



# Mustang Express

James McGee Elementary School  
Robin Hay, Principal



October 2013

## ...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear Parents,

**We have had many questions regarding the new fencing. I have sent a note with the guidelines that the district has told us to follow. Please know that all of the guidelines are made and enforced with the safety of your children in mind.**

What a wonderful turnout at the Mustang Round Up! Thanks to the PTO Board Members, for the hours of dedication and organization that helps activities of this size run smoothly. We couldn't do it without such a wonderful set of parents as we have at McGee.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF HELPERS WITH TWO ONGOING COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR. MRS. McLAUGHLIN, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, COLLECTS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS ALL YEAR LONG WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING HER WITH THIS TASK, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL.**

Your child's attendance at school is important to their success. We continue to have children dropped off late every morning for no apparent reason. Children have supervision on the playground from 8:40-9:00 each morning. Please make sure that your child arrives at school between those times.

**Also, many students are being checked out early each day or we receive a call each day with information about what the child is to do after school today. Please try to make appointments after school hours and make plans with your child in the morning about their after school routine. Each time that we have to call into a classroom to give out information is disruptive to the learning. Help us to help all children get the most out of their time at school.**

**Remember in the parking lot before and after school, students should be dropped at the curb or a parent may park and walk them through the parking lot to the sidewalk. We want all children to be safe, but it is not safe to send them through the parking lot on their own or to drop them into traffic near the front of the building.**

We appreciate all of your support with school and the education of your children. Every staff member at McGee has a goal of the best education for each child. With your support, our kids will not only succeed, they will lead.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay



## October

### Dates to Remember

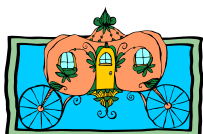
Individual Picture Day	1
Discount Card Pick up—foyer 2:00-5:00 p.m.	1
PM Kindergarten - Country Mercantile 9:45-11:45 a.m.	2
Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre 9:45 a.m. K-2nd grades	8
Popcorn Friday	11
P.T.O. Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in the library	15
A.T.P. Meeting - 8:30 a.m. in the library	17
Kindergarten AM - Country Mercantile 9:15-11:15 a.m.	18
Pumpkins on Parade - in the library	21-25
Trunk or Treat Night 6:00-7:00 p.m. Outside	25
Vision & Hearing Screenings	31-Nov. 1, 4



Earn Cash for Our School!

## Pumpkins on Parade

Sponsored by McGee A.T.P.  
October 21-25, 2013



- Dress your pumpkin up like your favorite book character.
- Pumpkins will be displayed from October 21-25. Please bring your pumpkin in no later than October 22, in order to be judged.
- No carving of pumpkins please. Any size pumpkin can be used.
- Label your pumpkin with
 

*Student name	*Teacher name
*Book title	*Character name
- Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 best dressed pumpkins. (Based on student work.)

# Mustang P.T.O.

Supporting James McGee Elementary

## Fall Fundraiser Discount Cards

The P.T.O. will be selling discount cards for \$10 again this year. The fundraiser started on September 13, 2013 and ended on September 27, 2013. The pick-up date is Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the foyer. There is a great selection of offers from local businesses. Help support McGee and our students by purchasing a discount card for yourself, a friend or family member. It's not too late to purchase a discount card. They are available to purchase in the office. The money collected will be used to update technology.

## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Topics:

- \*Yearbook
- \*Mustang Round-Up Wrap-up
- \*Book Fair
- \*Discount Card Fundraiser
- \*P.T.O. Storage

Daycare will be available.



## Boo Grams

Our P.T.O. will be selling **Boo Grams** in October for 50 cents each.

A Boo Gram is a small card to write a message to a student with a holiday candy/lollipop. Look for more information to be sent home soon.

## PTO POPCORN FRIDAYS!

Students will be able to purchase a bag of popcorn for \$.25 on Popcorn Fridays. Teachers will collect money from students first thing in the morning. Popcorn will be delivered throughout the day to students. Kindergarten students will get their popcorn before the end of their school day.

### POPCORN FRIDAY DATES

October 11  
November 8  
December 6  
January 17  
February 14  
March 28  
April 25  
May 23



# McGee Art Program



Welcome to a new year of art at James McGee! We've already begun the year with an introductory project of personal bookmarks -- students described themselves and included something they enjoy learning/doing in art. Bookmarks may have found their way home or they may have been kept in class to be used there.

Students are moving on to creative lettering and designing with lines. Fourth and fifth grades will be sharing their Words of Wisdom with the school on bulletin boards near the library. Younger grades are using their names in their artwork.

Keep your eyes for later autumn-themed art and shapes and themes from quilts as we move in to cooler months.

Thanks for all you do at home to encourage your student's creativity at home with art activities! For further ideas, or cool weather activities, consider these websites:

[www.crayola.com](http://www.crayola.com), [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com), and [www.deepspacesparkle.com](http://www.deepspacesparkle.com)

Anyone who is interested in volunteering with art classes would be greatly appreciated, and you would bring fun ideas home to your family, too! Email me at: [lhendrickson@psd1.org](mailto:lhendrickson@psd1.org) or call the main office and ask for the art office. We can discuss schedules and see what works best for you. Thanks, and enjoy a wonderful, art-full fall!

Ms. Hendrickson

## Trunk or Treat Night

Friday, October 25, 2013  
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Our A.T.P. and P.T.O. groups will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat Night on Friday, October 25, 2013 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Students may wear costumes as they "trunk or treat" at vehicles in the parking lot and outside doors in A pod and rooms B1, B2, B3. Classroom doors used will be decorated with a book theme. Students will go around receiving a piece of candy. We are asking for parents to donate a bag of candy for this fun family night.