



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



2014

...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 20** 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. I am sad to be bidding the students goodbye and hope that I run into them in the community in the future. I have great expectations for our McGee Kids! Please enjoy your summer and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay



Dates to Remember



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| Field Day—"NFL DAY" 9:30-11:00 a.m. K, 1, 2 1:00-2:30 p.m. K, 3, 4, 5 | 3 |
| 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony/Starship 9:30 a.m. 4th & 5th Starship Assembly 12:30 p.m. K, 1, 2, 3 A.T.P. Meeting 1:30 p.m. at Fiesta | 4 |
| Last day of school for 2013-2014 year 9:30 a.m.—end of the year assembly 12:00 p.m. release | 6 |
| Dust Devil McGee Family Night Game time-7:15 p.m. | 25 |



Open enrollment for fall Kindergarten classes is now!

Now through June 19, 2014
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. We are accepting registration packets for Franklin Elementary School.



Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

P.T.O. Board Officers 2014-2015

- President Open
- Vice President Open
- Vice President Elect..... Open
- Secretary/Communications Open
- Treasurer Open
- Volunteer Coordinator Open

Committee Chairpersons

- Book Fair Chairperson Open
- Mustang Round Up Chairperson.... Open
- Candy Grams Chairperson..... Open
- Fall Fundraiser Chairperson Open
- Trunk or Treat Chairperson Open
- Valentine Workshop Chairperson.. Open
- Spring Fundraiser Chairperson..... Open
- Student Store Chairperson..... Open
- Popcorn Fridays Chairperson Open
- Movie Night Chairperson Open
- T-shirt Sales Chairperson Open
- Yearbook Chairperson..... Open
- Box Tops Chairperson **Allison King**
- Capri Sun Chairperson..... Open
- Coats for Kids Chairperson..... Open

All positions are open for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested in a position, please call the office at 547-6583.



Dust Devils McGee and Franklin Family Night

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Dust Devils Baseball Family Night for McGee and Franklin schools will be on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Game time is at 7:15 p.m. The gates open at 6:15 p.m.

\$1 hot dogs and Coca-Cola products available to purchase all night long!

Tickets are available to purchase for \$8.00 each. \$1 towards each ticket purchased will be donated to either McGee or Franklin school depending on which you circle on your order form.

Order forms are due in the McGee office by June 2, 2014. Tickets will be delivered to students during the last week of school.



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 also recognize one student per month here at McGee. Students are selected for academic achievement.

May Student of the Month

Isaiah Guillen
5th Grade—Mr. Girard



Read for 20 minutes daily this summer!



Reminder for 5th grade families

Before moving to middle school, students need their 11 year old immunizations. It's a great time for a well-child visit to evaluate their growth and development as well as get the required and optional vaccinations. TDaP is required before starting middle school. There are several other important vaccines available at this time including one to prevent some kinds of meningitis, hepatitis A, and HPV to prevent some types of cancer. Be sure to talk to your provider or health office about these. Remember that they need to be given after your child turns 11, but before starting 6th grade and TDaP is the only required vaccine if your child is up to date on others.

