



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



January 2014

...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Before we completely leave 2013 in the past, I would like to say a huge thank you to our students and families for the assistance that they lent to our community through donations of food and items for our 'Soldier's Boxes'. The sixth year for our 'Soldier's Boxes' was a continued success. We were able to send 37 boxes to soldiers serving overseas during the holidays. Thanks to the local ACES organization that pays the shipping for each box. Finally, our families came together to support another McGee family who suffered loss through a house fire.

Welcome back from what was hopefully a restful, Winter Break. It seems that once we enter January we are on the downward swing for the school year. This is the time when kindergarten and first grade students really begin to blossom in their learning. Our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the new pilot assessment for the Common Core State Standards in May rather than April. Last year we experienced continued growth in our overall scores. Once again McGee was named in the top 5% of the state for improving test scores. **McGee is the only school in the State of Washington to earn School of Distinction for 5 consecutive years!!** Your support is greatly appreciated by the staff. If you have any questions regarding teaching and learning, please contact your child's teacher.

We hope to see you at our upcoming Math Mardi Gras on January 30. We will have a multitude of math activities for all grade levels. The Valentine Workshop will return this year in February. Stay warm and safe!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay



Dates to Remember

Winter Break No classes held	1-3
Starship McGee Assembly—Respect 9:50-10:35 a.m. K, 4, 5 grades in the gym	13
Sahara Pizza Nights	13-14
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the Library	16
Yearbook Group Picture Day Perry's class to Yokes 9:15-11:10 a.m.	
Popcorn Friday	17
Starship McGee Assembly 2:05-2:50 p.m. in the gym K, 1, 2, 3	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day No classes held	20
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library	21
Family Movie Night Seating-6:45 p.m. Movie-7:00 p.m.	24
Break Day or 1st Snow Day (if necessary) No classes held	27
Math Mardi Gras A Family Math Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.	30

Pasco School District Levy 2014 February 11, 2014



On February 11, 2014, Pasco School District will run a regularly scheduled, replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy.

Levies support all of Pasco's 16,614 students. This levy replaces the levy that expires in 2014.

Voters will be asked to approve \$21.7 million in 2015 and \$22.9 million in 2016.

The estimated tax rate is \$4.51 per \$1,000, the same that voters approved in the 2012 levy election. The actual rate being paid in 2013 is \$4.46 per \$1,000 due to some growth in the community's assessed value (AV). The AV is the value of all the property within the district's boundaries—homes and commercial and industrial property.

Remember to Vote on February 11, 2014.



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 during the school day. Kindergarten students will get their popcorn before the end of their school day.

POPCORN FRIDAY DATE

January 17, 2014



January PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014
6:30 p.m. in the library

Topics

- * Elections
 - * December Movie night wrap-up
 - * Valentine Workshop
 - * Treasurer Report
 - * STEM Presentation
- Daycare will be available.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 24, 2014

Seating starts at 6:30 p.m.

Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.



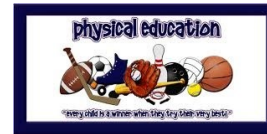
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Exchange Club Student of the Month

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

Ocean Van
5th grade, Mr. Girard



PE Monthly News

from Mr. Elliott

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

James McGee 8th Annual Math Mardi Gras



A Family Math Night

Thursday, January 30, 2014
6:00-7:30 p.m.



McGee is having our 8th annual Family Math Night with the theme being Mardi Gras. It will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014 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



Elizabeth Blake is the new school nurse at McGee. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner and ARNP. She has worked the past 11 years at a pediatric clinic in the Puget Sound region. She also has worked as a PNP in 3 high school Health Clinics in Minneapolis and also as a school nurse before she received her Master's Degree. Her studies have also included a minor Child Development and graduate courses in Illustrating for children. She is author and illustrator of a book for children on differences, acceptance, and belonging. She's also written many booklets on children's health conditions for a state health department. Her recent move to Tri-Cities brings her closer to family and excited to join your school community.



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