



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is coming; the weather is getting nicer and the daylight hours are getting longer. Spring is a time when we are often very busy with activities both in and out of school. Encourage your child to continue to establish and follow routines as he/she gets busy—taking time each day to read and do homework, complete chores, and spend time with family are all key to teaching students good habits that will benefit them their entire lives.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences—Conferences will take place *March 15th-March 18th*. Students will be released from school at 12:30 each day. 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 notification about your scheduled conference time from your child's the first week of March. Please make attending your child's conference a priority.

Parking Lot—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. Please do not attempt to pass other cars in the parking lot, particularly the drop and go lane. We also ask that you be mindful of traffic behind you, when the drop and go lane gets too full, we end up with overflow onto the street. If you are first in line and your child has not arrived, please pull into the parking lot, park, and walk to the fence to pick up your child. It is imperative that students use the crosswalks and that drivers are aware of those crosswalks. 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.

McGee CARES—Our McGee CARES focus for the month of March is "Effort." This month we will be recognizing students who demonstrate effort in all they do! Another way we talk to students about effort is that they "try hard." It is important to recognize students' effort to learn new and challenging skills and to try their best in school and in other activities in which they are involved. We aren't always the best at everything, but we can always put forth our best effort!

Mustang PTO—Our Mustang PTO is very busy, supporting students and staff and promoting a positive school climate! We have a great group of parents who are volunteering and contributing a lot to our school and I know they would love to have even more help! There are a variety of ways that you can support the PTO; I encourage you to attend a PTO meeting to find out more about what the PTO does and how you can help!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster




March 15-18, 2016

Release at 12:30 p.m.

We are having Parent-Teacher Conferences from March 15 through March 18, 2016. Students will be released at 12:30 p.m. after being served lunch. 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.



March 2016 Dates to Remember

P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library	10
Parent Conferences 12:30 p.m. release	15-18
	17
McGee CARES Assembly "Effort" 1:30 p.m. in the gym	25
5th Grade to Attend Farm Fair at BF Fair grounds 9:05 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	29
Accelerated Reader Goals—2nd Trimester Ends	31



2016-2017 Kindergarten Registration!

Now through
June 21, 2016
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 along with a copy of the state issued birth certificate.

Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

Contact us at mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com



Us on Facebook "Mustang PTO"



Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Topics:

- * Fun Run
- * PTO Trivia Game (with prizes)

Door prizes will be given out! Every child whose parent attends the P.T.O. meeting will have their name put in a drawing for a book. *They will also be given one dollar of Mustang Money.*



Purchase Your Yearbook Today!

Mrs. Purvis, from our P.T.O., has 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 each.



Technology News

Technology students are learning how to code.

Code.org

This website can be accessed online. After you open the site, click the purple student square on the left and then students will recognize the screen they use in class. Grades k-3 are using course 1. Course 2 incorporates more math and is being used in grades 4-6. Students benefit from partner work. Give it a try with your child and see how they are learning to think logically like a computer.

For more coding experience check out scratch.mit.edu



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physical education



"every child is a winner when they try their very best!"

Dear Parents,

Here is a quick look into what will be going on in PE for the month of March. Students will be starting up our Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart event where they will have the opportunity to raise money for the American Heart Association in an effort to help fight heart disease. Be looking for some parent letters coming home and Jump/Hoop for Heart packets.

In P.E., students will be doing station jump roping/hoops for heart in an effort to fight heart disease in their own lives through exercise. Please take this opportunity to discuss some ways your family works toward having a healthy heart through exercise or some ways your family can improve heart health. It is starting to get nice outside so encourage your child to get outside and play!

Mr. Elliott

