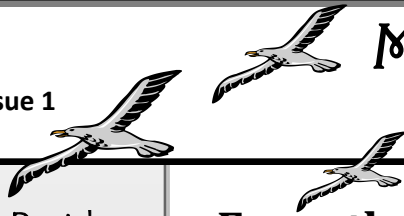


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Our Mission

McDonald Elementary School will provide every student with a multi-faceted curriculum challenging students to reach their maximum potential and be productive in a global society.

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From the Principals' Offices . . .

Welcome Back!

We are ready for another exciting school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are now ready to get back to work on learning lots of new skills. This year the Common Core State Standards will be our curriculum guide for all grades K-5. PreK will use the O.W.L. curriculum which they began last year. We will have our

PTO/ Open House on

Aug. 27th at 6 p.m. At this time more information will be shared about our Common Core State Standards. We welcome all of our students and their families back and we know we will have a very productive year working together as we strive to help each child reach their maximum potential.

Meet our New Staff Members:

Mrs. Susan Carolina Nurse
Mrs. Virginia Capps Music Teacher
Mrs. Crystal Fulton Writing Lab Teacher
Ms. Caroline Cusick Kindergarten Assistant
Tammy Noble Kindergarten Assistant
Ms. Janice Dozier 2nd Grade
Ms. Tammy Williams 4th Grade
Ms. Amie Hulet PreK
Mr. Michael Stanley Custodian
Ms. Kim Nesmith Curriculum Coach

We're going to have a GREAT year!!!



School Hours:
Arrival by 7:25 a.m.
and Dismissal at 2:20 p.m. Remember breakfast is served daily from 7 until 7:20 a.m.

Spirit and Pride T-shirts for sale...The school receives \$3.00 per t-shirt sold. Please have the order back to us by Sept. 6.



School Calendar

Plan Ahead

August

21 First Day
26 First Day for Child Development
27 Title I PTO/Open House

September

2 Labor Day – No School
9 MAP Testing begins





**Accelerated
Reader Program**



Students in Kindergarten and first grade have a set number of books to read each nine weeks, as determined by their classroom teacher. Each student who meets his/her goal each nine weeks will be recognized on the morning show and at Success Day by receiving pencils and bookmarks. Students who meet their reading goal at least three of the four nine weeks will be invited to our end of the year celebration, complete with prizes and of course... cookies!

Ask any second, third, fourth or fifth grader at McDonald Elementary and they'll tell you, "I read and 'Ice Cream' for Books!" At the beginning of each nine weeks, students take a computerized test to determine their present reading levels. Each student's individual reading goal for the nine week period is determined by their level and the amount of daily reading minutes. Students then select books, based upon their levels, to read and complete AR tests. Students who reach their individual reading goals each nine weeks are recognized on the morning show and at Success Day by receiving pencils and bookmarks. Students who meet their reading goal at least three of the four nine weeks will be invited to our end of the year celebration, complete with prizes and ICE CREAM!

Students can check the levels of any book, whether it's from the school library, public library, classroom library or home library at...
www.arbookfind.com



- Administrators**
Miriam Daniels, **Principal**
Melissa Miller,
Assistant Principal
Curriculum Coaches
Angela Blocher
Kim Nesmith
Guidance Counselor
Kim Lawrimore
CD Teachers
Norma Briggs
Sandi Wilder, Assistant
Wendy Woodard
Evelyn Sanders, Assistant
Kindergarten
Carla Brandon
Tammy Noble, Assistant
Andrea Amann
Caroline Cusick, Assistant
Patricia Cumbee
Diarendia Smalls, Assistant
Felicia Lewis
Angela Geer, Assistant
1st Grade
Catherine Creson
Judith Rich
Meredith Wicker
Tracie Vereen
2nd Grade
Robin Kirtley
Janice Dozier
Angela Gunn
Della Prioleau
3rd Grade

Our Staff 2013-14

- Melinda Cannon
Tabitha Gilliard
Wendy Locklear
Sonia Walker
4th Grade
Sabrina Billings
Yvonne Glasgo-Goss
Tammy Moore
Tammy Williams
5th Grade
Tonja Johnson
Susan Lowenbach
Amy Norton
Alika Wilson
Special Needs
Kathleen Chatman, Resource
Grace George, Generic
Cindy Moore, Assistant
Amie Hulet, PreK Autism
Antonette Pipkin, Assistant
Dawn Elliott, Assistant
Amanda Scogin, Autism
Dennis Britton, Assistant
Deloris Keith, Assistant
Marylou High, K DD
Linda Jayroe, Assistant
Caitlin Pierson,
Pre-school Disability
Karen Poston, Assistant
Rachel Britton, Assistant
Dana Parrott,
School Psychologist
Chris Staats,
Speech
Tanya Pressley,
Speech

- Carmen Cimpian, HI
Minessa Burgess, HI Assistant
Tara Hammett, ESOL
Kathy Williams, BEACH/GT
Special Areas
Rebecca Adams, Media
Marie Goins, Assistant
Donna Carraway, Art
Nicholas Dunk, PE
Jenny Capps, Music
Crystal Fulton, Writing Lab
Support Staff
Susan Carolina, Nurse
Yvonne Carroll, Bookkeeper
Daphne Smith, Receptionist
Mable Lambert,
Power School Clerk
Nancy Davis,
Counselor/Parenting
Yvonne Waddell, Tutor
Food Services
Cindy Wilder, Manager
Dot Geathers
Hazel Cameron
Peggy Goins
Modella Gathers
Brandy Michau
Custodial Staff
Tondrick Sumpter,
Building Manager
Jesse Bennett
David Holmes
Michael Stanley

Reading Matters...Getting readers to think when they read, to develop an awareness of their thinking, and to use strategies that help them comprehend are the primary goals of reading comprehension instruction.



Bus Information
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546-8516
Bus Safety
Safety is very important on school buses. It is a privilege for your child to ride the bus. Please encourage your children to listen to the driver and be quiet on the bus as they travel to and from school. Students who break the rules will be suspended from riding the bus. (GCSD Handbook for Parents and Students, p.11)

