



Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



2014

...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents,

We are almost through the first trimester of school. We have had many opportunities for students to be engaged in learning and to be active participants in our school community. We appreciate the continued support of our McGee community.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing all of our parents at parent-teacher conferences November 18th-21st. Conferences allow parents and teachers to discuss student progress on a one on one basis. We encourage you to make every effort to attend your child's conference.

To maximize the time you have with the teacher, consider the following ideas:

- ◆ Ask your child if there is anything he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- ◆ Make a note of anything you want to be sure to discuss with the teacher at the conference.
- ◆ Arrive on time or a little early so you have the maximum time available to conference with your child's teacher.
- ◆ Make the most of your time—ask questions to clarify anything that is unclear to you, ask your child's teacher if he/she has suggestions for your child in any areas that you have concerns.
- ◆ Make a note of what was discussed and/or agreed upon so that you can follow up.
- ◆ If you have concerns about your child's behavior and/or academic progress, you may want to discuss what intervention options are available for your child.

Cold Weather Reminders

We are moving into the cold season. Please remember to send your child to school well prepared for the winter weather. Students spend time outside at recess, and even when it is so cold that we keep students inside for recess, emergencies with power and heat in the building and/or school bus could expose your child to cold conditions. We suggest that you send your child with a warm coat, hat, and gloves. A student can always take off layers he/she doesn't end up needing. Please be sure to listen to the radio or go to the Pasco School District website (www.psd1.org) in the event of inclement weather to find out about school delays and closures. *You can sign up to receive texts regarding PSD news including school closures and delays by contacting the District Information Systems Office at 543-6757.*

Attendance

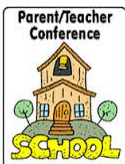
We have had some issues with the number of students arriving late for school or being picked up early from school during the day. This is very disruptive to the learning environment in the classroom as well as the learning of the student who is missing out on instruction. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day for the full day.

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster



November 2014 Dates to Remember

Vision & Hearing Screenings	3-5
P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library	5
Veterans Day Program 1:15 p.m.-KPM, 1, 2 2:30 p.m.-4, 5	7
Trimester Break Day No classes held	10
Veterans Day No classes held	11
Book Fair In the library	14-21
Donuts with Dad and Scholastic Book Fair 7:45—9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria/library	14
Parent-Teacher Conferences Release at 12:30 p.m. No kindergarten classes	18-21
Random Acts of Kindness begins	24
Thanksgiving Break Release at 12:30 p.m.	26
Thanksgiving Break No classes held	27-28



Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences will be held on November 18-21, 2014. Kindergarten classes will not be held on November 18-21, 2014 for morning and afternoon classes. Grades 1-5 will be released early at 12:30 p.m. Conference slips should be sent home with your child soon with a time/date to meet with your child's teacher. Please return the slip to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to attend their child's conference. This is a valuable time to talk with your child's teacher regarding their academic strengths and weaknesses.



Remember to vote on
November 4, 2014



Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Topics:

- *Fun Run Fundraiser Wrap-up
- *Boo Gram Wrap-up
- *Book Fair/Donuts with Dads
- *Christmas Candy Grams

Childcare provided by Boys & Girls Club.

Donuts With Dad

We will be having our Donuts with Dad event on Friday, November 14, 2014 from 7:45—9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Our book fair will be open in the library also. Please join us for a fun-filled morning with donuts, juice and some shopping at the book fair. This event is sponsored by our A.T.P. and P.T. O. groups.



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Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open starting on Friday, November 14 through Friday, November 21, 2014. The hours will be before school, during lunch and after school. Our late night will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014. We will be open until 7:00 p.m. in the library. Stop by and check out all of the good books that we have for sale along with posters and other items.



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Vision and Hearing Screenings will take place for all grades on November 3, 4 and 5, 2014. All students who wear glasses should have them at school these days to help them during the vision screening.

September was a difficult month for our students who got stung by the roving wasps outside our building. The last few cool nights of September finally saw a decrease in wasp stings. The students who came to see me all were very brave because their sting was quite uncomfortable and it sure did take the fun out of recess. I would like to say the students were all very brave, none had a severe reaction and all were able to leave the Health Office and return to class. We have wonderful students of all ages here at McGee.



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Pasco's children.*

We would like to thank our two PEAK Partners for their support and sponsorship for the 2014-2015 school year.



Purpose Statement

Pasco School District's **PEAK! Program** is a two-pronged approach that brings families, schools, and community organizations together to cultivate mutually beneficial relationships.