

# Mustang Express



James McGee Elementary School  
Wendy Lechelt-Polster, Principal



2014

## ...From The Desk Of The Principal

Dear McGee Families,

It is hard to believe we are already a month into the school year; we are off to a great start! We have developed and implemented our McGee Common Expectations, which outline the expectations for how McGee Mustangs behave at school so that they are successful and so that they can learn! We also follow the guidelines of our McGee Peace Pledge:

- I will be responsible for my actions.
- I will respect others and myself.
- I will treat others the way I wish to be treated.
- I will think of others before I think of myself.

Our desire is to develop engaged student learners who are also good citizens in our school.

Our first collection deadline for Box Tops and Labels for Education will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will continue collecting throughout the year. The class that collects the most Box Tops/Labels for Education will earn an ice cream party at the end of the year!

Our PTO is sponsoring our main fund raiser for the year, the Fun Run, which will take place on October 3rd-24<sup>th</sup>. I encourage parents to get involved with our PTO—this is a fantastic organization of dedicated parents who do so much for our school. There are many opportunities to participate in the PTO—from serving as a committee chairperson, to volunteering when your schedule allows, we can always use your help! Our next PTO meeting is on October 8<sup>th</sup>!

I want to say a big “Thank You” to our PTO and all the volunteers who helped put on a fantastic Mustang Round Up! We had a lot of students who attended this event with their families. It is always great to see families engaged in activities that promote fun and togetherness!

Your child’s attendance at school is important to their success. School begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. each morning. When a child is late for school, has to leave school early, or misses school he/she is missing out on important learning. Everything we teach builds and so when a child is absent he/she will develop gaps in his/her learning. The routines and procedures of the school day are also critical to student success and when those routines are disrupted it can have a detrimental impact on student learning. We appreciate your support in getting your child to school every day!

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.

Thank you all so much for your support!

Mrs. Lechelt-Polster

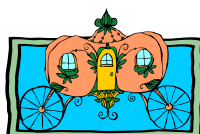


## October 2014 Dates to Remember

<b>PTO Fundraiser Kick-off assemblies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PTO Meeting</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library	<b>8</b>
<b>Tier II Day — District</b> No classes today	<b>10</b>
<b>Laura Kvasnosky, Author</b> Afternoon visit	<b>13</b>
<b>PM Kindergarten</b> Country Mercantile 10:10 a.m.—12:15 p.m.	<b>15</b>
<b>A.T.P. Meeting</b> 8?30 a.m. in the library	<b>16</b>
<b>AM Kindergarten</b> Country Mercantile 9:10—11:10 a.m.	<b>20</b>
<b>Picture Retake Day</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fun Run Fundraiser Money Due</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Fun Run Day</b>	
<b>Pumpkins on Parade</b>	<b>20-24</b>
<b>Trunk or Treat Night</b> 6:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>

## Pumpkins on Parade

Sponsored by McGee A.T.P.  
October 20-24, 2014



- Dress your pumpkin up like your favorite book character.
- Pumpkins will be displayed from October 20–24, 2014. Please bring your pumpkin in no later than October 21, 2014, 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

## P.T.O. Board Officers 2014-2015

President..... Tonya Steele  
Co-Vice Presidents..... Heidi Redfield & Jamie Southworth  
Vice President Elect ..... Open  
Secretary/Communications ..... Angie Arnott  
Treasurer ..... Nicki Austin  
Volunteer Coordinator ..... Open

## Committee Chairpersons

Book Fair Chairperson ..... Open  
Mustang Round Up Chairperson .. Heidi Redfield, Tonya Steele  
..... and Jamie Southworth  
Grams Chairperson ..... Lindsey Shelton  
Fun Run Chairperson (needs 3-4) ..... Open  
Book Fair (needs 3-4)..... Open  
Student Store Chairperson ..... Heidi Bridges  
Movie Night Chairperson..... Open  
T-shirt Sales Chairperson ..... Open  
Yearbook Chairperson ..... Open  
Box Tops Chairperson ..... Allison King  
Capri Sun Chairperson ..... Heidi Bridges  
Coats for Kids Chairperson ..... Open

The above positions are open for the 2014-2015 school year.  
If you are interested in a position, please call the office at  
547-6583, or email us at mcgeevolunteers@yahoo.com.  
No experience needed!  
Like us on Facebook at "Mustang PTO"

## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

### Topics:

- \*Mustang Round-Up Wrap-up
- \*Fun Run Fundraiser
- \*Book Fair
- \*Upcoming Events
- \*A.T.P. Committee

Childcare provided by Boys & Girls Club.



## Boo Grams

P.T.O. is selling *Boo Grams* in October for 50 cents each. A Boo Gram is a small card to write a message to a student, PTO attaches a non-food item such as an eraser, sticker, tattoo or pencil. Look for gram forms to come home October 15, 2014.

## Fall 2014 Fun Run

Friday, October 3-24, 2014

Our Fun Run is a fun and fit activity for kindergartners through fifth-graders, with all children reaching for their personal best distance. Our goal is to help the Parent-Teacher Organization raise at least \$25 per student to fund field trips, school assemblies, classroom supplies, playground equipment and many other things our school needs. We hope to make this the only PTO fundraiser this year. Pledge envelopes will be given to students Friday, October 3, 2014. The Fun Run will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014 during the school day. Thank you very much for your participation!

## Trunk or Treat Night

Friday, October 24, 2014  
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 24, 2014 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 and come out with your decorated trunk for this fun family night. Please remember that our age group is 5-11 years old so decorate your vehicle trunk accordingly.