



McDonald Elementary School  
Seagull Gazette 2015



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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.

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sept 4 Spirit Day
- Sept 7 Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 8 Cookie Dough Kick-off
- Sept 8 PTO Open House
- Sept 14 Grandparent's Day Breakfast
- Sept 17 4th grade First Tee
- Sept 18 Sports Cap Day
- Sept 22 Identi-Kid pictures
- Sept 23 Picture Day
- Sept 23 Interims go home
- Sept 25 Squonk Opera (3-5)
- Sept 25 2nd grade YSplash
- Sept 28-Oct 9 Pennies for Patients

**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**

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

*From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear McDonald Elementary families:

My name is Genia E. Smith and I am thrilled to be joining the McDonald Elementary community as your new principal! I have heard nothing but positive things about our staff, students, and parents. I am looking forward to a great year; building new relationships and continuing the tradition of "Developing our best resources....our children."

I have been an educator for 19 years. I started my career in Florence as a fourth grade teacher. After receiving my Masters of Education in Learning Disability, I relocated to Pawleys Island where I taught for 6 years at Kensington Elementary. Later on in my career, I went on to earn my Masters in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment along with my certification in Instructional Leadership. Within the past 8 years, I have served as a literacy coach, curriculum coach, and an assistant principal.

In addition to being the principal of this fantastic school, I am a wife and mother. My husband, Noel and I have two amazing daughters. Our oldest is Parris (13) and our youngest is India (8).

I value your partnership and understand that effective communication between home and school is critical to your child's success. At any time, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 527-3485.

Again, I look forward to a GREAT year!

*Genia E. Smith*



**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.



**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.



**Walking Your Child(ren) To Class**

Starting Tuesday, **September 8th** please allow your child's (his/her) independence by allowing them to walk to class unaccompanied by parents. During arrival and dismissal times students are supervised throughout the school by McDonald Staff members.



**McDonald Tardy Policy:**

Students are tardy if they are not in the classroom by 7:25 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.

*Students of the Week*

*August 31-September 4*

Camauri Ward	Keanion Gilliard
Annayanna Steele	Amy Garcia
Jairus Reed	Jake Geer
Nevaeh Holmes	Danica Blackstock
Brarron Lowe	Jamar McCray
Gracie Childress	Kajayla Hicks
Amari Henry	Kush Mont
Ce'Nai Holmes	Nisiah Burroughs
Tacarra Davis	Kinsley Pope
Brianna Aird	Addison Jordan
Kylah Jordan	Kam'rion Sherald
Hailey Gray	Jeremiah Green
Tiana Holmes	Janeth Aguilar
Anthony Bennett	Trey Poston
Wendy Elliott	Amani Gibson

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## AUGUST

Desirae Dennison  
Lillian Moore  
Asia Wilson  
Fredrick Winns  
Noah Lance  
Azadria Dobbins  
Gavin Pierce  
Jonathan Aguilar  
Kajayla Hicks  
Jayden Chandler  
Melanie Pacheco  
Hollace Moore  
Charlotte Floyd  
Briyith Cervantes  
Joshua Greene  
Vincent Angel  
Key'Etta Myers  
Kayden Kisner  
Karlie Crawford  
Ke'Yaree Fordham  
Kyree Fordham  
Da'Quant'e Gamble  
Walker Lambert  
Zeraon White  
Ty Shawn Deas  
Joshua Feagen  
Jonathan Cokley  
Sara Elliott  
Deandra Willis  
Wendy Angeles Reyes  
Jermah'ni Frasier  
Aniki McBride  
Allyiah Keefe  
Austin Nesbit  
Amari Giles  
Dominic Graham  
Joshua Blakely  
Summer Brunson  
Cash Johnson  
Jaiden Smith  
Jordan Pipkin  
Ethen Straker  
Shantal Cervantes  
Melissa Palafox  
Isaac Campbell  
Raven Cohen

## SEPTEMBER

Ania McBride,  
Ta'Ziya Thornton,  
Emya Grove,  
Brianna Bromell-  
Aird,  
DeArius Greene,  
Louis Hernandez  
Chavez,  
Hailey Swails,  
Parker Walters,  
Javarius White,  
Mekhi Myers,  
Yaneli Vargas,  
Larry Sanchez,  
Johnaireo Sumpter,  
Kyron Darby,  
Angelina Jewell  
Ty'onna Hamilton  
Jaydin Dunlap,  
William Gaddist,  
George Mathis,  
Kensley Pope,  
Ania Singleton,  
William Brunson,  
Kam'rion Sherald,  
Josiah Smalls,  
Ke'Nya Gardner,  
Jaylen Pino,  
Ji' Kiera Harrison,  
Justin Espinoza,  
Yiera Rouse,  
Kyleigh Crawford,  
Keely Jones,  
Jordan Giles,  
Abigail Sessions,  
Tacarra Davis,  
Nehemiah Humes,  
Zyan Reed,  
Da'Juhonna  
Mitchell,  
Madelynn  
Blackstock,  
Devin Bullock,  
Donnell Flowers,  
Ke'Ijah Fordham,  
Tyler Kolich,  
Tylena-Naschell  
Linen,  
Teirra Dingle,  
Franklin Gibson,

## SPIRIT DAYS

The First Friday of every month  
"Seagull Spirit Day"



Wear your MCE\$ school shirt OR  
school colors—blue and white.

The class with the most participation  
wins an ice cream party and the  
TRAVELING TROPHY

## Let's Welcome Our New Staff Members:

Genia E. Smith, Principal  
Chelsea Ellison, 1st grade  
Mallory Thompkins, 1st grade  
Patricia Lord, Special Needs  
Nicole Johnson, Special Needs  
Artie Flouras, Psychologist  
Natalie Pantuso, Art  
Janet Cantley, Assistant  
Emily Northrup, Food Services  
Tammy Goins, Food Services  
Graciela Murray, ESOL

