



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal

June 2015

## ...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the school year is drawing to a close. It is June and summer is just around the corner. We have had a great year here at James McGee Elementary school. We appreciate the support and dedication from the parents and families of our students. We know that parent and family involvement makes a huge impact on student learning!

The last week of school we will send home a copy of your child's report card, along with the supply list for your child's grade for the 2015-16 school year. Students will not be assigned to specific teachers until August. Classroom assignments will be sent to each child with our welcome back packet in August. 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.

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 child read (or read to him/her) at least 20 minutes a day. There are several summer reading programs that children can participate in including programs through the Mid-Columbia Libraries and Barnes and Noble Bookstore. In addition to reading, students can keep a journal of activities that they do or places that they go over the summer. Encourage your child to talk about his/her experiences, this build vocabulary and helps a child add details to his/her personal stories.

You can help your child apply various math skills throughout the summer. Working with them to count and manage money, tell time, and keep track of prices in the grocery store can be incorporated fairly easily into your summer plans.

We are still taking registrations for kindergartners for the 2015-16 school year. Please turn in your child's paperwork as soon as possible. We will be sending information out to parents about kindergarten assessment and orientation, which takes place in August, prior to the start of school. Remember, you will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of address when you register your child for kindergarten.

The James McGee staff would like to thank this year's PTO officers and all of our volunteers for the many hours that they spend at McGee; our school would not be such a great place without all of your support! We have many opportunities for parents to get involved in our PTO next year, with most of our PTO officer and committee chair positions currently open.

Please enjoy your summer, stay safe, and learn something new! We will see you in August.

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster



<b>A.T.P. Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. in the library	<b>1</b>
<b>AR Reward Party</b> 10:50 a.m. 2:25 p.m.	<b>2</b>
<b>2nd grade to Sacajawea State Park</b> 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>
<b>P.T.O. General Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. in the library	<b>3</b>
<b>Field Day</b> 9:30-10:30 a.m. KAM, 1st, 2nd  1:00-2:00 p.m. KPM, 3rd, 4th, 5th	<b>5</b>
<b>End of Year Assembly</b> 9:30 a.m. K, 1, 2, 3 1:00 p.m. K, 4, 5	<b>9</b>
<b>Last day of school</b> Early release at 12:00 p.m.	<b>10</b>

### Be Involved at School

There are many ways to be involved at school.

- ◆ Join our P.T.O. group
- ◆ Join our A.T.P. committee
- ◆ Volunteer in the classroom
- ◆ Volunteer with one of the specialists
- ◆ Volunteer at our events



**Read for 20 minutes daily!**

# Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

## P.T.O. Board Officers 2015-2016

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  
Movie Night Chairperson.....Open  
T-shirt Sales Chairperson.....Open  
Yearbook Chairperson.....Open  
Box Tops Chairperson.....Open  
Capri Sun Chairperson.....Open  
Coats for Kids Chairperson.....Open

**All positions are open for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are interested in a position, please call the office at 547-6583.**



## May PTO Meeting

June 3, 2015  
6:30 p.m. in the library

### Agenda Items

- \*Mustang Round-Up
- \*Book Fair wrap-up
- \*Elections

Every child whose parent attends the P.T.O. meeting will have their name put in a drawing for a book. Daycare will be provided by the Boys and Girls Club.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com



Us on Facebook "Mustang PTO"



## Fall Kindergarten Registration is now!

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



The McGee office staff will be taking kindergarten registration packets for fall classes.

A registration packet is available in our office. Immunizations must be current (booster shots after the age of 4). A copy of the state issued birth certificate must be provided or a copy of the child's Social Security Card. Verification of residency is also required with a current utility bill or loan/lease/rental paperwork.



## Reminder for 5th Grade Families

Washington State Law requires that students receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine *after* their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and *before* the first day of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When your child turns 11, and if the school does *not* currently have this information on record, you will be receiving a letter from the school nurse. If you receive a letter, please let us know as soon as the Tdap immunization is given so that records can be updated. If your child will not be 11 before the end of the school year, you will receive a letter during the summer. If you have questions regarding your child's Tdap immunization status or current Washington State exemption options, contact the school nurse. Your cooperation will be very helpful in insuring a smooth transition into 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

## 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 in past years. They recognize one student per month here at McGee as their Student of the Month. Students are selected for academic achievement. They will receive a plaque and a McDonalds gift card.

## May Student of the Month

**Abbigail Beirens**  
4th grade, Mrs. Gomez