



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



2015

## ...From The Desk of The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have a number of events coming up in March. I would like to highlight three specific opportunities that parents can be involved in their child's education this month:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Night**-We will be holding a meeting for the parents of current 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-6:30** in the cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about the new state-level expectations for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading as well as to share information about the district's summer school program which will be targeted to identified 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. It is very important that parents attend this meeting so they know the expectations and options for their child. *We will have our monthly PTO meeting from 6:30-7:30 in the library this same evening and we'd love to have you join us.*
- Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**-Conferences will take place **March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Conferences are your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress in learning. The research is very clear that communication and collaboration between the home and school make a positive difference in the lives of children. You will be receiving information about your scheduled conference time in the coming weeks. Please make attending your child's conference a priority.
- Mustang PTO Family Fun Night**-We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in our cafeteria for a fun night of activities, snacks, and learning about our Mustang PTO. We have a fantastic group of parents who support our school, students, and programs and would love to have even more involvement. Many parents don't know that they can be involved in both large and small ways, and no matter the amount of time you can commit, there is always a way you can be involved! There is no pressure during this event, just an opportunity to learn more about our PTO and at the same time have fun with your family!

Change is in the air again as the school board is looking at west-side boundaries. Next month we will know more about the boundaries and the impact to McGee families and will publish that information in our April newsletter. Additionally, spring testing will be underway in April so you will be getting more specific information about the impact testing will have to your child in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lechelt-Polster



## Dates to Remember

<b>Book Collection Starts for Book Exchange</b>	2 - 12
<b>P.T.O. Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. in the Library	3
<b>No Classes Held (K-12 Trimester Break Day)</b>	6
<b>1st-5th grades early release at 12:30 p.m. No kindergarten Classes Held</b>	16
<b>Book Exchange</b>	13 - 20
<b>Conferences</b> Early release at 12:30 p.m. No Kindergarten Classes Held	17 - 20
<b>Spring Break</b> No Classes Held	30 - 4/3

Read for 20 minutes daily!



**March 16, 2015**

Release at 12:30 p.m.  
No kindergarten classes

Please note that **Monday, March 16, 2015 will follow a conference schedule (early release at 12:30 p.m. 1st-5th grades, no ½ day Kindergarten) for students in grades K-5.** As you are aware, the school closure on November 20, 2014 fell during Fall K-8 conferences. Based on a negotiated agreement with Pasco Association of Educators, the calendar has been changed to allow for schedule flexibility during the week of Spring conferences in March.



**March 17-20, 2015**

Release at 12:30 p.m.  
No kindergarten classes

We are having Parent-Teacher Conferences from March 17 through March 20, 2015. Students will be released at 12:30 p.m. after being served lunch. All Kindergarten classes will be canceled from March 17 through March 20, 2015. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn valuable information regarding their children's academic progress. Please mark your calendar so that you are available to attend your child/children's conference. Conference slips will be going home soon.

# Mustang PTO

Supporting James McGee Elementary School

**March PTO Meeting**  
March 3, 2015  
6:30 p.m. in the library

### Agenda Items

- \* Mustang Round-Up
- \* Family Fun Night
- \* Teacher Appreciation
- \* School Store
- \* Conference Drawing
- \* Flyers

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"



### 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. The cost of a yearbook is \$25. You can pre-order a yearbook until April 10, 2015.



### 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.



### 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.

**February Student of the Month**  
Violet Silva  
Mrs. Little, 5th Grade

## Mustang PTO



**Tuesday, March 24, 2015**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

We are having a P.T.O. Family Fun Night on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will be a fun-filled evening of free activities and snacks for the entire family.

Parents will have an opportunity to learn more about events that our P.T.O. sponsors and/or co-sponsors with our A.T.P. group and sign up to volunteer to help with the events for next school year.

There will be booths about the Fun Run, Book Fair, Mustang Round-Up, Wednesday Helper Day and Board/PTO positions. Games will be set up at each station for students to play.

Dutch Brothers will be here providing selected drinks. Water, cookies and popcorn will also be available to enjoy.

