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Thank you to Texas State Fence & Patio for donating materials and labor to finish our garden fence.

Colt Community

Events:

Parent Education: Social Emotional Health: How can you help?

When: Thursday 10/16/2018

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30 pm

Where: McCall Library

Parenting Strategies that will: enhance social skills, increase self-esteem, improve decision making, and improve peer relationships.

Learn how your child's level of emotional and social well-being affects their learning.

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Dear McCall Families,

I want to sincerely thank all of you for your generous support of our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) over the past school year. Due to your generous giving last year, the PTA had a surplus of funds to utilize at the start of school to benefit the academic programming of our campus.

Before we jump into the gift of more funds, let me share our current budget status at McCall. Our campus has historically been a Title 1 campus; this designation has allowed our campus to have multiple financial benefits above and beyond what other campuses receive in their instructional budgets to support student learning. The amount of the federal grants received through by the district to support Title 1 schools has decreased steadily over the last few years. Despite this loss, our district had tried to not make any adjustments to those campuses receiving the federal benefits. Last Spring, a comprehensive budget study was conducted at the district level which led to two campuses losing their share of the shrinking Title 1 funds as the district has come to a point where their operating budget can no longer bridge the gap of lost funds at the federal level. McCall was one of the two campuses targeted to discontinue receiving Title 1 funding for this school year. While our children did not change, the district funding ability has changed and our campus will feel that loss through staffing and a supplementary budget for instruction.

So, I was thrilled to learn this summer that the McCall PTA budget committee made the decision to use the surplus funds in the PTA budget to support our campus. Timing is everything! Our teachers were lamenting the loss of our Title 1 status for many reasons. The second biggest loss to them (staffing was the first loss) was our ability to purchase a reading program called iStation that the
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children use on the computer during reading time and can also access at home. iStation Reading for the campus costs \$8200.00—I would not ask for this kind of investment if I didn't know how much the teachers believe and have utilized this research-based program over the last several years in their classrooms. Our campus, when the entire district was utilizing this as a tool, was always a top user of the technology when reports were analyzed at the district level. Our teachers have used this program with great fidelity and many students have been positively impacted by working in iStation at McCall. It was easy to request iStation Reading for the campus when approached by the PTA this summer as I knew how happy it would make our teachers and serve our students well. iStation Reading is a tool that adapts to each student's individual needs and abilities based upon teacher monitoring of the program and on a monthly assessment that is given to each McCall student. Most of our kids logged into iStation last week to take their first assessment this year, so they should be up and running based on that placement test and equipped with how to access iStation.

As a parent, you can help us by allowing your student to work on their iStation pathway at night. Your child will be able to access this through their personal webdesk account. Please review this site introducing iStation to parents which has a great video explanation: <http://www.istation.com//SuperSeven/SchoolToHomeConnection?vname=7EssentialsHome2School>

I thank you for your support of us both financially and as a partner working at home to support our Colts in their learning journey with us. This fall you will be able to support our PTA again in our efforts to raise funds with our Fall Fun Run. The funds we raise will continue to help us add educational programming for our kids that our district and campus budgets can no longer fund yet still need.

Here's to all our kids earning the **iStation** Red Cape this year!

Warm regards and deep gratitude,

Stacy Kimbriel

Principal



More Colt Community Events

Astronomy Club Outdoor Meeting

When: **Friday 10/12/2018**

Time: **7:30pm**

Where: McCall Library

Meeting starts at Sunset. Event will be updated with the actual meeting time when date is closer.

- Please do not bring any flashlight.

-There is no bathroom access.

-Please bring the folder and pencil and sign in with parent volunteer.

-- Please dress appropriate according to weather forecast.

-- You may also want to bring some drinking water.

-- You may bring a folding chair.

Note: Club members, please watch for emails on Friday for meeting start time and last minute changes.

Visit Astronomy Club page to see meetings calendar of the current school year :

<https://www.mccallpta.org/mccall-astronomy-club.html>



Student PTA Meetings - 2018 Calendar

Where : McCall Library

When : 9/28/2018 @ 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

11/2/2018 @ 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

1/11/2019 @ 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

4/5/2019 @ 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm



Volunteer of the Month - Jennifer Garvin

Tell us about yourself! My name is Jennifer Garvin, but please call me Jen. I am the Environmental Chair for McCall PTA. This means I like to nag people about recycling, often leave school with dirt on my face (I mostly hang out in the garden) and you might run into me in the hall with a bag of live worms in my hand! I have been married to Carson for almost 20 years and have 3 kids. Jacob is a freshman at Baylor University, Noah is a senior at Plano East and Emily is a 5th grader at McCall. My sons attended McCall with my oldest starting kindergarten the first year the school opened. We have been at McCall for a LONG time!

How long have you been volunteering at McCall? I started volunteering around 2008 doing mostly take-home projects for teachers that involved a lot of cutting and gluing! Over the years I have helped with Thursday packets, workroom projects, classroom parties, festivals and Student PTA. I have been serving as the Environmental Chair since 2014 and am also currently serving on the Budget Committee. I started volunteering at McCall because I enjoy being involved in our school community, interacting with my kids and their classmates at school events and meeting and working with other parents.

Why do you volunteer at McCall? I volunteer because I believe our PTA is crucial to the success of our students. The McCall PTA provides educational and social opportunities that would not otherwise be possible. My favorite part of volunteering at McCall is the garden! I was asked in 2015 by Mrs. Kimbriel and Coach Walker to head up a project to start a garden on our campus. Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses, our PTA and our amazing, dedicated volunteers the garden became a reality in the fall of 2016.

What is your favorite part of volunteering? What is your favorite way to volunteer (event, project, etc.)? The garden is a lot of hard work but has been a very rewarding project for me personally. There is nothing more fulfilling than spending beautiful, sunny days in the garden with our curious students planting flowers and veggies. Then, working with them to harvest and taste the fruits of their labor...pun intended! The kids have such an affinity for the garden. My heart is full when I get to spend my day digging with them in the soil, discussing the benefits of pollinators or placing a tiny radish seed in the hand of a kinder student and watching them plant it with great precision and care

The McCall PTA Board is recognizing a Volunteer of the Month (VOM) for each month of the school year. A spotlight of the Volunteer of the Month will appear in the newsletter. If you have nominations for an upcoming Volunteer of the Month please email them

In the Community

McCall Benefit Night

When: **Wednesday 10/17/2018**

Time: **4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Where: TACO CABANA



You're invited to a Benefit Night at Taco Cabana in Plano, TX to raise funds for McCall Elementary PTA!

Stop by on Wednesday, October 17th anytime between 4:00-8:00 pm, mention McCall Elementary PTA, and Taco Cabana will donate 20% of your purchase!

You can also find all events, related forms, links posted on our facebook, twitter and website.

All web addresses listed @ the bottom of the page.



Painless Fundraiser Contest - News!

McCall students have a fun contest with a football theme going on and I'd love everyone to be encouraged by watching their class football progress down the field. As of 9/7/18 we have: **3rd grade (326) In first place** followed closely by 4th grade (296). All grades are on the board except for kinder. Individual achievements are: 1st place Mrs Ramirez/3rd (300), Mrs Byrd/4th (191), and Mrs Shockey/5th (126).

It's early in the game and everyone still has a chance! Get in the game and start playing all in support of our great school, McCall Elementary!!! All it takes is clipping box tops and saving coke lids. Please turn them in with grade and class clearly marked on the bag.

Thanks!

Karen Miller

Painless Fundraisers painless@mccallpta.org



Painless Contest



Earn money for McCall with services you already use! For more information about our painless fundraisers or contest, please contact: painless@mccallpta.org

[Amazon](#) [AmazonSmile](#) [Box Tops](#) [eBoxTops](#) [Coca-Cola Give](#) [Community Coffee](#) [Kroger Community Rewards](#) [Office Depot/Office Max](#) [Shoparoo](#) [Tom Thumb](#) [Tyson Project A+](#) [World Wear Project](#)

McCall holds contests throughout the year for the class bringing in the most contest items. The winning class will earn an extra recess period! We have a traveling Box Tops Trophy which is awarded to the leading class for that week. The progress is shown on a bulletin board in the K-2nd hallway.

How to Participate

- Send in Box Tops, Coke Rewards codes, Tyson Project A+, and Community Coffee Cash in a baggie or envelope labeled with your child's name, teacher, and grade.

2017-2018 Contest Dates and Winning Grade Prize

- 9/1/2017 - 11/30/2017 : Extra Recess - Winner : 2nd Grade
- 12/1/2017 - 2/28/2018 : Extra Recess - Winner : 2nd Grade
- 3/1/2018 - 5/15/2018 : Popsicle Party



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Mission
To mindfully enrich each student's elementary experience by embracing the 'whole child' and by building relationships in our varied learning environments.

Art_Music_Fitness
Physical Education

Read and learn more about PE latest news

<https://www.smores.com/eyv0z>

MOST VALUABLE COLT

The Most Valuable Colt (MVC) distinction is awarded to one student from each grade level at the Spirit Assembly each 9-weeks. This is an award specific to Specials areas of instruction. There is an MVC for Art, Music, and PE/Fitness.

Students that are typically awarded with the MVC have displayed remarkable behavior and dedication specific to the Specials Area in which they receive the award.

2018 McCall Elementary Red Ribbon Week

Monday, October 22nd - Friday, October 26th



MONDAY: Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

Wear red from head to toe!

*Students receive a Red Ribbon Week bracelet.



TUESDAY: Sock-it to Drugs

Wear mismatched or crazy socks.



WEDNESDAY: My future is bright drug free!

Wear neon or bright colors.

*Students receive a Red Ribbon Week sticker.



THURSDAY: Wild about being drug free

Crazy hair day



FRIDAY: Team Up Against Drugs

Wear a McCall spirit shirt or your favorite sports jersey or team shirt.

*Students receive a Red Ribbon Week sticker.

Reminder:

We have two days this month that our kids have a break from school--**October 8th and 9th**, so please note those days off.

Cold and flu season has already begun to hit us in several grade levels. As a reminder, if your student has a fever or vomits, they must remain home for 24 hours after the last episode to be healthy enough to return to school. In a school, germs travel very fast, so please keep sick kids home to prevent the spread of illness to others. Our teachers are wonderful about keeping the kids' hands washed and reminders to keep coughs covered as well as wiping down tables and desks as an extra precaution for high illness times.



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A Sick Day
and Spreading Germs



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