

MERLIN MESSENGER

Parent Newsletter - November





Let's be thankful

GRATEFUL AND KIND



I can't believe that we have completed their first nine weeks of school. It seems like yesterday we were opening our doors and welcoming our Merlins back to a new school year! Our Merlins and teachers worked extremely hard to finish the first nine weeks strong. As we enter the month of November, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the McNeill community. Through your support and commitment, we continue to build a legacy of high expectations and student achievement. I am so thankful for the relationships with our community, parents, teachers, staff and most importantly our STUDENTS! This time of year is special to me because it is truly about family and showing gratitude. I encourage each of you to take time this month to show gratitude towards the ones that mean the most to you.

Thank you again for all of your support! I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

STAFF UPDATE

Monday, November 4th will be Ms. Dickerson's last day as Assistant Principal at McNeill Elementary. She has accepted an Assistant Principal position in Fort Bend ISD. We would like to thank Ms. Dickerson for her dedication and service to our Merlin community. We wish her the best in this new phase of her career.



PARENTSQUARE

Starting the 2024-2025 school year, Lamar CISD adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Lamar CISD. ParentSquare will be replacing the current School Messenger system. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Download the **ParentSquare** app today!

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



LAMARCISD
A PROUD TRADITION | A BRIGHT FUTURE

WISHING OUR MERLINS GOOD LUCK ON THE UPCOMING BENCHMARK TEST.
PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE BENCHMARK TEST, MCNEILL ELEMENTARY WILL BE CLOSED
FOR ALL VISITORS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

ATTENTION

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7
GR. 5
SCIENCE

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 12
GR. 3-5
READING



ATTENTION

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 14
GR. 3-5
MATH

SHOW YOUR HOUSE SPIRIT

WEAR YOUR HOUSE
COLORS/SHIRTS

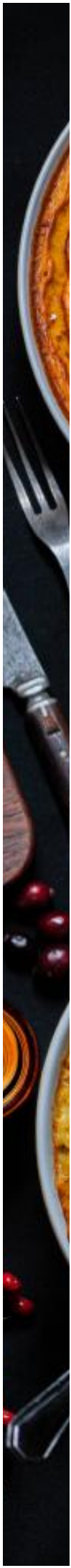
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



VETERANS DAY

McNeill family, please submit a picture of your veteran/active military family member so we may honor them on November 11th. If you have more than one family member, you can submit as many forms as you need. If you submitted your veteran last year, there is no need to submit again. Please contact Ms. Garnes if you have any questions.

McNeill Family Veterans Picture Submission





*McNeill Elementary
Veterans Day Program*

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2024

TIME: 9 AM

PLACE: GYM

Jearine Jordan, Principal





MCNEILL ELEMENTARY

CLASS GROUP / FALL RETAKES

PICTURE DAY



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

THIS IS A FREE DRESS DAY FOR STUDENTS



2ND 9 WEEKS PROGRESS REPORTS

As a reminder, progress reports will now be found in the student portfolio section in your Skyward Family Access account.

Progress reports will be available for parents to view on **November 14th** in Skyward.

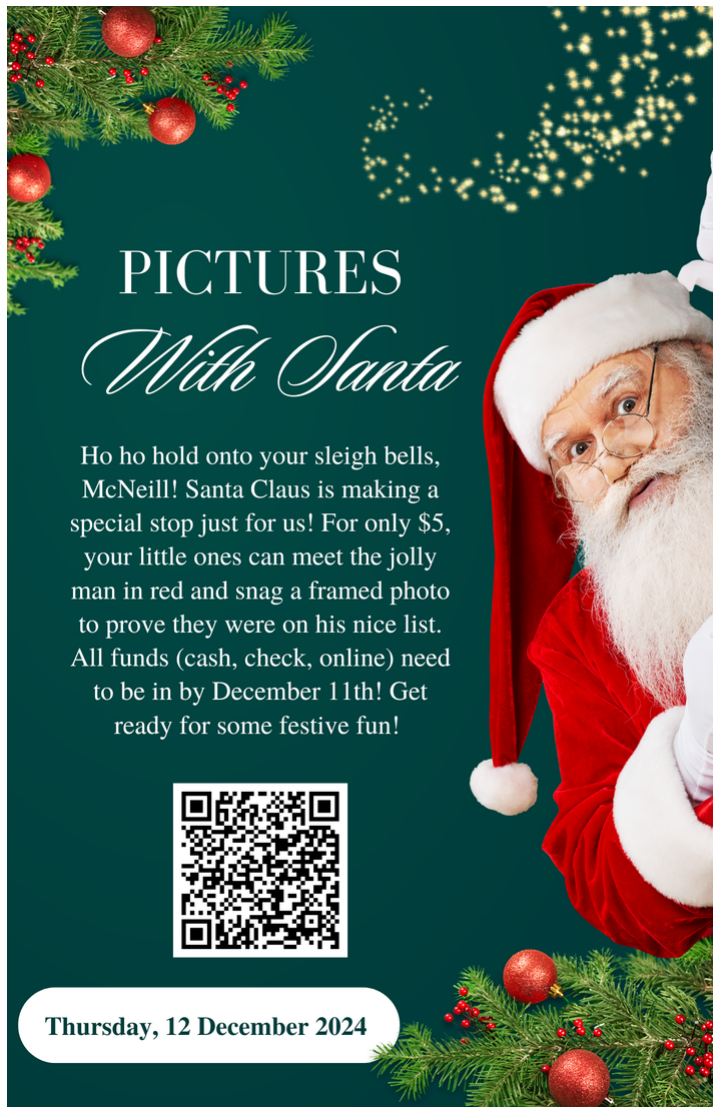
Please see the attached guide down below for the simple, 4-step process to access your child(ren)'s grade report.

If you need help with Family Access, please contact our secretary, Mindy Gonzalez, mgonzalez06@lcisd.org.



How to view progress reports and report cards in Family Access.pdf

Download
297.3 KB



PICTURES

With Santa

Ho ho hold onto your sleigh bells, McNeill! Santa Claus is making a special stop just for us! For only \$5, your little ones can meet the jolly man in red and snag a framed photo to prove they were on his nice list. All funds (cash, check, online) need to be in by December 11th! Get ready for some festive fun!



Thursday, 12 December 2024

For questions, please reach out to Ms. Games. bailee.garnes@lcisd.org

FOOD AND HYGIENE DRIVE

SPONSORED BY NEHS

Nov 15-21

Please join us in our annual Food and Hygiene drive benefiting Rosenberg's Helping Hands.

Non-Perishable Food Items:

- Soup
- Tuna
- Canned Meat
- Beans
- Rice/Pasta
- Pantry Meals
 - Hamburger Helper
 - Rice-A-Roni

Hygiene Items (travel size):

- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Floss
- Hand Sanitizer



YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook News

Nov/Dec 2024

**For a limited time only!
Order today for just \$35!**

While supplies last.

3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Order online at www.jostens.com/buyyearbk
2. Make a payment using Cheddar Up
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mcneill-pto-2024-2025>
3. Send cash or check to the front office,
checks made payable to: McNeill Elementary PTO



SCAN ME

Share your photos!

Go to <https://photos.jostens.com/3ZYFVG>



Our Yearbook Team cannot be everywhere, and we need your help! Use the link or scan the QR code to share your school photos with us!

Yearbooks available for \$5

2018-2019
2019-2020

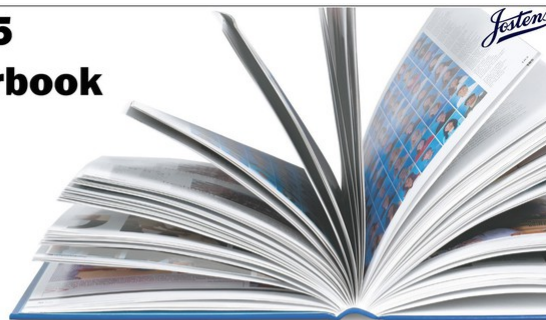


Attention! 1/4 Ads now available for \$25!

Online only. Please visit www.jostens.com/buyyearbk

For questions or concerns, please contact
Delores Williams at merlinyearbook@gmail.com

2025 Yearbook \$35



**For a limited time only!
Order now before they're sold out!**

1. Go to JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK type in our school name HF McNeill Elementary School
2. Make a payment using Cheddar Up
<https://mycheddarup.com/c/mcneill-pto-2024-2025>
3. Complete the form below in a marked envelope "Yearbook" with your cash or check made payable to: McNeill Elementary PTO

For questions or concerns, please email
Delores Williams at merlinyearbook@gmail.com



SCAN ME

Cost: \$35

Student Name : _____

Teacher/Grade : _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone : _____

of Yearbooks _____ Total Cost _____

Payment Method _____ Cash _____ Check _____
(check one)

THE TAPESTRY OF LAMAR CISD

We're excited to share information about the upcoming Lamar CISD Tapestry event, a celebration of the diverse cultures and backgrounds represented in our district.

This annual event, organized by the Multilingual Department, provides a wonderful opportunity for our students, families, and staff to come together and experience the rich tapestry of our community. Through interactive cultural exhibits, performances, interactive tables, and a cultural traditional dress parade, attendees will have the chance to immerse themselves in the vibrant traditions and customs of our district's diverse population. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

THE TAPESTRY OF LAMAR CISD

2024

TRADITIONAL
DRESS PARADE

INTERACTIVE
TABLES

FOOD TRUCKS

FACE
PAINTING

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

CULTURAL
PERFORMANCES

B.F. TERRY HIGH SCHOOL
5500 AVE. N.
ROSENBERG, TX 77471

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2024

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



PRESENTED BY LAMAR CISD
DEPARTMENT OF MULTILINGUAL
EDUCATION

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NO SCHOOL
STUDENT HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 22





**Students Return to School
Monday, December 2**

CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The McNeill ES Medical Detectives Club is looking for a few volunteers from the medical field to come to our Medical Career Day. Please see the flier below or contact Nurse Mager for more information.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN TEACHING KIDS ABOUT YOUR CAREER?

The Mc Neill Medical Detective Club at H.F. Mc Neill Elementary is looking for a few volunteers from the medical field to come to our Medical Career Day.



DETAILS

Date: December 10, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm- 4:15 pm

Who: Mc Neill Medical Detective Club

Where: Mc Neill Elementary Library
7300 South Mason Rd
Richmond, TX 77407

What we need: We are looking for about 5-6 professionals from the medical field to interview

Contact: Tamara Mager RN for more information
832-223-2806 or tamara.mager@lcisd.org


2025-26 REZONING FOR FAMILIES OF CURRENT 5TH-11TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees approved new secondary campus zones for the 2025-2026 school year, and I am writing to inform you of some important changes that may affect your child's campus assignment starting in the 2025-2026 academic year if they are currently in grades 5 - 11. To determine if you and your family will be impacted by the rezoning, please follow the steps below.

- Go to the Lamar CISD website – www.lcisd.org
- At the top of the page, click on "Find My School"
- Using the dropdown arrow next to "School Year 2024-25", select "School Year 2025-26"
- Begin entering your home address in the search bar
- Once you see your address, click on that address
- On the left-hand side of the site, you will see the elementary, middle school, junior high school, and high school that your home is zoned for in Lamar CISD

Families who are impacted by the rezoning will be directly contacted to provide detailed information regarding these changes later this school year.

Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Enrollment Management directly at 832-223-0424. You can also reach out to me if you have any questions as well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



The poster features a yellow background with a white treble clef on the left and a red flower on the right. At the top left, there are silhouettes of cheerleaders. At the top right, there are colorful building blocks. The text 'MCNEILL' is in large black letters, and 'ELEMENTARY CLUBS' is in large black letters with 'CLUBS' in a green oval. Below the title, there are several club listings with icons: a soccer ball and a football for the Cheer Club; a soccer ball and a football for the Choir; a soccer ball and a football for the Rhythm Club; a soccer ball and a football for the Medical Detectives; a soccer ball and a football for the NEHS; a soccer ball and a football for the Girls Above Society; a soccer ball and a football for the Intramural Sports; a soccer ball and a football for the Girls in STEM; a soccer ball and a football for the Lego Club; a soccer ball and a football for the Men in the Making; a soccer ball and a football for the Checkers; a soccer ball and a football for the Academic Club; and a soccer ball and a football for the MCA. A blue banner at the bottom right says 'Please contact the club coordinator for further questions.'

MCNEILL
ELEMENTARY
CLUBS

CHEER CLUB (3-5)-MS. GAINES
dawnyel.gaines@lcisd.org

CHOIR (4-5)-MS. GARNES
RHYTHM CLUB (K-2)-MS. GARNES
bailee.garnes@lcisd.org

MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3-5)-NURSE MAGER
NEHS (5)-MRS. PATTERSON-COBB
GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (5)-MRS. PATTERSON-COBB
francine.patterson@lcisd.org

INTRAMURAL SPORTS(3-5)-COACH YOUNG
jordan.young@lcisd.org

GIRLS IN STEM (5)-MRS. OBRERO
cynthia.obrero@lcisd.org

LEGO CLUB (1-2)-MS. KIRKPATRICK
megan.kirkpatrick@lcisd.org

MEN IN THE MAKING (5)-MR. JONES
CHECKERS (4-5)-MR. JONES
william.jones@lcisd.org

ACADEMIC CLUB-MR. YOON
MCA-MR. YOON
yoon.kim@lcisd.org

Please contact the club coordinator for further questions.

CLUB INFORMATION – NOVEMBER

Our clubs are underway. It is important that parents pick up or drop off students on time. We appreciate your support! Below you will find a list of clubs, meeting dates, and sponsor name(s). Please reach out to the club sponsor with any questions.

Club Name

MCA - Monday

- November Date(s): 11/4, 11/11
- Sponsor - Mr. Yoon

NEHS - Monday

- November Date(s): 11/11
- Sponsors - Ms. Patterson/Mr. Jones

Cheer - Tuesdays

- November Date(s): 11/5, 11/12, 11/19

- Sponsor - Ms. Gaines

Choir - Tuesdays

- November Date(s): 11/5, 11/12, 11/19
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

Medical Detectives - Tuesday

- November Date(s): 11/12, 11/19
- Sponsor - Nurse Mager

Girls Above Society - Wednesday

- November Date(s): 11/13, 11/20
- Sponsor - Ms. Patterson-Cobb

Rhythm Club - Wednesday

- November Date(s): 11/13, 11/20
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

Academic Club - Thursday

- November Date(s): 11/7, 11/14
- Sponsor - Mr. Yoon

Girls in STEM - Thursday

- November Date(s): 11/7, 11/14, 11/21
- Sponsor - Ms. Obrero

Lego Club - Thursday

- November Date(s): 11/7, 11/14, 11/21
- Sponsor - Ms. Kirkpatrick

DRESS DOWN & SPIRIT NIGHT INFORMATION

November Dress Down Days

Our November dress down days will be held on the following date(s):

Friday, November 15 - Disney Day (Students Pay \$1)



Friday, November 15, 2024

Please send \$1 with your student to participate in Disney Character Dress Down Day.

***All clothing must meet the LCISD Student Dress Code Policy.**

***Costumes may be worn (No masks)**

November Spirit Nights

Our November Spirit nights will be held on the following date(s):

Wednesday, November 6 - MOD Pizza

Wednesday, November 20 - Panda Express



FUNDRAISING

RAISE SOME DOUGH



JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: MCNEILL ELEMENTARY PTO

FUNDRAISER DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website using the provided coupon and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

ADDRESS: 10173 W GRAND PKWY S, SUITE 104
RICHMOND, TX 77407

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code MODGIVES25. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

PANDA

EXPRESS

McNeill Spirit Night at Panda Express!

Join Us for a Delicious Food!

Date: 11/20/2024

Time: 11am-9pm

Location: 4837 Waterview Meadow Dr
Richmond, TX 77407

Support our school while enjoying tasty food!
20% of the proceeds will go to McNeill Elementary
Show this flyer or mention our school at checkout.

Bring your family and friends!

Let's make this a fun night while helping our school

Thank you for your support!



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

MCNEILL LIBRARY

CLASSES VISITS



68

October

Library Stats

2024-2025



BOOKS
CHECKED
OUT **1,467**

586

Students participating in The Great Escape Beanstack Reading Challenge.

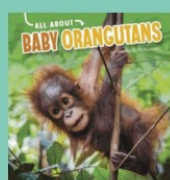


LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

PreK-2nd Grade: Books Alive Performance of the Three Nasty Gnarlies by Keith Graves



TOP CIRCULATED BOOK
FICTION: NON-FICTION:



READING MINUTES



LOGGED IN
BEANSTACK

37,190

LIBRARY MATERIALS INFORMATION



Parent Letter for Library Information Access 24-25.pdf

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NURSE'S CORNER

LETTER FROM THE NURSE



Clinic Hours
M-F
7:45 am-
3:45 pm

Welcome to Mc Neill Elementary. My name is Tamara Mager, and I am the school nurse. In addition to school nursing, I have a background in many different areas of nursing from the cardiac cath lab to camp nursing. Through my many years of nursing, I have had many medical experiences which now allows me to best care for your child.

As the nurse, it is my job to support your child's health and learning this year. I have included some information on policies for our district. Please make sure to follow the policies put in place by the district to prevent the spread of illness in the school and to keep your child safe.

If you ever have a question, please feel free to reach out to me. My goal is to return your call or respond to your message within 24 hours of receipt. Together, we can keep our Merlins happy and healthy throughout the year.



District Policy

Fever: Student has a fever > 100.0 F. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine before returning to school.

Vomiting: If a child vomits two or more times within 24 hours, they will need to stay home until they are 24 hours without vomiting.

Diarrhea- Students with any diarrhea illness must be excluded from school until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medication.

LCISD encourages all students to attend school every day unless prevented by severe injury, illness, or hospitalization. For the protection and well-being of all students, parents should keep students' home if they are severely ill, or are known to have (or suspected to have a contagious health condition.

tamara.mager@lcisd.org

832-223-2806 clinic

832-223-2801 fax

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Responsibility

What is character?

- Moral character includes values we need to be our best self, like the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.
- Performance character focuses on values that help us do our best work, like positivity, learning, resilience, self-discipline, perseverance, and diligence.

What does Responsibility Mean?

* Be honest * Don't deceive, cheat or steal * Be reliable: do what you say you'll do * Be loyal * Have the courage to do the right thing * Build a good reputation * Keep your promises

How to teach character with T.E.A.M.:

- **Teach** Children that their Character Counts. We must teach our children about the Six Pillars of Character, what each Pillar means, and what it looks like and does not look like in action.
- **Encourage** the Six Pillars of Character. Reward good behavior (usually praise is enough) and discourage bad behavior by imposing fair and consistent consequences.
- **Advocate** Character. Continually encourage children to live up to the Six Pillars of Character by explaining and showing why demonstrating the Pillars matters.
- **Model** Good Behavior. Everything you say and do (or neglect to do) sends a message about your values. Be sure that these messages reinforce your lessons about doing the right thing, even when it is difficult. When you slip, be accountable; apologize sincerely and do better!

Important Dates:

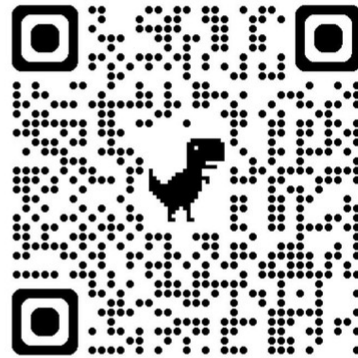
Nov 5 -Election Day
Nov 8- House Party
Nov 9- PTO Fall Festival 12pm-4pm
Nov 11—Veterans Day
Nov 13—Picture Day
Nov 14- Helping Hands Food Drive by NEHS
Nov 21- Food Drive Ends
Nov 22- Student Holiday

Francine Patterson-Cobb

832-223-2805

fpatterson@lcisd.org

VOLUNTEER LIST SIGN UP



**THIS IS NOT A
COMMITMENT; WE
WILL EMAIL YOU
CAMPUS VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES AS
THEY ARISE**

THANK YOU- MCNEILL PTO

PTO NEWS



JOIN McNeill Elementary PTO This Year!

The McNeill Elementary PTO is the heart of our school community. Bringing together parents, teachers, staff, and students to create a positive and enriching environment. By becoming a member, you'll connect with other parents, support our school, and have a lot of fun along the way!

Why Join?

For just \$10, your membership helps fund essential programs and resources, including social events, educational tools, and school supplies. Your contribution directly enhances our students' school experience.

Get Involved

The PTO thrives on the support of parents like you. Your ideas, energy, and involvement are key to making this year a success. [Sign up for volunteer opportunities.](#)

How to Join

Joining is easy—simply make your \$10 payment by check to "McNeill Elementary PTO" or cash. Turn donations in to your child's homeroom teacher. Donations may be tax-deductible.

Let's Make This Year Unforgettable!

By working together, we can provide the best possible learning environment for our children. Join us today and help make the 2024-2025 school year the best one yet!

For more information, email us at membership.mcneill.pto@gmail.com or visit our [McNeill PTO Facebook page](#). QR code ->



Together, we can create a brighter future!

Membership is not limited to parents. Any family member or community member may join McNeill Elementary PTO.

Parents First Name, Last Name	Email	Phone

List all children attending McNeill Elementary. Use back if additional space is needed.

Childs First Name	Last Name	Grade	Teacher

Your signature completes the McNeill PTO membership application. Thank you for supporting your child and McNeill Elementary!

Signature:		Date:	
For Accounting Purposes, Payment Rec'd as: Membership fee, Donation:	Cash, VENMO, or Check # \$	Initials	



2024-2025 Membership PTO.pdf

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McNeill PTO Online Store

YOUR ONE STOP PTO SHOP



PTO MEMBERSHIP DUES

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GOING ON NOW

BIRTHDAY MARQUEE

ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

DRESS DOWN DAYS

PREPAY OPTION AVAILABLE

YEARBOOK

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 10/25/24



REPEATED INFORMATION

LUNCH VISITORS

Lunch visitors will be welcomed daily during. Lunchroom visitors are limited to **TWO visitors** per child per day.

As a large campus, our space is very limited, and we must be creative with how we safely accommodate lunch visitors for parents who would like to eat with their children. There will be one lunch table and the lounge area designated for visitors. Please be sure to sit in these areas only.

Visitors may eat **ONLY** with their child. Visitors may not provide food for children who are not their own or interact with them.

Visitors must sign in at the front office with a government issued identification card or a passport to receive a pass. After the scheduled lunch time, parents must leave the building.

Parents are highly discouraged from dropping off lunches or having lunch delivery services at school. The constant deliveries are a disruption to the instructional environment. Students should bring easy to open items with them daily for lunch and snacks to minimize contact. No nut-based snacks for the classrooms.



mcneill lunch schedule_parent.pdf

Download

88.5 KB

MORNING BACK PARKING LOT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

1. The back-parking lot is located at the rear of the building and is available for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
2. Stay in the car line and follow staff directions.
3. Have your child exit the vehicle using only the front or back passenger side.
4. *If your child uses a car seat, please position it on the passenger side of the car.
5. Safety Patrol children assist with opening and closing the car doors of any child who needs assistance. Parents may not exit the car at any time to help their child leave the vehicle.
6. **Parents are not permitted to** park and walk their children to the building. A staff member will ask that you return to your vehicle and enter the car line to drop off your child.
7. **Please be patient and drive slowly.**

DISMISSAL

Transportation changes-Transportation changes **MUST** be made before 2:15 pm. Please call the office or send a note with your child to indicate a change for the way your child normally goes home. These are delivered to the classrooms at 2:15 pm. Therefore, we cannot accept changes after 2:15 pm. If you want to check your child out early for appointments, that must be done by 2:15 pm. as well. We will not release students for early pick up after 2:15 pm. This information is in the LCISD Student Handbook. Please try and keep the way your child goes home as consistent as possible. This decreases the likelihood of a mistake occurring.

Bus-LCISD Transportation is highly recommended for all students who are eligible. The buses are the first mode of transportation to leave each day. The buses will load and leave early the first 3 days of school. Parents are advised to arrive at the bus stops early on these days. Give your child's bus a 15-minute window before and after the published time as drivers work to ensure everyone is accounted for and dropped off at the correct stop. PK and K students will only be released to an authorized adult listed in the My Stop App. Please bring your ID to the bus stop on the first day for verification. ID badges will be scanned each time your child gets on and off the bus, for lunch meals in the cafeteria, and in the library for checking out books.

Daycare- Daycare vans will line up behind LCISD Transportation. Students will be loaded in the daycare vans after the school buses have been loaded and have left. Please let your child's teacher know the name of the daycare your child will attend as well as the branch if it is a chain daycare, i.e. Kids R Kids Bella Terra.

Car-We anticipate a large number of car riders this year, so we are asking you to please be patient while we dismiss students safely. Please place your **ORANGE** car rider tag on the passenger side dashboard, so that the person calling the names of the car riders can see it. The drop-off/pick-up line is at the back of the school right passed the playground.

Walkers/Bikers – They will be dismissed by grade level. PK/K students will be released to a parent/guardian only. Parents are not allowed to walk up to the school to meet your children. Please meet them at the edge of the front parking lot entry (for those who live in the direction of the park) and all others at the 4- way stop (Mason and Lakemont Bend). Please do not park your car in the street and wave for your child to run across traffic. This is very dangerous. If your child is a walker, you are saying that they are responsible enough to get home on their own without adult assistance. **If you do not want your child to walk home without an adult, please make sure to communicate that with the teacher prior to the first day of school. If they have older/younger siblings that they will walk home with, please communicate that information to the teachers as well.**

We know it might take a few days to develop a routine that works for your family. **It is very important that students' transportation is consistently set as soon as possible.**

CAR RIDER DISMISSAL – IMPORTANT

To ensure the safety and security of all students, parents **MUST** display the **ORANGE car rider tag** for **EACH child** that they are picking up daily. If you do not have an orange tag displayed you will be redirected to the front office to show your ID and to obtain a new tag. If you are in need of a replacement tag, please stop by our front office prior to dismissal to receive one. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as student safety is our top priority.

AFTERNOON BACK PARKING LOT PICK-UP PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that you please follow the procedures listed below to help the car rider line remain safe and move quickly.

1. The car rider line is a **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**.
2. **Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:10.**
3. Parents will place ORANGE car rider signs on the passenger side dashboard.
4. A teacher will assign you a number as you enter the car rider line.
5. You will pull forward to your designated number indicated on the polls to your right.
6. Do not stop when you see your child walking. A staff member will assist your child with entering

the car.

7. **Please do not get out of your vehicle for any reason.**

8. Once your child is in your vehicle, you must remain in the car rider line. **Do not go around the cars in front of you to exit the car line.**

9. **If your child is not at the designated number provided, you will be asked to move forward and park in a designated parking spot. A staff member will go to the gym and walk your child to your vehicle.**

10. **Please be patient and drive slowly.**



RAINY DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

On inclement weather days, we will implement our Rainy Day Dismissal procedures to ensure all students get home safely. All dismissal procedures will remain the same for car riders, bus riders, daycare, and YMCA students. Please note the changes below for walkers and bikers in the event of a Rainy Day Dismissal.

Walkers & Bikers

- Students will report to the library and sit by grade level.
- At 3:10 PM, parents of walkers/bikers may make their way to the front of the school and form two (2) lines.
- Parents will be asked to sign their child out with one of the staff members in the front foyer.

- Students will be released from the library to the parent after they have been signed out.

In the event you would like to change your child's transportation method, please contact the front office before 2:15 pm. Thank you in advance for your understanding as student safety is our top priority.

EARLY PICK UP AND TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

If you take your child out of school before dismissal time, you will need to report to the office to sign him/her out. Your child will stay in the classroom until you arrive. If it necessary for someone other than the parent/guardian pick up your child, that person must be signed, dated note with the child. The person picking up your child must show photo identification to the office staff. Accumulated time of early pick-ups is calculated by minutes in lost instruction time. Request to check out your child must be done prior to 2:15 pm.

Any changes in the normal transportation of your child must be stated in writing with a parent/guardian signature. We ask for everyone's help in not making changes frequently. However, we understand that in rare cases, unexpected changes will need to happen. These can be called in to the front office by 2:15 pm. **We are not able to process changes after 2:15 pm.** This includes parents that come to the campus without prior notice to pick up their child. Any change in transportation arrangements for any student requires a note to the teacher. Make sure you write your child's first and last name, teacher's name and indicate the date(s) for the change and how the child is going to go home. We ask that the parents not email the change since there maybe times that a teacher is not in attendance or does not have a chance to read their email.

Please note on early release days the latest you can pick up is 11:00 am!

THE GOLD STANDARD

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, iPads, earbuds, and tablets **MUST** be turned off and in backpacks for the duration of the instructional day

- 1st Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee
- 3rd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is assigned ISS
- 4th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is suspended
- 5th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is recommended to attend ALC
- 6th Offense and beyond - Recommended ALC Placement



SRP: STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

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EMERGENCY DRILL PRACTICES

Every month McNeill students will practice a safety drill along with a fire drill. Drills are not announced so we can practice them in case we are presented with a situation to activate one in real time. Teachers reviewed the procedures for these drills with their students during the first week of school. These drills have not changed from last year to this year.



GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT REFERRALS

DOES YOUR CHILD:

- learn quickly?
- ask lots of questions?
- demonstrate creativity?
- have a vivid imagination?
- solve problems in a unique manner?

LCISD REFERRAL
TESTING TAKES
PLACE DURING
THE SPRING
SEMESTER

TO REFER YOUR
CHILD FOR GT
EVALUATION,
SCAN OR CLICK.

If you have any questions, please
contact your campus GT Facilitator.



CLICK HERE



24-25 GT Parent Referral Flyer.pdf

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MCNEILL STUDENTS EAT FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

McNeill Elementary was added as a CEP campus during the 2023-24 school year. Due to this all McNeill students will eat free breakfast and lunch. Students will still be required to pay for A la Carte (snack) items sold by the cafeteria. For more information please see the flyer below or visit the Child Nutrition website.



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STUDENT ID REMINDERS

- Student IDs will be distributed for the 2024-25 school year.
- New enrollees will have their ID picture taken and cards made on day enrollment.
- Students will be required to wear their student IDs daily. They should wear them with their lanyards to school. No items should be attached to lanyards.
- Any student who misplaces their student ID will need to purchase a replacement one. Replacement ID tags can be purchased for \$5 in the front office.



2024-25 MCNEILL'S STANDARD DRESS CODE

Parents,

Please help to ensure that your child is in dress code everyday. Outside of dress down days, students are expected to adhere to our campus dress code. Thank you in advance for your help.

Collared (polo style, no logo) solid color tops in red, white, navy blue and yellow. Bottoms may be in solid color khaki, navy blue or blue denim jeans, slacks shorts, skirts, or jumpers. McNeill spirit shirts may also be worn.

Clarifications:

- Students are required to wear their ID's daily.
- On PTO Free and Pay dress down days students must follow the LCISD dress code policy.

VISITOR/VOLUNTEERS

Visitors-All visitors will need to sign in at the front office with a state issued ID. Visitors must wear their raptor name badge and report to the area that is indicated on their badge. For the safety of all school community members, visitors should enter/exit through the front area of the building only.

Volunteers- We will have volunteers through the building during the school day. We will communicate with the PTO and community when we will begin allowing workroom volunteers to come on campus. That volunteer time will be coordinated by the PTO. Those volunteers will only be allowed to work in the workroom. They will not be allowed in any other area of the building. Each person will have to be cleared through a background check with LCISD in order to volunteer in the workroom.

SNACKS

Students are allowed to bring a snack to school daily if they choose. Please keep in mind that snacks need to be a healthy choice. Please do not send chips, candy, or anything that requires a utensil. A healthy snack will give your child the nutritional boost he/she needs during the day. Please keep in mind that snack time will be 10-15 minutes long. Students should be able to continue working in class while consuming their snack. Do not send in anything that needs to be refrigerated. Below is a list of good snacks to consider. **DO NOT SEND ANYTHING WITH PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER.**

Students will be allowed to get drinks from the water fountain.

If you choose to send in a drink, please **Do Not** send in any glass bottles, soda or sport drinks.

Please note that if students bring an unapproved snack, they will lose the privilege of having snack.

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| ★ Pretzels | ★ Animal crackers | ★ Goldfish crackers |
| ★ Muffins | ★ Crackers | ★ Granola/cereal bars |
| ★ Apples | ★ Carrot sticks | ★ Graham Crackers |
| ★ Pop tarts | ★ Banana | ★ Cereal |
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HELPFUL DOCUMENTS



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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- November 1: Wear Sunglasses/4th Grade Fieldtrip
 - November 4: MCA
 - November 5: Choir Practice/Cheer
 - November 6: PTO Spirit Night @ MOD Pizza
 - November 7: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 5 Science) - No VISITORS/Academic Club/Lego Club/Girls in STEM
 - November 8: Wear Your House Colors
 - November 11: Veterans Day Program @ 9 AM/MCA/NEHS Meeting
 - November 12: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 3-5 Reading) - No VISITORS/Choir Practice/Medical Detectives/Cheer/PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Library)
 - November 13: Picture Day (Class Pictures/Fall Retakes/Rhythm Club/Girls Above Society)
 - November 14: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 3-5 Math) - No VISITORS/Progress Report Grades Posted/Academic Club/Lego Club/Girls in STEM
 - November 15: 2nd Grade Fieldtrip/PTO Dress Down Day (Disney - Students Pay \$1)
 - November 19: Choir Practice/Medical Detectives/Cheer
 - November 20: 4th Grade Swim Begins/Rhythm Club/Girls Above Society
 - November 21: Lego Club/Girls in STEM
 - November 22: Student Holiday (No School)
 - November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
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CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:
RESPONSIBILITY



NOVEMBER



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 FATHER OF TEXAS DAY SHADE OUT DRUGS WEAR SUNGLASSES 4TH GRADE FIELDTRIP DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM	2
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS FALL BACK 1 HOUR	4 MCA	5 ELECTION DAY 4TH GRADE SWIM PROCEDURES CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM)	6 PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (MOD PIZZA)	7 GR. 5 FALL BENCHMARK SCIENCE NO VISITORS ACADEMIC CLUB LEGO CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS IN STEM (3:30-4:30PM) UIL PRACTICE (3:30-4:15)	8 NATIONAL STEM DAY WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS/SHIRTS	9
10	11 VETERANS DAY VETERANS DAY PROGRAM [A+] 9AM MCA NEHS MEETING (3:15-4:00 PM)	12 GR. 3-5 FALL BENCHMARK READING NO VISITORS PTO MEETING [A+] 6:30 PM (LIBRARY) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM) UIL PRACTICE (3:30-4:15)	13 PICTURE DAY CLASS GROUP/FALL RETAKES RHYTHM CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (3:15-4 PM)	14 GR. 3-5 FALL BENCHMARK MATH NO VISITORS PROGRESS REPORTS POSTED IN SKYWARD ACADEMIC CLUB LEGO CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS IN STEM (3:30-4:30PM) UIL PRACTICE (3:30-4:15)	15 P.T.O. DRESS DOWN DAY DISNEY DAY - STUDENTS PAY \$1 NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE BEGINS 2ND GRADE FIELDTRIP MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE	16 NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE 11/15-11/21
17	18 NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE	19 NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM) UIL PRACTICE (3:30-4:15)	20 4TH GRADE SWIM BEGINS NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE RHYTHM CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (3:15-4 PM) PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (PANDA EXPRESS)	21 4TH GRADE SWIM NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY NEHS HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE ENDS LEGO CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS IN STEM (3:30-4:30PM) UIL PRACTICE (3:30-4:15)	22 NO School Today STUDENT HOLIDAY (STAFF PLANNING & DATA DAY)	23
24	THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL					30

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