



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Robin Hay, Principal



January 2013

## ...From The Desk of The Principal

### Early Release from School and Changes in Daily Routine

Starting in January 2013, we will be implementing a new policy at James McGee Elementary School. It is important for students to be in class the entire day. Early departures disrupt the learning for your child and all of the other students in the class. Because every minute of learning is crucial, the office will not interrupt your child's classroom after 3:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. on Wednesday) for students to be released early.

In the event that you need to have your child released during the school day for an appointment, it is necessary that an authorized adult come to the office to sign the student out. To protect your child, they will not be released to anyone who is not indicated on your child's emergency record. Teachers are instructed not to release a student unless contacted by the office or a release slip is presented.

Maintaining a consistent routine going home helps ease confusion for students and staff. However, in the event a change in your child's daily routine is necessary, please contact the office. All changes must be received in the office prior to 3:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. on Wednesday) to allow communication to occur with your child's teacher. Our office staff will be able to assist you in an emergency situation in notifying your child of a change.

Thank you for making sure your student receives all of the time in class that they deserve to excel academically and socially.

Robin Hay  
Principal



### Dates to Remember

<b>Winter Break</b> No classes held	<b>1-4</b>
<b>SARC</b> Presentations K, 1, 2	<b>7</b>
<b>SARC</b> Presentations K, 1, 2 <b>PTO Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. in the library	<b>8</b>
<b>SARC</b> Presentations K, 1, 2 (PM) <b>WAKE UP</b> assembly and workshops	<b>10</b>
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<b>McTeacher Night</b> Road 68 McDonalds 5:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>15 &amp; 16</b>
<b>A.T.P. Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. in the library <b>SARC</b> Presentations K, 1, 2	<b>17</b>
<b>Popcorn Friday</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> No classes held	<b>21</b>
<b>Family Movie Night</b> Seating-6:45 p.m. Movie-7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>
<b>Snow Day (1st)</b> No classes held	<b>28</b>
<b>SARC</b> Support, Advocacy & Resource Center	

### Pasco School District Bond 2013



The Pasco School District will run a bond initiative on the Feb. 12, 2013 ballot. The estimated rate for taxpayers is .34 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$34 per year for a \$100,000 property.

The bond will fund:

- Elementary school #13, which is located at Road 52 and Powerline, is scheduled to open in fall 2014 and will have a capacity of 750 students.
- Elementary #14, a Westside kindergarten center located at Road 60 and Sandifur, is scheduled to open in fall 2015 with a capacity of 725 students.
- Elementary #15, which is located at the Whittier Elementary site, is scheduled to open in fall 2015 and will have a capacity of 750 students.
- Possible miscellaneous projects to be prioritized and determined based on final bids and state matching dollars:
  - o New Horizons High School relocation
  - o Stevens Middle School site improvements
  - o Pasco High entrance, offices & additional science labs
  - o Twain Elementary pick up and drop off
  - o District wide improvements such as upgrades at older schools
  - o Portables
  - o Design funds for next schools
  - o Land purchases: elementary, middle and high school sites

Become an informed voter. Attend an information session at your local school. For a complete list of session dates, go to [www.psd1.org](http://www.psd1.org).



# Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

## POPCORN FRIDAY!

Students will be able to purchase a bag of popcorn for \$.25 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

January 18, 2013



## January PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2013  
6:30 p.m. in the library

### Topics

- ◆ Spring Fundraiser ideas
- ◆ Candy Gram wrap-up
- ◆ Family Movie Night
- ◆ BOGO Book Fair

Daycare will be available.

## FITNESS FACTS



Our 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are demonstrating the rules and skills to successfully play games of 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball and indoor football. They worked on the skills of throwing, catching, volleying, and shooting, along with being a good teammate for 4 weeks total through the months of November and part of December.

## 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 provides support to groups that help children who have been abused. The Exchange Club 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.

## December Student of the Month

Traeton Mitchell  
Mrs. Vincent, 4th Grade

Students also were working on improving their 5 health related fitness components of cardio respiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition by doing our dynamic warm-up, jumping rope and doing medicine ball step ups.

Another quick note 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls will have the opportunity to create a 3 on 3 team to compete in intermural basketball during lunch recess.

K -2 notes: dribbling, volleying, and striking.

The dribbling, volleying and striking unit we are doing in January is building upon manipulative skills students previously learned in October. Movement skill fundamentals will be the focus of the lessons, such as dribbling, bouncing, catching and striking objects with one hand. These will be advanced activities for students to learn and practice not only at PE but at home as well.

## James McGee 7th Annual Math Mardi Gras



### A Family Math Night

Thursday, January 31, 2013  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



McGee is having our 7th annual Family Math Night with the theme being Mardi Gras. It will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013 in the cafeteria, gym and the computer lab.

Math games/activities  
(grade level appropriate)  
Mask-making  
Estimation Jars  
Popcorn graphing  
Computer Lab—math games  
Literature connections to math



What can you do to help your child at home? Check out these websites at home together [www.EatSmart.org](http://www.EatSmart.org), [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) look for ways your family can create healthy meals and find activities to do together outside for exercise. Examples go to the park, ride bikes, walk the dog and sports. Also encourage your child to join a program that we do at McGee [www.fueluptoplay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com) great way to get your child creating healthy habits and seeing how much exercise they get daily and what they are eating. They also earn points for every day they enter their information.

Mr. Elliott  
PE Teacher



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