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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 2 Seuss Spectacular
- Sept 5 Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 6 Cookie Dough Kick-off
- Sept 8 International Literacy Day
- Sept 12 Grandparent's Day Breakfast
- Sept 15, 22 & 29 4th grade First Tee
- Sept 16 Interims go home
- Sept 23 Pawley's Island Festival 1st, 2nd
- Sept 23 & 30 2nd grade YSplash
- Sept 26 Cookie Dough \$\$ Due
- Sept 27 Curriculum Night

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:

Welcome to our 2016-2017 school year! We are looking forward to continuing our journey of teaching and learning. This year's theme is "Growing the Champion in You!" Our goal here is to plant the seed of hope and cultivate the desire for all students to reach their fullest potential.

As your principal, I believe that school should be fun! I also believe that the best schools are those where every single person feels valued, safe, and welcomed. It is my top priority to ensure that everyone who sets foot on this campus feels like they are a part of the McDonald Elementary Family. When we take the time to strategically plan, forge, positive relationships, celebrate our achievements, and build on past successes, we can create a learning environment where everyone thrives.



Most of all, we value your partnership and understand that effective communication between home and school is critical to your child's success. We invite you to come in and visit at any time during the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 527-3485 .

Again, I look forward to another awesome 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.



2016-2017 PTO Board Members

Daphne Smith, **President**

Wendy Locklear, **Vice President**

Cynthia Simon, **Treasurer**

Teresa Cobb, **Secretary**



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 7:25 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.

Let's Welcome
Our New Staff Members:

Mary Mallick, Kindergarten

Joe Knowlin, Music

Vanessa Holland, Art

Anna Freeman, Speech

Tyra Britton, Instructional Assistant

Franklin Rogers, Custodian



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

Lillian Moore	Kallie Ryan
Fredrick Winns	Zeraon White
Braelyn Bushby	Ty Shawn Deas
Dakota Clark	Joshua Feagen
Noah Lance	Jonathan Cokley
Zoraya Boyd	Wendy Angeles Reyes
Jonathan Aguilar	Jamer'ee Garland
Nayomie Hooks	Aniki McBride
Jayden Chandler	Austin Nesbit
Melanie Chavez	Amari Giles
Hollace Moore	Qui'Monte Nesmith
Charlotte Floyd	Dominick Ward
Briyith Cervantes	Dominic Graham
Joshua Greene	Joshua Blakely
Ian Bonds	Summer Brunson
Vincent Angel	Benjamin Carraway
Tanya Ham	Cash Johnson
Kalab Morant	Jaiden Smith
Karlie Crawford	Jase Cribb
Ke'Yaree Fordham	Jordan Pipkin
Kyree Fordham	Melissa Palafox
Da'Quant'e Gamble	Isaac Campbell
Walker Lambert	Raven Cohen
Sincere Bolton	Cameron Owens

**McDonald Elementary School
Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy**

Mission Statement: 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. The administration, faculty and staff of McDonald Elementary School recognize the importance of parental involvement in our goal of continuous improvement and educating all of our students. This policy will serve as a guide for involving parents through our Title 1 school-wide project. We believe working together as a team as a community of learning we can prepare our students to achieve maximum potential as productive citizens.

McDonald Elementary School encourages parental involvement by:

1. enhancing the instructional efforts of teachers through volunteer services,
2. serving as parent representatives in the development, review, and improvement of the school's parental policy and school wide plan,
3. expressing ideas and concerns by responding to surveys and questionnaires,
4. becoming actively involved in the Parent Teacher Organization and other Title 1 parent activities, and
5. serving on School Improvement Council and other committees.

McDonald Elementary School, as a Title 1 school with a school wide project, encourages parents to assist with the development of our programs, and review the results to ensure:

1. Opportunities for parents to share ideas, concerns, suggestions, and opinions regarding the planning, design, and implementation of our school programs.
2. Provide continuous systematic communication and consultation with parents regarding decisions about student performance, instructional programs, and school policies.
3. Provide opportunities for parents to become actively involved in all school matters that will assist them with the education of their child(ren).

Procedures

Survey parents for input in policy and program development.

Provide copies of all written policies to parents.

Involve parents in the review and the improvement process.

Provide specific activities for Title 1 parental involvement including:

- a. Annual meeting in August and September to explain Title 1 program. Introduce all school personnel and give an overview of our instructional programs and student responsibilities.
- b. Provide parents with reports of their children's progress at regular intervals.
- c. Provide opportunities for parent/teacher conferences to discuss concerns and student achievement. This includes academic planning a state mandated procedure for students achieving below expectations.
- d. Provide opportunities for parents to learn more about curriculum, state standards, and assessment tools and measures. (Curriculum nights).
- e. Hold Title 1 meetings at different times to accommodate parent work schedules.
- f. Invite parents to participate in training at McDonald School including reading, math, parenting, literacy, etc.
- g. Invite parents to eat with their children: Grandparents day, Thanksgiving, December Holiday Lunch.
- h. Invite parents to attend school events: spelling bee, geography bee, open house, PTO, curriculum nights, book fair, health fair, success day assemblies, & 5th grade promotion.
- i. Opportunities to tour the building & observe classroom instruction.
- j. Opportunities for Math Night, Family Literacy night, Author's day and night, Children's book give away, parenting workshops with parenting coordinator and game night.
- k. Distribute Student Agendas with Parent Handbook contained, NCLB brochures, State and district standards and objectives.
- l. Sign and return the Promise of Commitment and School Compact to affirm responsibilities of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Board policy JF/E
- m. Our full time Parenting/Behavioral Specialist and offsite Mental Health Counselor provide home visits, behavior contracting and increased literacy and we have an itinerant ESOL teacher.
- n. All information and programs for parents are available in a Language and form they can understand. For example, all parents of ESOL students receive information in English and their first language.

Responsibilities

1. Convene at least two Title 1 meetings at school each year.
2. Encourage parents to attend all Title 1 parent meetings, conferences, and workshops.
3. Address parental and community concerns about any school policy in a timely manner.
4. Information will be made available to parents through: School agendas, monthly Seagull Gazette, classroom newsletters, local newspapers, radio, Websites, and cable Ch. 12.

Developing our Best Resources ...OUR CHILDREN!

SEPTEMBER

Khalil Johnson	Bevan Long
Ta'Ziya Thornton,	Savanah Bailey
Emya Grove,	Skyler Bailey
Brianna Bromell-	Tacarra Davis,
Aird,	Nehemiah Humes,
DeArius Greene,	Zyan Reed,
Hailey Swails,	Da'Juhonna
Parker Walters,	Mitchell,
Javarius White,	Madelynn
Mekhi Myers,	Blackstock,
Yaneli Vargas,	Devin Bullock
Larry Sanchez,	Taylor Goins
Johnaireo Sumpter	Madison Ashby
Cai'Aire Collins	Donnell Flowers,
Kyron Darby,	Tyler Kolich,
Angelina Jewell	Autumn Johnson,
Misael Vega	Harlem Reed,
Brayana Grier	Trevion Henry,
Jaydin Dunlap,	Jamauri Sumpter,
William Gaddist,	Jamore Sumpter
George Mathis,	Zhi'Aerr Dozier
Ania Singleton,	Lindsay Escobedo-
William Brunson,	Herrera
Kam'rion Sherald,	Robert Jenkins,
Josiah Smalls,	Sean Thomas,
Ke'Nya Gardner,	Keamon Gilliard,
Jaylen Pino,	Iwaun Davis
Ji' Kiera Harrison,	Amy Garcia
Justin Espinoza,	Shane Graham
Brandon Grier	Michael Law
Michaela Howard	Anthony Bennett
Kyleigh Crawford,	Arthur Hemingway
Keely Jones,	Nyla Jones
Jordan Giles,	