

Merlin Messenger

Parent Newsletter - May



Believe the **BEST**

WE MADE IT!

As we bring the 2023-2024 school year to a close, I want to thank you all for your help and support to make this school year successful. Serving as an overflow campus, we welcomed over 1,000 students through our doors this school year! Our staff has worked hard to ensure that each child received a quality education and we are proud of how much our students have grown. Please

continue working with your child over the summer. Encourage them to read, read, read! It will make all the difference for them when they return in August. I wish you all a safe and happy summer!

To our 5th graders, good luck in 6th grade!

I look forward to seeing all of our Merlins back in August!!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. McNeill PTO has provided the list below as suggestions based on their theme for 2024 Teacher Appreciation Week. You are welcome to use these suggestions or come up with your own way of showing your appreciation should you choose. Participation is optional.



Teacher Appreciation Week
McNeill Version
MAY 6-10, 2024

MONDAY: LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME LEARN
Write a note of appreciation or draw a picture for your teacher

TUESDAY: IT'S ME, HI! I'M THE TEACHER, IT'S ME
Bring your teacher their favorite snack or drink as a treat

WEDNESDAY: CARDIGAN
Dress like a teacher or wear your teacher's favorite color

THURSDAY: ENCHANTED
Bring your teacher a flower to brighten their day

FRIDAY: YOU MAKE THE WHOLE CLASS SHIMMER
Bring your teacher something from their favorites list

McNeill Elementary PTO has provided this list of suggestions based on our theme for our 2024 Teacher Appreciation Week. You are welcome to use these suggestions or come up with your own way of showing your appreciation should you choose.

The poster features a central white box with a black border containing the daily activities. It is decorated with a red heart in an envelope at the top right, a red apple on the left, a green cardigan on the right, a pink flower on the bottom left, and a pink disco ball at the bottom right.

Removal of the Campus Enrollment Cap for Schools for the 2024-25 Academic Year

Lamar CISD is among the fastest-growing school districts in Texas, and student enrollment continues to climb. As a result of the growing student population, we placed enrollment caps on

several campuses during the last two years.

To keep up with our growth, we frequently build and open new schools while reviewing and monitoring enrollment. After careful consideration and planning, we are pleased to announce that for the 2024-2025 school year, we are removing the cap on student enrollment for the following campuses:

- Bentley ES
- Hubenak ES
- Huggins ES
- Lindsey ES
- Morgan ES
- Tamarron ES
- George Ranch HS

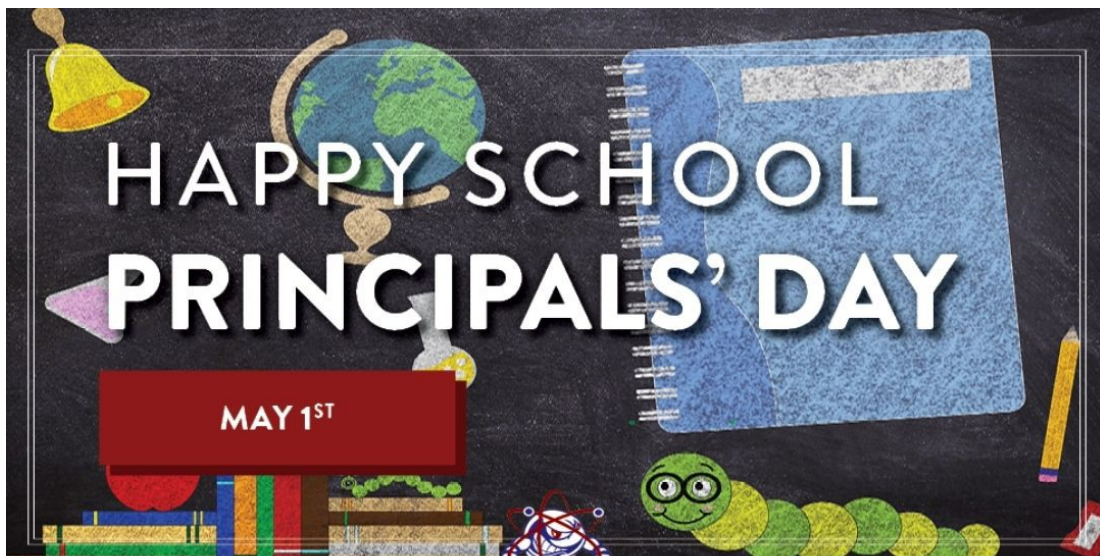
We anticipate increased accessibility to our schools when we remove the cap. However, we understand that some of our families have grown accustomed to the overflow campuses. Therefore, we want to clarify the options available for families impacted by the cap and overflow process.

If your student will be in 5th grade for the 2024-2025 school year and is attending an overflow campus, you can either continue with your student attending the overflow campus for the upcoming school year or have your student attend their home/zoned campus by completing the Legacy Provision Application. It is important to note that if you choose to keep your students at the overflow campus, you are responsible for their transportation to and from school.

This option is **ONLY** available to students who will be in 5th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. It does **NOT** apply to any siblings of that student.

We will send impacted parents a link to the Legacy Provision Application or you may obtain a copy from the Front Office at your child's campus. This application must be completed by **Friday, May 17, 2024** and returned to Transfers@LCISD.org. Click [HERE](#) to access the Legacy Provision Application.

We understand that this decision may present challenges for some families, and we are committed to providing support and assistance wherever possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding enrollment, please contact Transfers@LCISD.org.



It is a privilege to lead such a great school. Thank you for entrusting me with your most precious asset each day. I hold deep gratitude for each and every member of the McNeill community.

Mrs. Jordan

Field Day



FIELD DAY

MAY 3, 2024

THINGS TO BRING: CHANGE OF CLOTHES, WATER BOTTLE, TOWEL, PLASTIC BAG (FOR WET ITEMS), PROPER FOOTWEAR (SHOES WITH BACKS ON THEM).

SNACKS WILL BE SOLD.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A SACK LUNCH, BUT IF YOU ARE UNABLE, SACK LUNCHES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CAFETERIA.

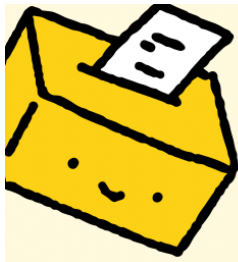
IMPORTANT: ONLY 2 VISITORS PER FAMILY.

Field Day Parent Information 2024.pdf

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PTO Meeting



**McNeill
Elementary PTO
2024-2025
Board Elections**



**May 7, 6:30pm
Library**



PTO Board Nominations



McNeill PTO Board 2024-2025 Nominations

Please nominate individuals for the
2024-2025
McNeill Elementary PTO Board

Nominations online via Google Form

<https://forms.gle/LUCvnJj9BtS61eS38>



PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS FORM

Volunteers Needed

We need your help! If available please click the links below to volunteer for end of year events.
Please click the links below to sign up. Thank you in advance for your help!

FIELD DAY

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

HOUSE PARTY

HAPPY NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE'S DAY - MAY 8TH



THANK YOU

Nurse Mayer

FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR

MERLINS!

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

Friday, May 17, 2024

8:30 am - 10 am

Seating begins at 8:00 a.m.



RSVP by 5/10

RSVP by 5/10: <https://forms.gle/f32x6TEkkLsQK8vF8>

Additional information will be sent home by your child's teacher.

Kindergarten Celebration RSVP Link - Due by 5/10

Talent Show



5th Grade Celebration



RSVP by 5/15



5th Grade Celebration
Tuesday, May 21st
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Seating begins at 8:30 a.m.

RSVP by 5/15: <https://forms.gle/p4DhZ7tJstNrFrYp8>



Additional information will be sent home by your child's teacher.

[5th Grade Ceremony RSVP Link - Due by 5/15](https://forms.gle/p4DhZ7tJstNrFrYp8)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

WEAR YOUR HOUSE
COLORS/SHIRTS

SHOW YOUR HOUSE SPIRIT



Save the Date

EOY CELEBRATIONS

MAY 17

- 8:30 AM: KINDERGARTEN

MAY 21

- 8:30 AM: 5TH GRADE GRADE

MAY 23: CLASS PARTIES & AWARDS

- 8:00 AM: PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN/ECSE
- 8:30 AM: 1ST GRADE/SLC
- 9:00 AM: 2ND GRADE
- 9:30 AM: 3RD GRADE
- 10:00 AM: 4TH GRADE





Final Report Cards

Hard copies of report cards will go home Thursday, May 23rd. The report card will also be uploaded to Skyward.

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

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

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2024-2025 Instructional Calendar & School Hours

Time has flown by this school year! And once again, Lamar CISD has been declared the fastest-growing school district in the Houston area. At the start of the 2024-2025 school year, we are

looking forward to opening four new campuses including Willie Melton Sr. Elementary, Bernard Clifton Terrell Elementary, Viola Gilmore Randle Elementary Schools, and James Steenbergen Middle School.

Since we only have a few months left before summer, we want to ensure our families have plenty of time to plan for the upcoming school year.

The 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar was updated to reflect more planning time for our teachers, and we now have two separate calendars for students and staff. It's important to note that these changes do not impact any of the holidays or breaks from the original version.

Our four-tier bus system remains the same and this design will continue to support our more than 50 campuses stretched across 385 square miles, so that we can better serve our families and staff. While there are no changes to school hours, we have added our three newest elementary campuses to the latest flyer.

2024 - 2025 *Student Instructional Calendar*

3911 Avenue I, Rosenberg, Texas 77471 • 832.223.0000 • www.LCISD.org

Student Holidays

July 4 Independence Day ()

Sept. 2 Labor Day

Sept. 27 Fort Bend County Fair Day

Oct. 11 - 14 Fall Break

Nov. 22 Student Holiday (Staff Planning & Data Day)

Nov. 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 20 Student Holiday (Staff Planning & Data Day)

Dec. 23 - Jan. 6 Winter Break

Jan. 7 Student Holiday (Staff Development Day)

Jan. 20 MLK Day ()

Feb. 17 Student Holiday (Staff Planning & Data Day)

Mar. 10 - 14 Spring Break

April 18 Student Holiday (Staff Development Day)

April 21 Spring Holiday

May 26 Memorial Day

June 19 Juneteenth

Grading Periods

Elementary (K-5) Grading Periods

Elementary Dates Inst Days

1 9 W Aug. 12 - Oct. 10 42

2 9 W Oct. 15 - Dec. 19 42

3 9 W Jan. 8 - Mar. 7 41

4 9 W Mar. 17 - May 22 47

Total Instructional Days 172

Secondary (6-12) Grading Periods

Secondary Dates Inst Days

1 6 W Aug. 12 - Sep. 20 29

2 6 W Sep. 23 - Nov. 1 27

3 6 W Nov. 4 - Dec. 19 28

4 6 W Jan. 8 - Feb. 21 31

5 6 W Feb. 24 - Apr. 11 30

6 6 W Apr. 14 - May 22 27

Total Instructional Days 172

First Day of School for Students: August 12
Last Day of School for Students: May 22

Early Dismissal

Aug. 30, Sept. 26, Oct. 25, Jan. 31, Feb. 28,
Mar. 7, Mar. 28, Apr. 17, May 22

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Legend

Student and Staff Holiday

Ⓢ Six/Nine Weeks Begins/Ends

Ⓜ Early Dismissal - All Students

Student Holiday (Planning & Data Day)

Early Dismissal Times

Elementary School (Group A) 11:15 AM

Elementary School (Group B) 11:45 AM

High School & Special Sites* 12:25 PM

Middle & Junior High School 1:05 PM

*Times at Special Sites may vary due to transportation

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*revised March 2024

[DOWNLOAD 2024-2025 STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR](#)

[VISIT WEBSITE FOR CALENDARS](#)

DOWNLOAD SCHOOL HOURS

VISIT WEBSITE FOR SCHOOL HOURS

Attention 5th Grade Students Going to Roberts MS Next Year



2024-2025
6th Grade School Supply List
\$75.00

ORDER ONLINE

6TH GRADE

MATH

Pack of Dry Erase Markers
Folder with Pockets
2 Composition Notebooks (wide rule)

SCIENCE

1/2' View Binder
Set of 5-tab Dividers
Pack of Notebook Paper (wide ruled)

ELAR

Composition Notebook
2 Packs of Notebook paper (wide ruled)
1' View Binder
Set of 5-tab Dividers
Box of Kleenex (*not included in the supply pack*)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Pack of Colored Pencils
Pencil Pouch
1' View Binder
Set of 8-tab Dividers with Pockets

GENERAL SUPPLIES

Pack of Notebook Paper (wide ruled)
Pencil Pouch
Pack of #2 Pencils
Pack of Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Pack of Black Pens
Pack of Red Pens
Pack of Highlighters
Post-It Notes
Glue Sticks
Scotch Tape
Scissors
Box of Kleenex (*not included in the supply pack*)

Supplies will be available for pick up prior to school starting!



ORDERS DUE
BY
MONDAY, JULY 1ST



<https://lcisd.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/5856/315/False/True>



Questions

Please email
jennifer.gloria@lcisd.org

Important Student Transportation Information for 2024-2025 School Year

Lamar CISD was recently named a hypergrowth district, which requires significant planning to ensure our schools remain a great place to learn, and our students get the best education available. For the 2024-2025 school year, and in alignment with our mission to remain a destination

District, Lamar CISD is moving from Smart Tag to Tyler Technologies Versatrans My Stop™ (My Stop).

This change will require all parents/guardians to complete a Transportation Form. We are requesting this form to be filled out for all current and new students including bus riders, car riders, bike riders, and/or walkers.

It's especially important that students who ride the bus complete this Transportation Form so they can receive bus services at the start of the school year.

The new transportation software will provide a smoother experience for our drivers, which increases the safety of our students. Additionally, My Stop will provide a parent portal, student rider onboarding, and student rider location.

To plan accordingly for your student, please review a list of important dates below:

- **Sunday, August 4:** Deadline to submit Transportation Form for students who want to receive bus transportation on the first day of school (Monday, August 12).
- **Monday, August 5 – Wednesday, August 21:** During this time, if families fill out the Transportation Form requesting bus transportation for a student, the student will start receiving bus transportation on Monday, August 26.
- **Thursday, August 22 and beyond:** During this time, if families fill out the Transportation Form requesting bus transportation for a student, the student will start receiving bus transportation **five** school days after the form is submitted.

[DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS TRANSPORTATION FORM](#)

[VISIT TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE](#)

4th 9 Weeks Report Cards

Report cards for the 4th 9 weeks will be available on Thursday, May 23rd. Please check your Skyward Family Access account to view this document.

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

How to view report cards in Family Access.pdf

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STEM-Tastic Camp - Hosted by LCISD CTE

Our CTE Department is excited to offer a STEM-Tastic Summer camp opportunity to your current 5th and 6th graders this June! Please see the attached flyers for more information.



STEM-TASTIC
Summer Camp

Come learn all about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!
Hands-on curricular activities, potential field trips, team building, guest speakers, and fun! Designed specifically for current 5th and 6th graders to maximize the fun!

Space is limited so sign up today!

CAMP INFORMATION
📅 June 3 – 7 or June 10 – 14
🕒 8 am- 3:30 pm
📍 Reading Jr. High
Busing available in conjunction with summer school routes.

MORE INFORMATION
☎ 832-223-0455
✉ pfbrown@lcisd.org

Sign up on **SKYWARD** by May 10th!

SCIENCE **TECHNOLOGY** **ENGINEERING** **MATHEMATICS**

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REV STEMtastic Summer Camp 2024-04.pdf

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2024 LCISD STEMtastic Summer Camp Registration Form REV1.pdf

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Lamar CISD Family Access Summer Program Registrations (002).pdf

Club Information - May

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 Meeting - Mondays

- May Date(s) - 5/13
- Sponsor(s) - Ms. Patterson & Mr. Jones

Men in the Making - Wednesdays

- May Date(s): 5/8
- Sponsor - Mr. Jones

Lego Club - Thursdays

- May Date(s): 5/2, 5/9
- Sponsor - Ms. Kirkpatrick

MCA - Fridays

- May Date(s): 5/3, 5/10
 - Sponsor - Mr. Yoon
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PTO News

May Dress Down Days

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

Friday, May 10th: Totally Tie Dye (Students Pay \$1)

Totally Tie-Dye Dress Down

Friday, May 10, 2024

**Peace
Love &
Tie-Dye**

It would be totally GROOVY if
you would send \$1 with your
student to participate.

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

May Spirit Nights

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

Friday, May 10th: Chuck E Cheese

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Turning Fun into Funds™



**CHUCK E. CHEESE
DONATES
20%
ON THE SALE**

generated from this event
to your child's school.

Friends and family members are
encouraged to help support this event.

**Mention your school when ordering!
Bring this flyer to Chuck E. Cheese.**

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE**

TIME: **3 PM - 9 PM**

SCHOOL: **McNeill PTO**

EVENT DATE: **Friday, May 10**

EVENT ADDRESS:

2002 Gulfmont Dr.

Katy, TX 77494

To find out more, check out chuckecheese.com

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POINTS
FOR \$30**

FR Panel #0166
**CHUCK E.
CHEESE**

\$29⁹⁹

**1 Large (1 Topping) Pizza
4 Drinks**

FR Panel #5596
**CHUCK E.
CHEESE**

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E-TICKETS!**



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Sales include all food and merchandise purchased at the registers. Delivery & Carryout Orders
placed directly at ChuckEcheese.com now also apply towards your fundraiser. You must add the item
"School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out and order from the location noted at right.

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Counselor's Corner

May 2024

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Citizenship

During the months of April and May we will be learning about Citizenship, the sixth pillar of Character Counts. You can show good citizenship by being a leader in your school or community. Leadership isn't a job—it is an action. Everyone in your family can be a leader.

Character Building At Home!

Show community citizenship as often as you can.

- Participate in community activities as a family. Community and religious groups often have family-friendly projects. A community cleanup day can be fun for the whole family.
- Attend parades and festivals. This is a great way to support your community!
- Vote and take your child with you. Show your child you are participating in decisions about your town, state, or the nation. If the outcome is different from the way you voted, explain to your child that your voice was still heard.
- Be a good neighbor. Make sure you follow the rules and expectations of your community. Keep noise down so neighbors are not disturbed. Help a neighbor sweep a sidewalk, rake leaves or shovel snow.
- Look for opportunities to take care of the environment. Talk about what it means to "reduce, reuse, and recycle." Pick up litter in a local park when you see it to show your child that you care about being a good citizen.

What does Citizenship mean?

- * Do your share to make your school and community better
- * Cooperate
- * Get involved in community affairs
- * Stay informed; vote
- * Be a good neighbor
- * Obey laws and rules; respect authority
- * Protect the environment

Important Dates and Events:

- May 6 NEHS induction Ceremony for 4th grade
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 17 Kindergarten Celebration
- May 21 5th Grade Celebration
- May 23 End of Year Parties and Last Day of School

McNeill Counselors

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Repeated Information

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

- 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 / 30 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.

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

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ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

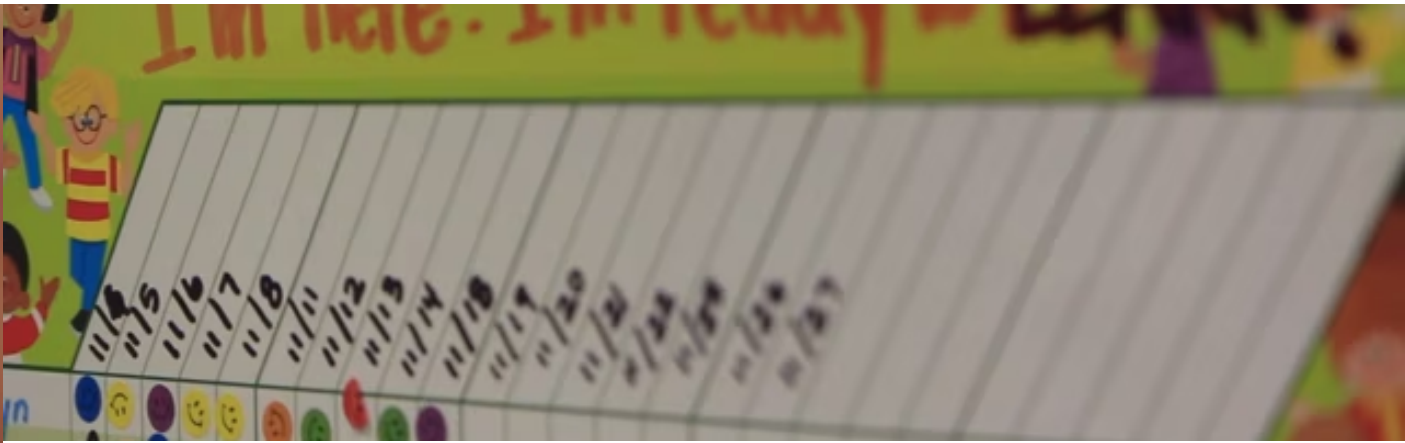
GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



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.

original Bringing Attendance Home_ Parent Video



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.

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 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.

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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)



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.

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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HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

2023-24 LAMAR CISD CALENDAR

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Dates to Remember

MAY

- May 2: 4th Grade Fieldtrip/Lego Club/Talent Show Rehearsals
- May 3: Field Day/MCA
- May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6: NEHS Induction
- May 7: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- May 8: National School Nurse's Day/Men in the Making /Talent Show Rehearsals
- May 9: Lego Club/Talent Show Rehearsals
- May 10: Career Fair/PTO Dress Down Day - Tie Dye (Students Pay \$1)/MCA /PTO Spirit Night @ Chuck E Cheese
- May 13: NEHS Meeting
- May 14: Medical Detectives Club Fieldtrip
- May 15: Talent Show Rehearsals
- May 16: Yearbook Signing Party (During Specials)/Talent Show Rehearsals
- May 17: Kindergarten Celebration/Talent Show @ 5PM
- May 21: 5th Grade Celebration
- May 22: Wear Your House Colors/5th Grade End-of-Year Fieldtrip
- May 23: Last Day of School/Free Dress/Class Parties & Awards/Early Release @ 11:45 AM/Report Cards Go Home



MAY



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH			1	2 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 5/2-5/8 4TH GRADE FIELDTRIP (MAIN STREET THEATER) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM)	3 FIELD DAY MCA	4
5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE'S WEEK 5/6-5/10	6 WRITE A NOTE OF APPRECIATION OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR YOUR TEACHER NEHS INDUCTION	7 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY BRING YOUR TEACHER THEIR FAVORITE SNACK OR DRINK PTO MEETING (w/ 6:30 PM LIBRARY)	8 NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE'S DAY DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER OR WEAR YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE COLOR TALENT SHOW REHEARSALS (3:30-5PM) MEN IN THE MAKING (3:15-4:15PM)	9 BRING YOUR TEACHER A FLOWER TO BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY TALENT SHOW REHEARSALS (3:30-5PM) LEGO CLUB (3:10-4:10PM)	10 CAREER FAIR (8:15-10:15AM) BRING YOUR TEACHER SOMETHING FROM THEIR FAVORITE'S LIST P.T.O. DRESS DOWN TOTALLY TIE-DYE DAY (STUDENTS PAY \$1) PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (CHUCK E CHEESE) MCA	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 5/13-5/17	13 NEHS MEETING (3:15-4PM)	14 MEDICAL DETECTIVES CLUB FIELDTRIP (HOUSTON HEALTH MUSEUM)	15 TALENT SHOW REHEARSALS (3:30-5PM)	16 TALENT SHOW REHEARSALS (3:30-5PM)	17 KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION 8:30-10AM TALENT SHOW (w/ 5 PM)	18
19	20	21 5TH GRADE CELEBRATION 8:30-10AM	22 WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS/SHIRTS 5TH GRADE EOY FIELDTRIP (MAIN EVENT KATY)	23 4TH 9 WEEKS ENDS REPORT CARDS GO HOME LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CLASS PARTIES & AWARDS EARLY RELEASE (w/ 11:45 AM P.T.O FREE DRESS DAY	CLASS PARTIES & AWARDS TIMES: PK/K/ECSE: 8:00 AM 1ST/SLC: 8:30 AM 2ND: 9:00 AM 3RD: 9:30 AM 4TH: 10:00 AM	
		HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!				

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