

Merlin Messenger

Parent Newsletter - February



Believe the **BEST**

Federal Report Card

McNeill is sharing the below information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link:

<https://www.lcisd.org/departments/academics/raa/performance-reports-and-legal-postings> or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at: <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/essa-program/federal-report-card>. A detailed description of these reports is enclosed.


If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports can be requested from the district or campus office. If you have questions about the information, please contact McNeill Elementary at 832-223-2800 or the Lamar CISD Research, Assessment, & Accountability Office at 832-223-0136.

Federal Report.pdf

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World Read Aloud Day





McNeill Elementary School

World Read Aloud Day



February 8, 2024

Guest authors will speak with each class during specials to encourage the love of reading.



Why World Read Aloud Day?

LitWorld founded **World Read Aloud Day** in 2010 to celebrate the power of reading aloud to create community and amplify new stories, and to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right. Since then, World Read Aloud Day has evolved into a global movement of millions of readers, writers and listeners from communities across the world coming together to honor **the joy and**

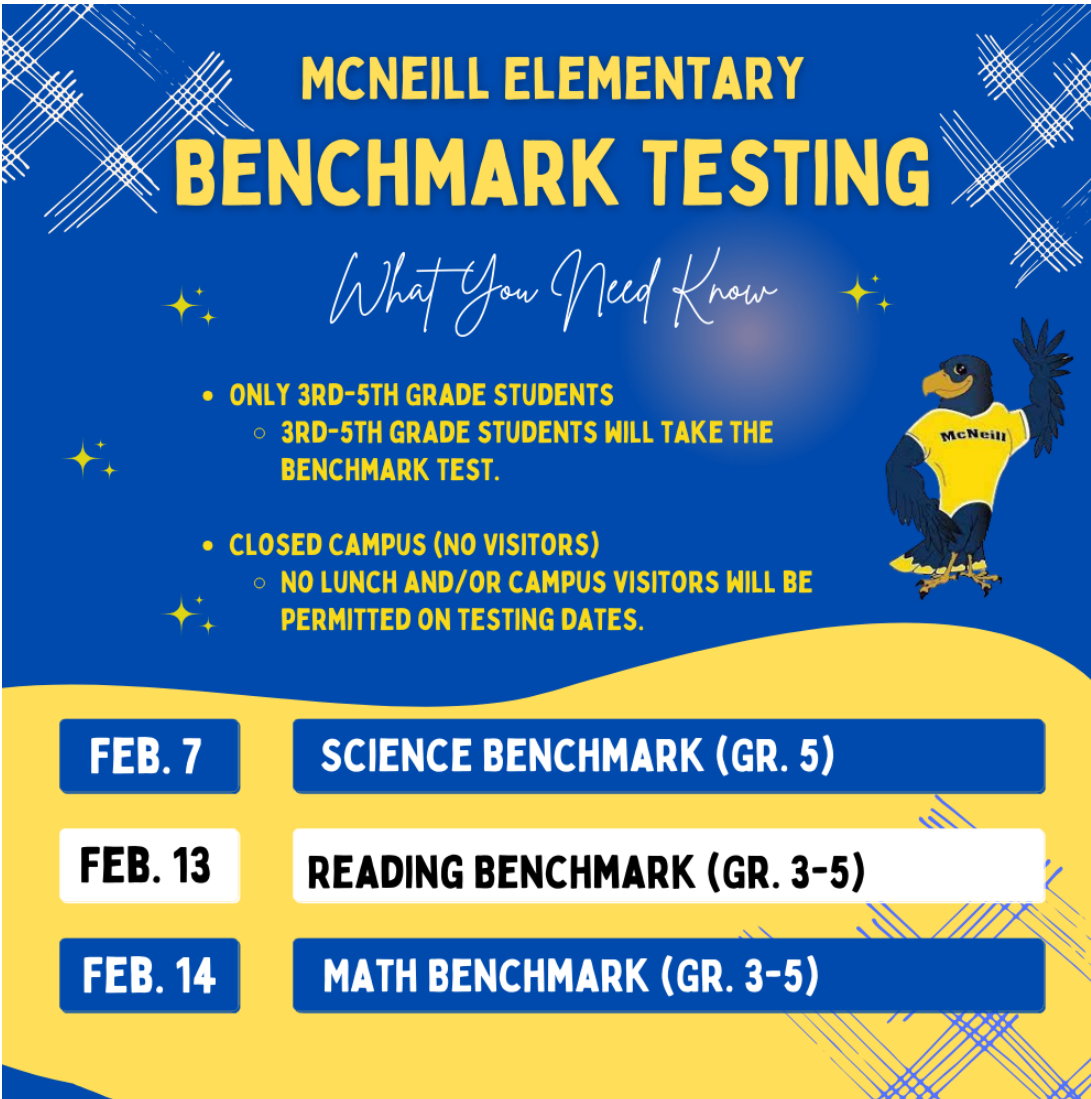
power of reading and sharing stories, and continue expanding the definition and scope of global literacy.

Every year, World Read Aloud Day has been one of the **top trending hashtags on Twitter**, celebrated by **millions of people** in over **170 countries**. From celebrities like Sarah Jessica Parker and Chelsea Clinton to students of all ages around the globe, World Read Aloud Day brings us together to celebrate the unique impact of sharing stories.

At McNeill, we will celebrate this day by having

Thank you to our wonderful librarian, Ms. Kirkpatrick, for coordinating this event for our students. It's going to be a fantastic day showcasing the wonderful world of reading!

For more information visit: <https://www.litworld.org/learn-more-about-wrad>.



The poster features a blue background with white grid patterns in the corners and yellow stars. At the top, the text 'MCNEILL ELEMENTARY BENCHMARK TESTING' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the phrase 'What You Need Know' is written in a white cursive font. To the right of the text is a cartoon eagle wearing a yellow t-shirt with 'McNeill' written on it. The poster lists three key points: 'ONLY 3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS', '3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE BENCHMARK TEST.', and 'CLOSED CAMPUS (NO VISITORS)'. Below these points, the testing schedule is listed in three rows: 'FEB. 7' for 'SCIENCE BENCHMARK (GR. 5)', 'FEB. 13' for 'READING BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)', and 'FEB. 14' for 'MATH BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)'. The bottom of the poster has a yellow wavy border.

**MCNEILL ELEMENTARY
BENCHMARK TESTING**

What You Need Know

- **ONLY 3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS**
 - **3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE BENCHMARK TEST.**
- **CLOSED CAMPUS (NO VISITORS)**
 - **NO LUNCH AND/OR CAMPUS VISITORS WILL BE PERMITTED ON TESTING DATES.**

FEB. 7 **SCIENCE BENCHMARK (GR. 5)**

FEB. 13 **READING BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)**

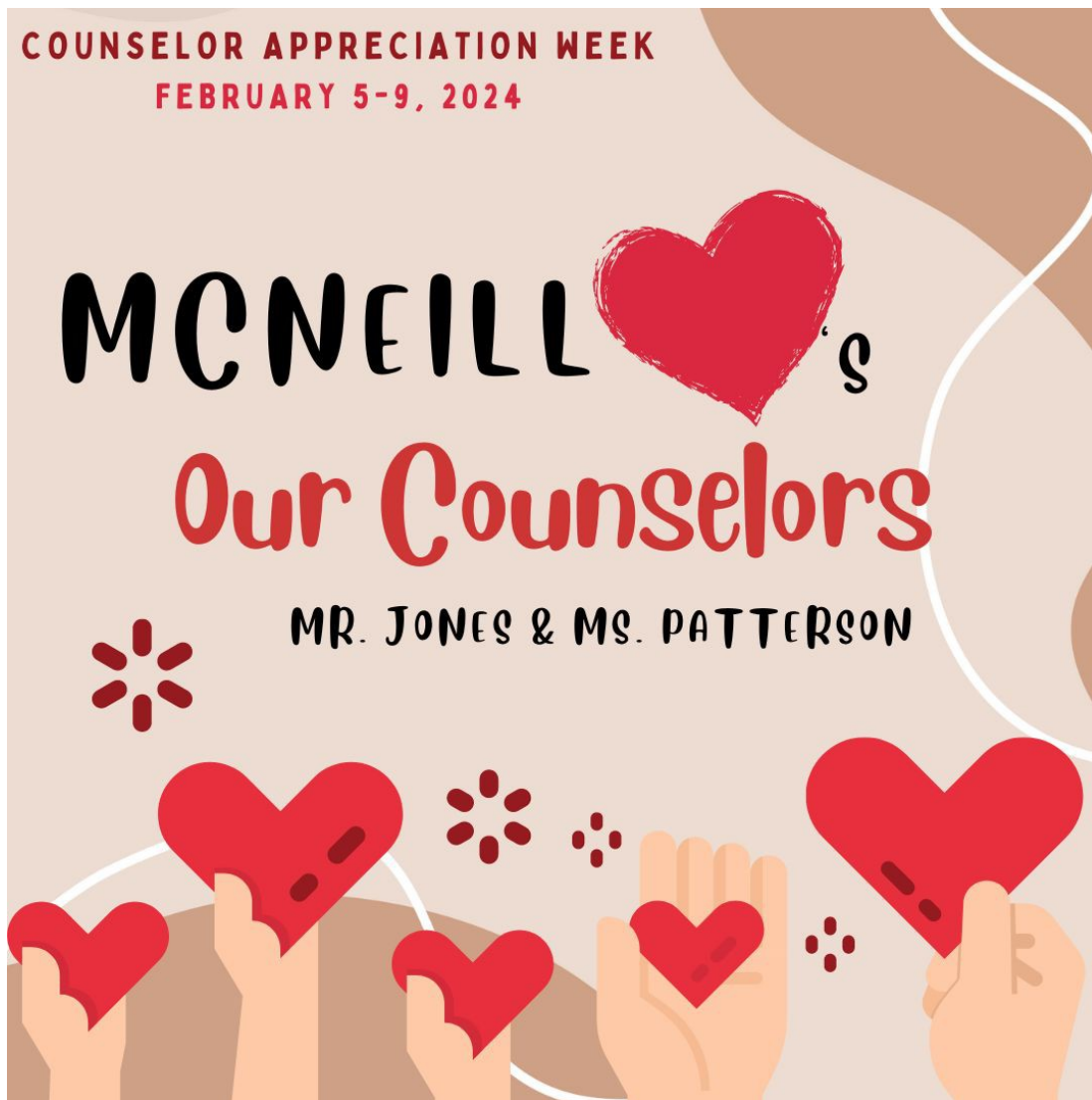
FEB. 14 **MATH BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)**

Due to schedule changes, we will not be able to have lunch visitors on these days. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Parents of students in Grades 3-5, please help us with the following to ensure a successful benchmark testing:

- Students should arrive to school on time daily (7:45 AM).
- Make sure that they have a healthy breakfast either provided at home or from school.
- Make sure students get a good night's rest.
- Encourage them to do their best.

The data that we gain from the benchmark testing will help us provide additional interventions and supports for our students in preparation for the upcoming STAAR test. Thank you in advance for your help!



Valentine's Day Information

Wednesday, February 14th is a normal day of instruction and benchmark testing for students in grades 3-5. There will be no parties or visitors on this day. However, students can exchange Valentine's cards and/or small treats with their peers at a time designated by their teacher on this day. Please make sure that if students are participating in a card exchange that they provide a card for **every** student in their class. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.



3rd 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 **Thursday, February 8th** 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

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Attention 5th Grade Parents - Gold Track

If your child's home campus is McNeill you will attend the parent night listed below.

Parent
Information
Night

**COURSE
SELECTION
PRESENTATION**

WERTHEIMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**BENTLEY
HUBENAK
JACKSON**

CAFETERIA
FEBRUARY 8TH
6:00-6:45PM
4240 FM 723,
ROSENBERG, TX 77471

**MCNEILL
ADOLPHUS
FROST**

Attention 5th Grade Parents - Purple Track

If your child's home campus is Hubenak, Huggins, Morgan or Lindsey you will attend the parent night listed below.

Roberts Middle School
9230 Charger Way
Fulshear, TX 77441



New
Location

PARENT INFORMATION

COURSE SELECTION ☆
Presentation ☆



When: February 7th
Location: Cafeteria



5:30-6:25 Bentley, Huggins, Lindsey, McNeill	6:45-7:30 Morgan, Tamarron, Hubenak, Jackson
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SPRING PICTURE DAY



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FREE DRESS FOR STUDENTS



HAPPY
PRESIDENTS DAY

★ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024 ★
STUDENT HOLIDAY / STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
★ (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) ★



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND!



Morning Arrival

School doors open at 7:15 a.m. with students entering classrooms at 7:30 a.m. and instruction beginning promptly at 7:45 a.m. There is minimal traffic with drop off between 7:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Please keep this in mind when planning your day.

The **front parking lot/area** (located in the front of the school) is designated for staff arrival and bus drop off from 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. There are no car drop-offs in the front during this time. It is important that parents adhere to this policy so that staff and students arriving can arrive to school in a safe manner.

We have a staff member positioned at the end of the driveway to ensure that staff and buses can enter the front drive. Please be courteous and respectful of our staff out front as they are there to help with morning arrival.

Parents can park along the street and walk their child to the main entrance. If doing so, please remember the following:

- Follow the posted speed limits while in the school zone.
- Do not make a U-Turn in the middle of the street.
- Street parking regulations in Texas: 15 feet away from a fire hydrant / 20 feet away from crosswalk at an intersection / 20 feet away from stop signs

- Double parking is not allowed so please do not drop your student off in the middle of the road. Either pull to the curb or come through the back drive to be greeted by our friendly safety patrol students.

Kendra Scott Spirit Night

We are happy to share that our Kendra Gives Back event benefitting McNeill Elementary is all set and ready to go!

McNeill's unique online giveback code is **GIVEBACK-FWOZZ** which will be live all-day Feb. 8th -9th use on kendrascott.com. Supporters can also shop to support in person both days at our Katy LaCenterra location. Please mention that you are supporting McNeill Elementary at checkout.

Please don't forget to mention McNeill Elementary at checkout.



Shine Bright, Do Good ✨

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

DATE & TIME

Shop online at www.kendrascott.com
February 8th - 10th

DETAILS

In your cart or at checkout enter code **GIVEBACK-FWOZZ** and 20% of your purchase will go towards McNeill Elementary.



 **KENDRA SCOTT**

Kendra Scott In-Store Event Details

Shine Bright, Do Good ✨

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

DATE & TIME

February 9th
6pm - 8pm

DETAILS

Shop in store at Kendra Scott Katy LaCenterra



Mention McNeill Elementary at checkout and 20% of your purchase benefits the school.

KENDRA SCOTT



LCISD libraries are hosting a book festival! Books selected from the Texas Bluebonnet List and the Texas 2x2 list will be showcased with a book experience. Each experience will focus on enriching the lives of our readers with unique, hands-on activities. All elementary students are invited to the event!

EXPERIENCES INCLUDE

- OTTER EXHIBITION
- BOLLYWOOD DANCERS
- WILDLIFE PROGRAMS
- MARIACHI BAND

BOOK FAIR • FOOD • LITERACY EVENTS • VIP EXPERIENCES

**APRIL 6,
2024**

9:00 AM-1:00 PM
-BOOK EXPERIENCES
-BOOK FAIR AND FOOD TRUCKS

FREE ENTRY

**TERRY HIGH SCHOOL
5500 AVE. N
ROSENBERG, TEXAS**
Register for this event here!



<https://bit.ly/lcisdreads>



Spring Book Festival Information Sheet ENG and SP 23-24.pdf

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2024-25 Cheer Information

Attention Parents of Current 2nd-4th Grade Students

Please see the flyer below for the 2024-25.



**MCNEILL
ELEMENTARY
CHEER SQUAD**

CHEER TRYOUTS

MARCH	MARCH
MONDAY CLINIC: 3/18	MONDAY CLINIC: 3/25
TUESDAY CLINIC: 3/19	TUESDAY CLINIC: 3/26
WEDNESDAY CLINIC: 3/20	WEDNESDAY CLINIC: 3/27
THURSDAY CLINIC: 3/21	THURSDAY TRYOUTS: 3/28

Come tryout to be a part of the
McNeill Cheer Team!
Open to all future 3rd-5th
Grade Students! Mandatory
Interest Meeting Thursday,
February 22 at 4pm!

**TO REGISTER
AND PARENT
INTEREST
MEETING
INFORMATION
SCAN QR CODE :**



For more information, please email Ms. Stewart:
raven.stewart@lcisd.org

Club Information - February

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

NEHS - Monday

- February Date(s): 2/12
- Sponsors - Ms. Patterson/Mr. Jones

Checkers Club - Mondays

- February Date(s): 2/5, 2/12, 2/26
- Sponsors - Mr. Jones

Girls in STEM - Tuesdays

- February Date(s): 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
- Sponsors - Ms. Obrero/Ms. Harrell

Medical Detectives Club - Tuesdays

- February Date(s): 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
- Sponsor - Nurse Mager

Men in the Making - Wednesdays

- February Date(s): 2/21

Puzzle Club - Wednesdays

- February Date(s): 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
- Sponsor - Ms. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Wood, Ms. Garnes

Choir - Thursdays

- February Date(s): 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

Karate - Thursdays

- February Date(s): (5th Grade ONLY) 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, (4th Grade ONLY) 2/29
- Sponsor - Coach K (Kornreich)

Lego Club - Thursdays

- February Date(s): 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29
- Sponsor - Ms. Kirkpatrick

MCA - Fridays

- February Date(s): 2/2, 2/9, 2/16
- Sponsor - Mr. Yoon

Rhythm & Step - Fridays

- February Date(s): 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes/Mr. Jones

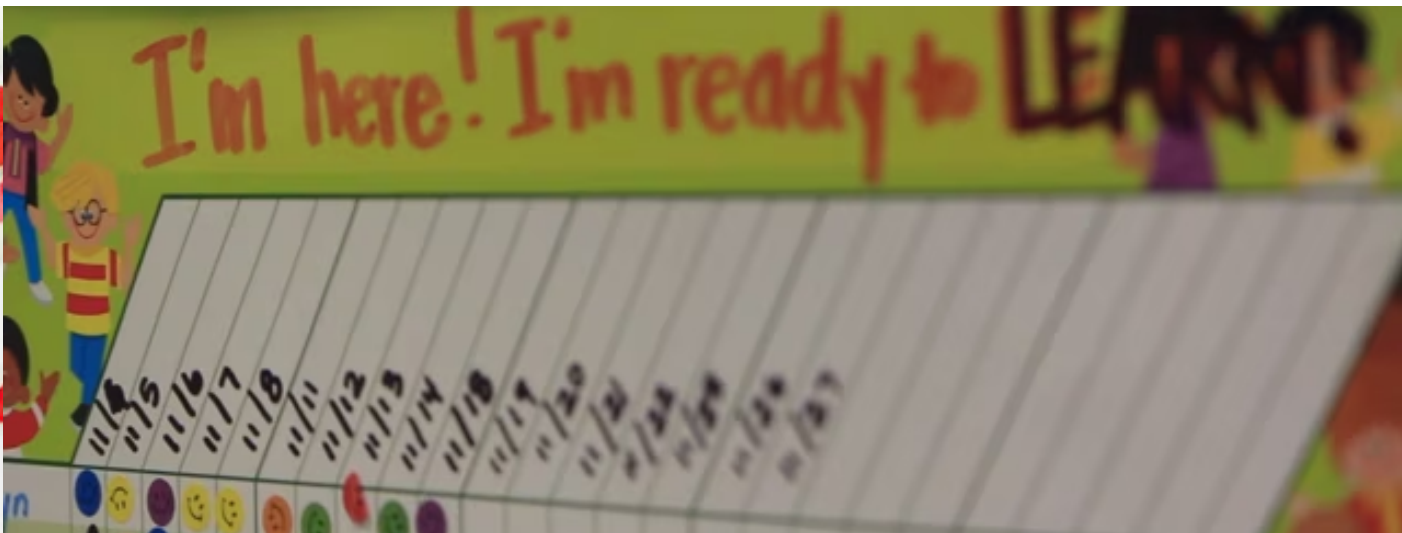
ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...

					
PRECHOOLERS	ELEMENTARY STUDENTS	MIDDLE SCHOOLERS	HIGH SCHOOLERS	COLLEGE STUDENTS	WORKERS
Build skills and develop good habits for showing up on time	Read well by the end of third grade	Pass important courses	Stay on track for graduation	Earn their degrees	Succeed in their jobs

School attendance is a critical aspect of a student's academic journey. Regular attendance helps students acquire knowledge and plays a significant role in their overall development. Students develop a sense of responsibility, discipline, and punctuality by attending school regularly. They learn to manage their time effectively and prioritize their tasks, preparing them for future challenges. School attendance is crucial for a student's academic and life success.

Let's work together to ensure that our Merlins attend school regularly and on time.



PTO News

February Dress Down Days

Our February dress down day(s) will be held on the following date(s):

Monday, February 12th: Team Jersey Day (Students Pay \$1)

Tuesday, February 27th: Go Texan (Free Dress)



PTO JERSEY DRESS DOWN DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

**WEAR A JERSEY TO SHOW
YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR
FAVORITE TEAM!**

BRING \$1 TO YOUR TEACHER TO PARTICIPATE.

*ALL CLOTHING MUST MEET THE LCISD
STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY.

GO TEXAN DAY

CALLING ALL COWGIRLS & COWBOYS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

**STUDENTS MAY WEAR
RODEO ATTIRE.
COWBOY HATS &
BOOTS APPROVED.**



All clothing must meet LCISD
student dress code policy.

February Spirit Nights

Our February Spirit Night(s) will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, February 8-Saturday, February 10: Kendra Scott (online event)

Friday, February 9: Kendra Scott (in-store event - LaCenterra location) 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday, February 21: Torchy's Tacos

Yearbook Information

Yearbooks selling fast!



Order your 2023-2024
Yearbook now for just \$35

Three easy ways to order:

1. Go to [Balfour.com](https://www.balfour.com) and type in our school name McNeill Elementary School. Purchase a yearbook online using a credit or debit card.
2. Make a payment using Venmo to McNeill Elementary PTO @McNeill-PTO
3. Complete the form below and return to front office with your cash or check attached. Make checks payable to: McNeill Elementary PTO

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



While supplies last. Scan now to preorder.

Cost: **\$35**

Student Name : _____
Teacher/Grade : _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone : _____

of Yearbooks _____ Total Cost _____
Payment Method _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Venmo
(check one)

Join the PTO

McNeill PTO Membership Sign-up

JOIN McNeill Elementary PTO TODAY!!

McNeill Elementary PTO is a vital part of the school community bringing together parents, teachers, administrators, and students. We provide an excellent opportunity for parents to meet one another, get comfortable with the school and its staff, and support each other's common goals. Plus, we have a lot of fun in the process!

MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$10!!

Each year our PTO funds social events, tools for education, student programs, school supplies, etc. We also provide much needed extras to enhance our student's overall school experience. The PTO can only accomplish all of these things with your help, so please join us today and become involved.

If you would like to make a donation to the PTO we welcome your support. If you are making a donation, please make checks payable to "McNeill Elementary PTO". All donations are tax deductible.

Counselor's Corner

February, 2024

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Fairness



Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

Character Building at Home for Jan/Feb

How Parents Can Promote Fairness:

- Talk about it! Fairness can be a difficult concept for younger students. Fairness does not always mean equal or the same. Frequent discussions will lay the foundation for this abstract concept.
- Lead by Example. Remember that you are your child's biggest influence. Despite what you may think, they are constantly observing you and integrating your behavior into their own lives.
- Discuss fairness in relationship to the characters they see in books and movies. This is a great way to work on higher level thinking skills. It is also a great opportunity to encourage empathy by asking your child how the characters may be feeling.
- Practice positive reinforcement by recognizing when your child is being fair. Praise their efforts in competitive situations rather than the need to always win.
- We know that life is not always fair, but that can be a hard pill to swallow! Help your child develop productive coping strategies for those times when things just don't go their way.
- Make sure that your expectations are developmentally appropriate. Children have different ideas about fairness at different stages.

Developmental Understanding of Fairness -

3-4 Year Olds—It is difficult for 3 & 4 year olds to understand the idea of fairness because they are still very egocentric. 4 yr olds are beginning to use their increasing verbal abilities to resolve situations fairly.

5-6 Year Olds—5 yr olds can be very rule driven. Kindergarteners believe that everyone should be held to the same rules and be treated equally. Tattling is a common behavior among 5 & 6 yr olds, who are often eager to see punishment given where they think it is due. Children in this age group believe that all goods should be equally distributed, no matter what. When we interpret the words "It's not fair" to mean "I don't like this", we can understand that the child is simply vocalizing their disappointment. We can then use the opportunity to help them develop a healthy vocabulary to express themselves.

7-9 Year Olds—By the age of 7, children will typically have expanded their thinking to include the concept of merit and by 8 they expand their thinking to consider need. It is not until age 7 or 8 that children consistently follow norms related to fair sharing. By the age of 8, children tend to follow the norms of fair sharing even when it means having less for oneself. 7-9 yr olds may still have difficulty "playing fair" simply because they struggle to remember two things at once: what they want to do and what they are supposed to do.

Important Dates:

Feb 9 Spring pictures

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 16 House Party I

Feb 19 Student Holiday

McNeill Counselors

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fpatterson@lcisd.org

William Jones@lcisd.org

Repeated Information

Volunteer Information

If you are interested in volunteering in Lamar CISD for the 2023-2024 please complete the volunteer background check application found here <https://www.lcisd.org/community/volunteers> This background check will allow you to serve on campus in a variety of capacities with both students and teachers.

We appreciate your help in keeping our campus and students safe. Thank you for volunteering in Lamar CISD!

Lunch Visitors

Please see the reminders below regarding our lunch visitors and procedures.

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 (1).pdf

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Lamar CISD Elementary Handbook / District Code of Conduct

The Lamar CISD Elementary Handbook has been approved by the LCISD board and is now posted with updated changes. Please follow this link to review:

<https://www.lcisd.org/departments/academics/elementary-education>

HIGHLIGHTS

Technology Devices

Personal Technology Lamar CISD believes that appropriate use of students' technology devices enhances our students' education. Students may be asked to bring their own device to school. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, electronic tablets, and laptop computers. Students may use devices in class at the teacher's discretion. Students must follow teacher, campus, and district rules and guidelines for use.

(Campus Guideline: All electronic devices must remain in the student's backpack turned off during the instructional day unless the teacher allows the student to use the device for an assignment.)

Vapes / e-cigarettes

During the last Texas Legislative session, a law was passed making it illegal for a student to be in possession of a vape / e-cigarette at school events or on campus. If a student is found in

possession of such items violating the district code of conduct, there is a mandatory placement at ALC. (Page 113 Elementary Student Handbook)

Possession Of Prohibited Items Students shall not possess or use:

(For a complete list of prohibited items see page 99 of the LCISD Elementary Handbook)

- fireworks of any kind, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device
- razor, box cutter, chain, or any other object used in a way that threatens or inflicts bodily injury to another person
- "look-alike" weapon
- air gun or BB gun, firearm, stun gun
- a pocketknife or any other small knife
- mace or pepper spray

(Parents, please discuss this with your child and check your student's backpacks or pockets every periodically. Students have shared that on the weekends they go fishing or hunting where they use a pocket knife. We simply do not want a pocket knife left in a pocket or back pack from a fun weekend trip inadvertently. If you look on page 113, there's mandatory placement to ALC if these items are brought on campus.)

Compulsory Attendance Law

Excused Absences for Compulsory Attendance

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements for several types of absences if the student makes up all work. The District shall excuse a student from attending school for the following purposes:

- Religious holy days
- Required court appearances
- Activities related to obtaining United States citizenship
- Health-Care Appointments*
- For students in the conservatorship (custody) of the state
- TAPS at Military Funeral
- Parent, Stepparent, or Legal Guardian who is an active-duty member of the uniformed services leaves for active duty
- Personal Illness**
- Death/Funeral of an Immediate Family Member
- Quarantine Absences for a student who is required to quarantine will be excused with written documentation from a medical physician or the school nurse.

*Documented health-care appointments for the student or a child of the student, including absences related to autism services shall be excused, if the student returns to school on the same day of the appointment and brings a note from the health-care provider. A consultation over the phone or via video (telemedicine) is considered an appointment with a health care professional. However, an appointment with a school nurse does not count as an appointment with a health care professional.

**When a student is absent from school due to personal illness, the student upon return, or within 5 days of returning to school, must submit a note signed by a parent giving the date(s) and describing the reason for the absence.

If an absence does not meet the criteria for an excused absence, the absence will be considered unexcused for attendance accounting purposes. Examples of unexcused absences includes, but are not limited to the following:

- Any absence without required documentation.
- **Family trips/vacations, reunions, weddings, parent business trips.**
- **Non-school sponsored activities.**
- Private lesson or tutoring.
- Religious retreats, camps, mission trips, and individual rites other than a religious holy day.
- Non-enrollment days – These are days that a student is not in school due to transferring to another LCISD campus or alternative placement.

ABSENT NOTES:

Parent notes may be sent by email but must come from a parent's verified email account. The note or email must be sent to the campus attendance clerk. Excuse notes turned in after 5 days are subject to approval by the campus principal. An excessive number of absences will be referred to the Campus Attendance Review Committee (ARC). If a student is absent 5 consecutive school days or more, a doctor's note is required within 5 days of the student's return to school for the absence to be excused.

MAKE-UP WORK:

It is critical for students to work with teachers when they return from an absent from school so that assignments can be completed.

Parent Standards of Conduct

The LCISD Board of Trustees approved the Parent Standards of Conduct on August 1, 2023.

Parent Standards of Conduct - 08.01.23.pdf

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Parent Standards of Conduct - Spanish - 08.01.23.pdf

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2023-24 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.

Car Rider 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 hang their car rider signs on the rearview mirror.
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 sidewalk to your right.
6. Do not stop when you see your child walking. A Safety Patrol student or teacher 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.
- After the bus and day car buses have departed, parents of walkers/bikers may make their way to the front of the school.
- Parents will be asked to sign their child out with one of the staff members in the front foyers.
- 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!

Visitor / Volunteer Badges

Parents and other visitors / volunteers are welcome to visit district schools. For the safety of those within the school and to avoid disruption of instructional time, all visitors / volunteers must first report to the main office, sign in as a visitor / volunteer, present a valid State issued ID, and wear a visitor's / volunteer's badge. To better protect our students, visitors and staff, all LCISD campuses screen for registered sex offenders. A valid State issued ID is required to enter all campuses.

(New Requirement: Badges must be worn on the upper torso / chest area in clear view)



SMART Tag Reminders

- Students will be required to wear their SMART Tags daily. They should wear them with their lanyards to school. No items should be attached to lanyards.
- All students will start receive SMART tags by the end of the first week.
- Any student who misplaces their SMART Tag will need to purchase a replacement one. Replacement SMART Tags can be purchased for \$5 in the front office

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.

HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

2023-23 LAMAR CISD CALENDAR

2023-24-instructional (1).pdf

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- February 1: Choir/Lego Club/Karate (5th)
- February 2: Apex Fun Run Obstacle Course/Rhythm & Step/MCA
- February 5: 4th Grade Field Test (Reading/Language Arts)/Checkers Club
- February 6: Medical Detectives/Girls in STEM
- February 7: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 5 Science) - NO VISITORS
- February 8-10: Kendra Scott Spirit Night (Online Event)
- February 8: Progress Reports Available in Skyward/World Read Aloud Day/Choir/Lego Club/Karate (5th)
- February 9: Spring Picture Day/Rhythm & Step/ Kendra Scott Spirit Night (In-Store Event)/MCA
- February 12: PTO Dress Down Day - Team Jersey Day (Students Pay \$1)/NEHS/Checkers Club
- February 13: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 3-5 Reading/Language Arts) - NO VISITORS/Medical Detectives/Girls in STEM
- February 14: Benchmark Testing (Gr. 3-5 Math) - NO VISITORS/Valentine Card Exchange/Puzzle Club
- February 15: Choir/Lego Club/Karate (5th)
- February 16: Wear Your House Colors/MCA
- February 19: NO SCHOOL (Student Holiday/Staff Development)
- February 20: TELPAS (Gr. 5 Reading & Writing)/ Medical Detectives/Girls in STEM
- February 21: TELPAS (Gr. 5 Listening & Speaking)/3rd Grade Fieldtrip/Puzzle Club/Men in the Making/PTO Spirit Night @ Torchy's Tacos
- February 22: TELPAS (Gr. 5 Listening & Speaking)/Choir/Cheer Interest Meeting/Lego Club/Karate (Gr. 5)
- February 23: TELPAS (Gr. 4 Reading & Writing)/ PTO Free Dress (Go Texan) /Rhythm & Step
- February 26: TELPAS (Gr. 4 Listening & Speaking)/Checkers Club/Read-a-thon Begins
- February 27: TELPAS (Gr. 4 Listening & Speaking)/Medical Detectives/Girls in STEM/Read-a-thon
- February 28: TELPAS (Gr. 3 Reading & Writing)/Puzzle Club
- February 29: TELPAS (Gr. 3 Listening & Speaking)/Choir/Lego Club/Karate (4th)

FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM) KARATE - GR. 5 (3:30-4:30)	2 PTO FUNDRAISER FUN RUN MCA RHYTHM & STEP (3:15-4:15PM)	3
4 SCHOOL COUNSELORS' WEEK 2/5-2/9	5 CHECKERS CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	6 GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:10-4PM)	7 GR. 3-5 BENCHMARK NO VISITORS SCIENCE !	8 ! PROGRESS REPORTS WORLD READ ALOUD DAY PTO KENDRA SCOTT EVENT ONLINE (2/8-2/9) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM) KARATE - GR. 5 (3:30-4:30)	9 SPRING PICTURE DAY FREE DRESS PTO KENDRA SCOTT EVENT 6PM-8PM (IN-PERSON) MCA RHYTHM & STEP (3:15-4:15PM)	10 CHINESE NEW YEAR
11 SUPER BOWL	12 PTO DRESS DOWN DAY: TEAM JERSEYS STUDENTS PAY \$1 NEHS MEETING (3:15-4PM) CHECKERS CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	13 GR. 3-5 BENCHMARK NO VISITORS READING ! GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:10-4PM)	14 GR. 3-5 BENCHMARK NO VISITORS MATH ! VALENTINE'S DAY CARD EXCHANGE ONLY - NO PARTIES PUZZLE CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	15 NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DAY CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM) KARATE - GR. 5 (3:30-4:30)	16 WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS/SHIRTS  MCA RHYTHM & STEP (3:15-4:15PM)	17 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
18	19  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL (STUDENTS) PRESIDENT'S DAY	20 TELPAS TESTING GR. 5 (READING/WRITING) GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:10-4PM)	21 TELPAS TESTING GR. 5 (LISTENING/SPEAKING) 3RD GRADE FIELDTRIP (SUGAR LAND MUSEUM) PTO SPIRIT NIGHT! TORCHY'S MEN IN THE MAKING (3:15-4:15PM) PUZZLE CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	22 TELPAS TESTING GR. 5 (LISTENING/SPEAKING) CHEER INTEREST MEETING (4-4:40 PM) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM) KARATE - GR. 5 (3:30-4:30)	23 TELPAS TESTING GR. 4 (READING/WRITING) PTO FREE DRESS DAY: GO TEXAN DAY RHYTHM & STEP (3:15-4:15PM)	24 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD [A] FOSTER HS
25  READ-A-THON 2/26-3/8	26 TELPAS TESTING GR. 4 (LISTENING/SPEAKING) CHECKERS CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	27 TELPAS TESTING GR. 4 (LISTENING/SPEAKING) GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:10-4PM)	28 TELPAS TESTING GR. 3 (READING/WRITING) PUZZLE CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	29 TELPAS TESTING GR. 3 (LISTENING/SPEAKING) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM) KARATE - GR. 4 (3:30-4:30)		

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