

New Spirit Sticks have arrived

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Thank you to all parents who have contributed to the Write a Check Campaign this winter! So far we have raised over \$500 for the PTA. Have a wonderful Holiday season and Happy New year! Let's have a fantastic 2015!

What does Write-A-Check campaign do?

The Write A Check Campaign is a simple and effective fundraiser that allows for a number of our enriching student programs, field trips, movie night, multicultural night, teacher class materials, PE equipment, teacher appreciation week to take place. Just to name a few... Your contribution is **100% tax deductible and 100% goes to benefit our children!** This campaign is one of the ways our wonderful parents help make each student's Colt experience unique and memorable. One more important thing to remember is that if we make enough money doing this campaign we would not need to have as many traditional fundraisers throughout the school year.

It is as easy as 1-2-3! Donate by one of the following ways by Friday, December 12th, 2014 :

Credit Card

Make a contribution with your credit card by going to our **Online Toolkit** and select Write A Check Campaign after logging in.

Cash or Check

Write a payable to "McCall PTA" and note that your donation is associated with the "Write A Check Campaign". Send it in an envelope in your child's folder.

As an additional incentive, for any donation of \$30 or more, you will receive a McCall Garden Flag and stand (while supplies last).

How to Reach the PTA

www.mccallpta.org

<https://www.facebook.com/MccallPTA>

twitter Follow @McCallPTA

'Like' us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the Painless contest progress and many other events at McCall. Please include your child's name, teacher, and grade on or in the baggie, or in an envelope.



Painless Fundraising by Amanda Parker

Attention Holiday Shoppers!!



Don't forget to start your Amazon shopping at www.McCallPTA.org and use the Amazon banner under the Quick Links section on the right side of the web page. Using this banner does not cost you anything extra, but it gives McCall a percentage of the sales. **Note: You need to start at www.McCallPTA.org every time that you shop on Amazon.**



Download the free smart phone app Shoparoo, and use it to help McCall earn money! You can snap pictures of ALL of your receipts. Grocery receipts will give McCall Roo Points which will be traded in for money. All other receipts earn a sweepstakes entry. The monthly sweepstakes winner will earn \$1000 for McCall.

Hospitality Happenings by Minoo Wille

Hospitality Happenings

The November Hospitality Event on Friday, November 21, 'Souper Staff Lunch, was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone that donated crock pots, baked potatoes, salads, breads, drinks, and desserts and especially their time. The teachers were overwhelmed and went into the Thanksgiving week break with full stomachs. Thank you so VERY much for making this such a satisfying event for the McCall teachers and staff who do so much for our children each and every day!

December Hospitality Event:

Holiday Dessert Bar on Friday, December 12 – We need your donations of sweet treats for the teachers to enjoy through the day. Holiday themed items are preferable. And please nothing that requires refrigeration. You can drop off your donation on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning to the front office.

There will be several more events throughout the year, including Teacher Appreciation week in May, so stay tuned! We would really appreciate your help!

Would you like to be part of the wonderful McCall Hospitality Committee? Please contact Minoo Wille at hospitality@mccallpta.org and I will add you to the list.

You can donate food or your time, as your schedule permits. Whatever you can give is appreciated!! Thank you!

Thank you! Minoo Wille

McCall PTA - Hospitality Chair hospitality@mccallpta.org



New After School Program



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

PTA is excited to announce a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America at McCall.

Boys in grades 1-5 are invited to join our troop as an after school program. All costs related to joining the scouts, such as uniform, field trips, camping trips, etc. will be covered if there is a financial need.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at 3:00 pm. Information packet will be sent home prior to the meeting.

Thank You Volunteers!

PTA would like to recognize Jana Glod, Jonina Chan, and Jeanene Wilmut for leading a very successful Fall Book Fair. Your leadership and dedication to our kids made this Book Fair possible.

Thank you also to all of our PTA volunteers who helped make this event possible!

Thank You!
Karen Buitrago, PTA President

Science Fair

Science Fair is coming to McCall. Students who would like information on entering should request an information packet from their teacher.

Ms. Hansen, 5th grade teacher, is looking for some adult volunteers to help judge the school science fair. The fair will be on Wednesday, December 17. This will be about a half day commitment from about 8am - ~12:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the wonderfully talented scientific minds that the McCall students possess.

If you know of someone from outside the school (from industry or a friend from another school), they are welcome to judge as are dads, uncles, aunts, etc.

You do not have to have a scientific background to judge. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hansen at paula.hansen@pisd.edu.

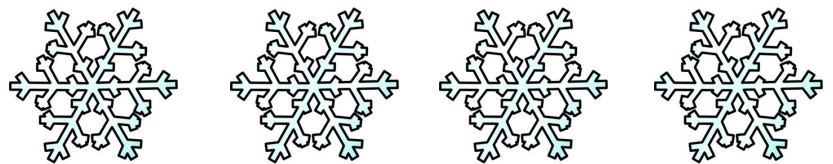


Open Positions

**Silent Auction Chair
Western Dance Chair**

PTA needs your help!

Please consider becoming a chair or co-chair for the above positions. We welcome all McCall parents to volunteer; you do not have to be a PTA member to help. For more information please visit the website at www.mccallpta.org.



TCBY Spirit Night

Every Thursday 3:00 – 11:00 pm
Spring Creek Location

Classroom Spotlight by Kelly Hopper

Holiday Parties ARE Coming!

If you have not provided a donation amount for your child's class parties, please consider this your friendly reminder.

Your PTA is requesting \$5 per class party. You can send in \$5 now for the holiday party, or \$15 to cover all 3 parties.

If you are sending in a check please make payable to McCall PTA. We truly appreciate all you do to help us give the kids the best experiences we can!

Class Party Volunteers & Donations

Flyers for each grades class parties will be coming home soon in the take home folders. Our wonderful room parents who are planning the parties will be providing a list of needed donations.

If you are planning to attend and/or volunteer for the party, please RSVP by December 15th to the school so the office can have your badge ready upon your arrival. Forms will be sent home with flyers. Thank you!!

Donations NEEDED!

We are having a bingo game for the second grade holiday party. We would like to use buttons as our place holders. Buttons of any size? Any extras? Please send them in a zip lock labeled PTA and we will take care of the rest.



Thanks to all Colt families who have joined the PTA! We have 151 members and our goal is to be 200 members strong by the end of year!

Please join the PTA today if you have not and now it is even easier for your friends and family to also join. Just log onto www.joinPTA.org and choose PSD and our school to make sure the dues get sent to our school.

McCall Texas Legends Basketball Spirit Night

Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM (CST)

Dr. Pepper Arena
2601 Avenue of the Stars
Frisco, Texas 75034

Tickets- \$12.50 admission
Food Voucher- \$8 (optional)



As part of our spirit night, our Colt students will have an opportunity to perform 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' at half time! IF you would like your child to participate in this choir, please complete the form provided on the separate flyer sent home.

- 1) To directly purchase your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mccall-elementary-spirit-night-tickets-14308457983>. Tickets will be sent home with your child prior to the game night.
- 2) Write a check payable to "McCall PTA" for the amount of tickets you wish to purchase. Seal in a white envelope and return to your child's teacher

COME OUT & JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT!

The World Wear Project is Launching at McCall

by Kelly Hopper

The World Wear Project is here!!!!!!

World Wear Project – What kind of company is it? World Wear Project is a professional clothing collection company based in Dallas, Texas. Our number one mission is to work well with others, and that means we want our partners, property managers, and the community to know that good customer service is our mantra. We are a good company with a good mission to help those with whom we partner to raise much needed funds, those in the community by providing easy access to recycling, property owners by keeping our bins in good condition and clear of any dumping, and we help our local environment. Though it often goes unacknowledged, our efforts to keep millions of pounds of textiles from our landfills every year help our cities and counties by lowering their landfill space needs. **McCall PTA is partnering with the World Wear Project to keep millions of pounds of textiles from our landfills. Best of all, McCall PTA receives 15 cents for every pound of donated items!**

We collect many and varied items.

Items We Accept

Clothing
Shoes
Belts
Purses
Wallets
Hats
Caps
Backpacks
Hard Toys
Stuffed Animals
Pots and Pans

Items We Do Not Accept

Furniture of any kind
Knives
Kitchen appliances
Appliances with cords
Items made of glass

Of Special Note: Please do not leave items on the ground outside the bins. We want to maintain the integrity of the property of those who are partnered with us or are gracious enough to host a bin for a charitable organization.

Why should I recycle used clothing and household textiles?

You can reduce the amount of textile products going into landfills. Clothing and household textiles currently make up 8.3% of the waste stream. The used clothing industry provides lower income people around the world with affordable clothing. Clothing that is damaged is recycled into wiping rags, paper, yarn, insulation and padding for carpets.

- Reduces the need to create more landfill space
- Reduces pollution created by incinerators.
- Provides low cost clothing to low income households all over the world.

