absence, our automated calling system will call you after 4:15 p.m. You may call the school after hours and leave a message on our answering machine giving us the reason for your child's absence.

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster,
Principal



Dates to Remember

Rugare Marimba Ensemble Concert 9:30 a.m. 3rd, 4th, 5th gr.	3
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library	4
1st Grade Music Performance 6:00 p.m.—parent performance	12
Presidents' Day No classes held	16
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the library	19
Paul Owen Lewis, Author Visit	23
Reading Rocks A Family Reading Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.	26



Kindergarten Registration!

Now through
June 15, 2015
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



Reading Rocks A Family Reading Night

February 26, 2015
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy reading a good book with a parent or adult in the library.

- *Sing Karaoke
- *Make a bookmark
- *One free book per James McGee student
- *One free rootbeer float per person



Kindergarten classes will be at Barbara McClintock STEM Elementary School which is opening in the Fall.

The McGee office staff will be taking kindergarten registration packets for fall classes. The registration packets will be given to McClintock staff when they are available to process them.

A registration packet is available in our office. Immunizations must be current (booster shots after the age of 4). Verification of residency is also required.



