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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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.



January Happy New Year



- Jan 2 Return to School
- Jan 12 Full day of school
- Jan 13 Half day of school
- Jan 16 No School
- Jan 18 Report cards go home
- Jan 19 Success Day
- Jan 21 Academic Fair
- Jan 23 Pennies for Patients
- Jan 30 Jump Rope 4 Heart Assembly

Upcoming

- Feb 9 Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Feb 17 Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 23 Black History Program
- Feb 28 Yearbook sale begins

JOIN PTO TODAY

We now have three levels of membership:

General—\$5.00

*membership w/a free gift

Premium—\$12.00

* membership w/a free gift and 3 snack coupons

Platinum—\$20.00

* membership w/all the above and a FREE t-shirt

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear McDonald Elementary families:



I love taking this time to reflect upon the wonders of the New Year. Watching your children flourish with the guidance of the fantastic teachers at

McDonald Elementary School is a true blessing. While visiting classrooms, I observe children who are engaged and excited about their learning. I am very proud of the children and teachers at McDonald Elementary School, and I look forward to more great things in 2017.

As we look ahead to the month of February, there are many exciting activities happening at McDonald Elementary. Some of the activities include:

- * Pennies for Patients
- * Jump Rope for Heart
- * Father/Daughter Dance on February 9th-Don't forget to RSVP.
- * Black History Program on February 23rd 8:15 a.m.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful 2017 filled with good health and blessings.

Educationally yours,

Genia E. Smith
Principal

Safety Moment: To All Car Riders:

To ensure your child's safety and yours during dismissal in front of the school, we are asking you to refrain blocking the staff's duty positions when picking up your child. You are strongly encouraged to stay in your vehicle and join the car line.



School Improvement Council

President: Tranis Parker
Vice President: Twanda Nesbit
Secretary: Jovita Reed

PTO Officers

President: Daphne Smith
Vice President: Wendy Locklear
Secretary: Teresa Cobb
Treasurer: Cynthia Simon



Transportation changes:

Please make transportation arrangements with your child before they leave home in the morning and send a note to the teacher notifying him/her of the change. Please do your best to not call the school with any transportation changes unless it's an emergency.



McDonald Tardy Policy:

Students are tardy if they are not in the classroom by 7:35 a.m. It is important for students to participate in every aspect of their education, and every opportunity extended by our school, such as morning work and morning announcements. Excessive tardiness will be addressed by the administration. School staff members are on duty at 7:00 a.m. Students and parents should not enter the campus before 7:00 a.m. Parents of car riders may need to adjust their drop-off schedules to avoid being caught in line at the last minute. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) in class before 7:35 a.m.



Principal's Honor Roll



2nd Grade

Vincent Joseph Angel
Aaron Benjamin Brown
Edward Stephon Cromartie
Nakhi Shamari'A Darby
Miangel Navaeh Duncan
Carly Maddison Gray
Ny'Jada Kimore Grimmage
Nehemiah Elijah Humes
Travis Antonio Knox
Jaydon Maurice Hooks Manigault
Kaelin Miley Mathis
Lawton Avery McGrew
Cordell McKinley Russell
Sean Bryson Thomas
Kenneth Michael Vause

Willie Elbert Wood
Brian Jordan Young

3rd Grade

Sarah Olivia Cannon
Amy Helen Garcia
Emya Kimoria Grove
Kolby Thomas Locklear
Ebony Monique Moultrie
Austin Gregory Nesbit
Trenton Cordell Parker
Kinsley Grace Pope
Naomi Tamia Reed
Timber Lynn Wilder

Christopher Davon Brown
David Bautista Pelcastre
Jonathan Lucas Geathers
Heaven Unique Humes
Joseph Brarron Lowe
Kamryn Krisalee Olin
Cayden Larue Reti
Adriana Sanchez Aca

5th Grade

Ariel Selena Baker-Alston
Amari Laniyah Giles
Mekhi Moses Myers
Taylor Grace Wilson

4th Grade

Ziare A'mya Barrentine



Honor Roll



2nd Grade

Janeth Isacc Aguilar
Nevaeh La'Nya Beck
Keon Ty'zae Blunt
Trystan Brielle Britton
Kale Jackson Cannon
Gracie Lynn Childress
Raven Jeanae Cohen
Christin Nevaeh Cooley
Tacarra Lavon Davis
Jamison Charles Doggette
Ke'Yaree Shon'yhel Fordham
Kyree Shakel-Michael Fordham
Serenity Chanelle Green
Kamiya Amber Henry
Zareeia Chantel Holmes
Cash Cooper Johnson
Trinity Dion Lesane
Marcus Amiel McCray
Zy'meir Nyzai Thomas McCray
Haylee Alexis Michau
Shakira Kimiko Smalls Miller
Ella Claire Moore
Cor'Dajha Marie Russell
Larry Cervantes Sanchez
Kam'rion Unique Sherald
Morgan Callie Small
Elijawuan Cameron Walker
Nycer Jermaine Winns-Washington

Ta'Nasia Denise Gamble
Jeremiah Leshawn Green
Cody Patrick Hammond
Ji'Kiera Moleika Harrison
Anthony Ray Heideman
K'ary Michelle Cannon
Armani Lizgina Holmes
Aaron Micheal Keller
Kambrien Elizabeth Law
Jake Bryson Lee
Dylan Michael Lewis
Don Allen Marlowe
George Robert-Noah Mathis
Dakota James McClellan
Bradly Dwayne McConnell
Kaiden Willard Michau
Nevaeh Sharon Nelson
Kylisa Sariah Sargent
Trinity Maelai Shakleford
Keturah Nylese Smith
LaDon Carlie Strickland
Donell Lee Temple
Takijah Miangel Thompson
Kevin Lamont Wainwright
D'ante Washington
Caley Spring Wilder
Clifton Cornell Wineglass
Aazyiah Winns

Damien Cole Howard
Michaela Maya-Amari Howard
Kylah Marie Jordan
Karmyn Sierra Lambert
Michael James Law
Charles Reece Moore
Terrell Thomas Priest
Kilee Alaina Prince
Mallory Alissa Ray
Ana Maria Rocha
Sierra Dawn Self
Josiah Tyjay Smalls
Sy'miea Neavaeha Smalls
India Vonyea Smith
Johnnaireo Jahquiel Thurmo Sumpter
Ke'Annia Admire Sumpter
Dominick Alexander Ward

5th Grade

Jayden Alyssa Bailey
Ciara Jamese Blackstock
Ethan Michael Blocher
Devin Michael Bullock
Donte' Treyvon Collins
Kyleigh Lynn Crawford
Trinity Alaina Flowers
Kania Shanyi Fordham
Kahziah Uniya Gardner
Miracle Ethelyn Graham
Hailey Alyssa Gray
Tyquise Malik Harrison
Alyssa Nevaeh Howell
Jahquez Arthur Lesane
Da'Juhonna Unique Mitchell
Brian Ramirez Trejo
Terry Leon Reed
Yizel Santos Vargas
Kason Lateef Shakir
Jaiden Kelis Smith
Ty V. Stanley
Ayanna Noelle Steele
Ty'quez De'metrius Walker

3rd Grade

Quandri' Andraekion Aiken
Justin Alarcon Espinoza
Destiny Rhienna Alford
Alana Shina Beckman
Danica Samone Blackstock
Joshua Thomas Blakely
Jia Monae Britton
Jayden Stokes Carraway
Melanie Chavez Pacheco
Jamari Lee Cohen
Aryanna Younique Curtain
Donnell Jy'Air Flowers

4th Grade

Jonathan Isacc Aguilar
Pablo Manrique Aguilar
Wendy Angeles Reyes
Lael Deon Blackstock
Madelynn Jamesce Blackstock
Hannah Marie Bridges
Summer Brunson
Ariyah Simone Cobb
Ethan Mitchell Collins
Kadance Alyssa Crawford
Khi-Dre' Bri'Jon Jai Drayton
Briyith Galindo Cervantes
Patrick Antown Terrell Green
Ce'Nai Ta'Zareunia Holmes

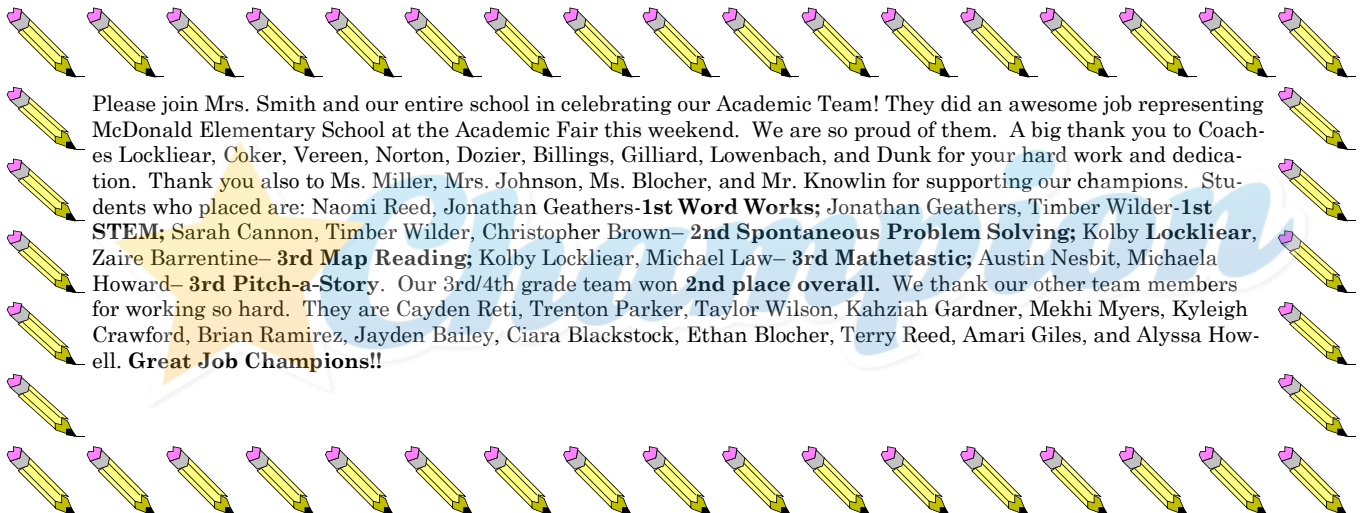


Congratulations to Mr. Knowlin and our 5th grade students on a job well done with their “Winter Wonderland” Concert on Jan. 10. They performed for the students and staff in the morning and again for parents at the PTO meeting in the evening. Thank you Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Wilder along with the 5th graders for the artwork. Shout out to the Special Area team for working together and helping with the preparation.



“Doughnuts With Dad”

What an awesome turnout we had for “Doughnuts With Dad” on Dec. 15th. Thank you so much fathers /grandfathers /father figures for coming out in great numbers for our children. Special thanks to “The Father’s Place” for sponsoring and providing the doughnuts for this event.



Please join Mrs. Smith and our entire school in celebrating our Academic Team! They did an awesome job representing McDonald Elementary School at the Academic Fair this weekend. We are so proud of them. A big thank you to Coaches Locklear, Coker, Vereen, Norton, Dozier, Billings, Gilliard, Lowenbach, and Dunk for your hard work and dedication. Thank you also to Ms. Miller, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Blocher, and Mr. Knowlin for supporting our champions. Students who placed are: Naomi Reed, Jonathan Geathers-1st Word Works; Jonathan Geathers, Timber Wilder-1st STEM; Sarah Cannon, Timber Wilder, Christopher Brown-2nd Spontaneous Problem Solving; Kolby Locklear, Zaire Barrentine-3rd Map Reading; Kolby Locklear, Michael Law-3rd Mathetastic; Austin Nesbit, Michaela Howard-3rd Pitch-a-Story. Our 3rd/4th grade team won 2nd place overall. We thank our other team members for working so hard. They are Cayden Reti, Trenton Parker, Taylor Wilson, Kahziah Gardner, Mekhi Myers, Kyleigh Crawford, Brian Ramirez, Jayden Bailey, Ciara Blackstock, Ethan Blocher, Terry Reed, Amari Giles, and Alyssa Howell. Great Job Champions!!

Students of the Week

Jan. 2—6

Nathan Michau
Jonathan Aguilar
Alisson Hernandez
LaDon Strickland
Kimari Keith
Ka'Mia Lawrence
Kinsley Pope
Brook Elliott
Miriam Reed
Clifton Wineglass
Aaron Keller
Pablo Aguilar
Jeremiah Grant
Miracle Wineglass
Jalaya Armstrong
Dominic Graham
Nyzaria Adams
Mello Funderburke
Tyrece Young
Karmella Gray
Mallory Ray
Malik Green
Koriel Collins
Megan Barrientos
Fred Winns
Dakota McClellan
Christopher Brown
Madison Jordan
Ian Bonds

Jan. 9—13

Jade Venzor
Jaydon Hooks-Manigault
Angelina Jewell
Kyron Darby
Lauren Thomas
Caley Wilder
Holli Espinoza
Nayomie Hooks
Alana Beckman
Lazilah Wilson
Sophia Syed
Iwaun Davis
Sara Elliott
Ronnie Turner

Amiya Bowser
Korda Keith
Kalab Morant
Miracle Graham
Wendy Angeles
Joshua Greene
Alex Garcia
Keamon Gilliard
Larry Cervantes-Sanchez
Melanie Chavez
Kamryn Darby
Alyssa Howell
Madison Young

Jan. 16—20

Robert Jenkins
Hailey Swails
Lawton McGrew
Brianna Deas
Jacob West
Luke Childress
Jamar Anderson
Kylisa Sargent
Summer Brunson
Keyandre Cordell
Bella Bess
Tavion Gamble
Kami Dozier
Ke'Yaree Fordham
Korda Keith
Samara Meyers
Keeshawn Smith
Ivan Grate
Da'Quante Gamble
Jabari Copeland
Taye Stanley
Trinity Lesane
Raiin Dunlap
Briyith Galindo
Jacob Joye
Santos Portillo

Jan. 23—27

Ty'qwez Rutledge
Kylah Jordan
Marcus McCray
Quandri' Aiken

McKenzie Holt
Rai'Leigh Coakley
U'Rian Askew
Sincere Bolton
Joshua Blakely
Jadon Patterson
James Gause
Emani Reed
Kush Mont
Nyla Jones
Trystan Britton
Ny'Jada Grimmage
Nyquawn Bryant
Parker Walters
Michael Law
Hailey Gray
Nevaeh White
Zhi'Aerr Dozier
Noah Myers
Trace Marlowe
Reece Moore
Kaziah Gardner
Jerve' Miller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
January

Nyzaria Adams
Za'tea Green
Karmyn Lambert
Danica Blackstock
Zacarius Brown
Kamryn Olin
Janiya Wragg
Jeremiah Pipkin
Aaziyah Winns
Raiin Dunlap
Christopher Michau
Rakwone Brunson
Jerve' Miller
Trinity Shackelford
Ivan Grate
Janelle Grate
Kaylin Lowe
James Trejo
Jaydon Hooks Manigault
Aaron Keller
Savannah Parker
Tyaire Scott
Elijawuan Walker
Amiya Bowser
Jaleik Chattine
Jacob West
Trenton Parker

Taye Stanley
David Bautista Pelcastre
Luden Gordon
Gracie Childress
Travis Knox
Jesus Lara-Espinoza
Kambrien Law
Callie Small
Jackson Brantley
Tavion Gamble
Tyquise Harrison
Ayanna Steele
Kevin Wainwright
Kaiya Owens
Allison Angeles Hernandez
Jayden Blackstock-Woodward
Jordan Blackstock-Woodward



Coming Soon!



Jump Rope for Heart will be held on February 17th. More information will be sent home soon.

Birthday Parties

We are asking that you notify your child's home-room teacher the day before the party so that she can allow for that time in her daily schedule. All you need to do is send a note in your child's agenda.



December Characters of the Month—Honesty

Angel Williams
Brayden Benton
Parker Wilson
Keeshawn Smith
Landon Doggette
Colby Johnson
Joshua Bridges
Camauri Ward
Carson Hearl
Nevaeh White
Willie Wood
Michael Colbert
Kenneth Vause
Haylee Michau
Kambrien Law
Aaziyah Winns
Austin Nesbit
K'ary Henry
Miranda Lewis

Kylah Jordan
Adriana Sanchez
Brarron Lowe
Khalil Johnson
Nyhrie Davis
Brian Ramirez

Devin Bullock
Ireland Beckett
Donte Collins
Bevan Long
James Gause, Jr.
Bella Bess



We have begun or "Pennies for Patients" campaign.

This is a program sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. LLS funds research around the world, provides free information, and support services. Please encourage your child to bring in coins to help raise funds for this campaign. The class that raises the most money wins a pizza party!!

PLEASE KEEP CLIPPING...



Please, keep clipping box tops for our school. If you can, cut the box top all the way out around the dotted line. This will save us a lot of time. Thank you!

