



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



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...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents,

It is June and summer is just around the corner. We will send home Grade Level Curriculum Handouts and supply lists in your child's report card. Students will not be assigned to specific teachers until August. Classroom assignments will be sent to each child with our welcome back packet. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address.

The process we use to place students is very thoughtful. It includes input from parents, teacher, counselor, principal and other relevant staff members. We consider academic balance, equity of gender, special needs, classroom load, as well as personality mix and concerns to create balanced classrooms at each level.

Parent involvement and support is essential. I appreciate your understanding with the challenges we are facing and patience in the process. Our goal is not only to promote student achievement, but also to equip our students with the skills, and a passion for lifelong learning. Thanks for helping us with that goal. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents.

Although the students will not be in school for over 2 months there are still many educational activities that they can participate in during that time. Please have your children read at least 20 minutes a day or you read to them each evening. They can keep a journal of activities that they do or places that they go over the summer. Talk to them about math type activities around the home. Perhaps you are building something or budgeting for a trip, those are perfect times to discuss math and involve your children. It is always good to have children count money or have money of their own to spend. Time is another concept that is difficult for children to grasp. If you have an analog (old style) clock with the hands it helps them to see the passage of time. Even though the internet can be a scary place and I would never advocate turning students loose on it, there are many wonderful educational sites for students to visit and learn from. However, in the end nothing replaces conversation and human contact to enhance student learning. Please enjoy your summer, learn something new and we will see you in August.

Our Ice Cream Social will be changing to an **Open House and Ice Cream Social**. We will hold this on the **Wednesday, August 21** before school begins. We will begin at 5:45 p.m. by taking school supplies to classes. Students will be in the gym for a movie while parents will attend a traditional **Open House from 6:00-7:10 p.m.** We ask that parents start in one child's classroom and move on to another room after our signal. We will have three rotations. Finally, we will gather for ice cream, before going home. Please check our website for more details as well as watch for our flyer in August.

Finally, a big thank you to this year's PTO officers and all of our volunteers for the many hours that they spend here. McGee would not be such a great place without all of your support. Enjoy your summer and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay

Dates to Remember



Mad Mallet Tour 9:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	3
5th Grade to Tri-City Court Club 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	4
Kindergarten Celebration 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria	
5th Grade Moving Up Celebration and Starship McGee for 3-5th grades 9:30 a.m. in the gym	5
Starship McGee for K-2nd grades 12:45 p.m.	
Field Day 9:30-11:00 a.m. K, 1, 2 1:00-2:30 p.m. K, 3, 4, 5	6
PM Kindergarten Last day of school	
Last day of school 9:30 a.m. assembly 12:00 p.m. release	7
Dust Devil McGee Family Night	26



Read for 20 minutes daily this summer!

Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

There are still many open positions on the P.T.O. Board as well as Committee Chairperson positions. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact the office at 547-6583 for more information.

Open Enrollment for Fall Kindergarten Classes is Now!



Now through June 14, 2013
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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

Science Fair Results

Kindergarten

1st Place: Bella Parsons
2nd Place: Adrian Ruiz
3rd Place: Madelyn Mercer

First Grade

1st Place: Isaac Robinson
2nd Place: Ella Lehrman
3rd Place: Troy Flores

Second Grade

1st Place: Cienna Landram
2nd Place: Sophia Zabilka
3rd Place: Caitlyn Parsons

Judges Choice Awards:

Damien Sanders
Juliana De los Santos

Third Grade

1st Place: Sean Russ Dilts

Fourth Grade

1st Place: Elijah Moore
2nd Place: Emma Robinson
3rd Place: Camila Lobos

Fifth Grade

1st Place: Kambrea Clifford
2nd Place: Brianna Gonzalez
3rd Place: Nicholas Gutierrez

