



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents,

It is nearly time for Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make plans to attend this important event with your spouse. It is such an informative time for both you and the teacher. My expectation for McGee staff is that there are no surprises on the report card for you or your child. I hope to encourage strong communication between home and school throughout the year, so that conferences are an extension of that communication. Please be sure that each night you encourage your child to read and do their homework. Homework and reading at home are practice for the future. Students need to be in the habit of spending time each evening practicing what they have learned in school that day. If you are having trouble with any of those things, a meeting between home and school with the child's involvement is so beneficial.

We are continuing to raise funds for a new playground toy. With installation costs and padding to go under the toy it is a large financial endeavor. We hope to have the toy installed this summer. Thanks to the district for providing more asphalt for our playground! Part of the asphalt will be where the toy is installed. If you have connections to any community organization that might like to partner with us, please contact me at school.

I would like to recognize our PTO in general. The parents who participate in planning events as well as those who donate their time to work are awesome. I have never had the pleasure of working with such a great group of parents, who volunteer so much time and are dedicated to all children in our school. I am thankful for you. If you would like to be more involved in school events, just give us a call and we will hook you up!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay




Dates to Remember

Butter Braid Fundraiser Starts	1
Dr. Seuss Reading Rocks 6:00-7:30 p.m.	6
End of 2nd Trimester Class Picture Day PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library	8
Trimester Break Day No classes held	9
Classified Appreciation Week	12-16
Reading is the Ticket logs due	14
Butter Braid Fundraiser due	15
K-2 SARC Presentations	
Popcorn Friday	16
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Conferences Release at 12:30 p.m. No Kindergarten Classes held	20 - 23
Farm Fair 5th Grade Students 11:30-2:00 p.m.	27
Butter Braid Pick-up 3:00-6:00 p.m.	29



Open enrollment for fall Kindergarten classes is now!

Now through June 20, 2012
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.



McGee Chess Club Tournament Results February 11, 2012

K-2 Team—1st Place
Marc Romero—1st Place
Ben Cook—2nd Place
Jesse Romero—2nd Place

3-4 Team—3rd Place
Damian Silva—Medal (3+ points)
Micah Pritchard—Medal (3+ points)

Damian Silva, Micah Pritchard and Nicholas Mendoza all qualified for state and this was their first tournament.

Mrs. Naylor, Chess Coach, reported that our McGee chess students received compliments on how well behaved they were at the tournament. Congratulations to everyone on a great job!



Read for
20
minutes daily

Wear
Red & Gray
on Friday

Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

March PTO Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2012
6:30 p.m. in the library

Topics

Butter Braids Fundraiser
Fun Run
New T-shirt Design

Daycare will be available.

Popcorn Friday is March 16, 2012

Students will be able to purchase for a bag of popcorn on Popcorn Fridays for a quarter.



Butter Braid Fundraiser March 1-15, 2012

We will be selling Butter Braids again to raise funds for a new playground toy. The fundraiser will be from March 1 through March 15, 2012. Orders will then be available for pick up at school on March 29, 2012 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.



Purchase Your Yearbook Today!



Mrs. Salisbury and our Technology Club have been working very hard to put together a yearbook for our students to purchase. It will have individual student pictures as well as pictures from many of the events that we have had this year. Order your yearbook today. It is a great way to save childhood memories. A special hardbound cover on the yearbook this year celebrates McGee's 30th anniversary. An order form was recently sent home to preorder a yearbook for \$21. You can pre-order a yearbook until April 20, 2012.



ORDER YOUR MUSTANG GEAR TODAY!



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A.T.P. Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to **Chloe Brook**, in Mrs. Naylor's classroom, for being an essay contest winner. She received a plaque and the school will receive \$500 to implement the ideas from her essay.

Fitness Facts From Mr. Elliott

Our Kinder and 1st graders have just finished up their tumbling unit where they learned how to do forward and backward rolls. We are now moving onto our jump rope unit that ties directly into our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Students will be getting information in their Wednesday envelopes so be on the look out to help fight heart disease.

2nd, 3rd and 4th grade have been reviewing their 5 health related fitness components and how they are important in their life. Students were able to see how fun exercising could be while going to stations working on cardio respiratory endurance, muscular strength/endurance, flexibility and body composition. After 3 weeks of station fitness, students completed a fitness challenge where they chose different activities and earned points for what they did. Be on the lookout for our Jump Rope for Heart information to help fight heart disease.

5th grade has been preparing for their CBA test called The Get Fit Summer. Students have been learning the F.I.T.T. Principle to be able to create a plan/goal to improve their fitness.

What can you do to help your child at home? Check out these websites at home together www.EatSmart.org and 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. It is a great way to get your child creating healthy habits and seeing how much exercise they get and what they are eating. They also earn points for every day they enter their information.

Don't forget to look for Jump Rope for Heart packets coming soon.

Starts: February 21

Ends: March 8

Why do we do jump rope for heart? To help fight heart disease by raising money and heart awareness.

