



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal



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...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.

The **Parking Lot** is very crowded at drop off and pick up times. Please be patient and wait your turn, drive slowly and be polite. If the parking lot is too crowded for any more cars to enter, please drop off or pick up your child(ren) near the fence at the street. Remember that following traffic safety rules in the parking lot is particularly important, because it is children who could be hurt in the event of an accident. Please put down your phone and place both hands on the steering wheel to keep our kids safe!

I would like to recognize our PTO leadership and members. 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! We will be electing new officers in April. All hands are needed to continue the great work of the Mustang PTO. Please consider if you are able to participate in a leadership position.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay

Dates to Remember

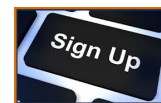


Butter Braid Orders Due	1
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Library	5
End of 2nd Trimester	7
Trimester Break Day (2nd Snow Day) No classes held	8
A.T.P. Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the library	14
Popcorn Friday	15
Starship McGee Assemblies Fairness 9:45 a.m.—K, 4, 5 1:30 p.m.—K, 1, 2, 3	18
Conferences Early Release at 12:30 p.m. No kindergarten Classes	19 -
Butter Braid Pick-up 12:00-4:00 p.m. in the gym	21
Papa John's Pizza Night	27
Ronald McDonald "Go Active" Assembly 9:30 a.m.-cafeteria K-3rd grades	28



Open enrollment for fall Kindergarten classes is now!

Now through June 13, 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 (current utility bill or loan/lease papers). A copy of the State issued birth certificate is also required.



Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

March PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
6:30 p.m. in the library

Topics

Butter Braids Pick-up
Papa John's Pizza Night
P.T.O. Membership Recruiting

Daycare will be available.



Butter Braid Fundraiser

We will be selling Butter Braids again. The fundraiser will be from February 15—March 1, 2013. Orders will then be available for pick up at school on March 21, 2013 from 12:00—4:00 p.m. in the gym. An adult must pick up the order. Butter Braids arrive frozen and must remain so until they are baked. Proceeds will pay for the Accelerated Reader Program.

Popcorn Friday is March 15, 2013

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



Purchase Your Yearbook Today!



Mr. Young 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. An order form was recently sent home to preorder a yearbook for \$15. You can pre-order a yearbook until May 1, 2013.



Papa John's Pizza Night March 27, 2013

The January Papa John's Pizza Night winner is Ms. Flannery's classroom. They earned a pizza party for having the most students order pizza on January 30, 2013.

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.

February Student of the Month

Noah Elliott
Mrs. Bushey, 3rd Grade



McGee Chess Club

Chief Joseph Tournament
Results
February 2, 2013

K-2 Team—1st Place

Kindergarten

1st Place—Emmanuel Romero

First Grade

1st Place—Marc Romero

Second Grade

2nd Place—Nico Van Hoy

3rd Place—Ethan De la Mora

Third Grade

1st Place—Jesse Romero

6th Place—Ethan De la Mora

New State Qualifiers

Ethan De la Mora

Casey Foster



McTeacher Nights

Thank you to everyone that came to McDonalds and supported McGee on February 15 and 16, 2013. We were able to raise \$1,609.32 to help pay for busing for student field trips.



Every Friday
is
Spirit Day!

Wear Red and Gray