

Merlin Messenger

Parent Newsletter - January





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Happy New Year, Merlin Families!

Happy 2025! It's hard to believe we're already in a new year. This is a wonderful time to reflect on the past and set fresh goals for the future. As we embark on the second half of the school year, we encourage you to sit down with your Merlin and discuss their aspirations for the months ahead. Help them set a goal and create a plan to achieve it—it's a great way to start the year with purpose and focus.

We're excited to see all the amazing things 2025 has in store for our Merlins. Let's make it a fantastic year together!

Welcoming Our New Assistant Principal

Hello McNeill Elementary Family!

My name is Lydia Trevino, and I am very excited to begin my journey as Assistant Principal at McNeill Elementary School. I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful team and hope to make a positive impact for our school and community. I am looking forward to contributing to the accomplishments and success of the campus. With my 20 years of experience in the field of education serving as a teacher, ESL academic support, instructional coach, and Emergent Bilingual Specialist, I embrace growing students to become life-long learners and for them to achieve all their goals. I believe that we are able to grow and learn something new everyday, so I am hoping to continue to promote this love for learning in McNeill Elementary School.

In addition to the 20 years of experience in Education, I have a Master of Science in Education in Reading and School Administration. I love to read, enjoy spending time with my family, shop with my daughters, watch movies, and create arts and crafts. I am very excited to be a Merlin and can't wait to meet our wonderful teachers, staff, students and families!



We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Trevino's official start date at McNeill will be **January 13th!** Please be sure to give her a big welcome when you see her on campus.

2ND 9 WEEKS REPORT CARDS

As a reminder, report cards will now be found in the student portfolio section in your Skyward Family Access account.

Report cards will be available for parents to view on **Friday, January 10th** in Skyward.

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



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

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SHOW YOUR HOUSE SPIRIT

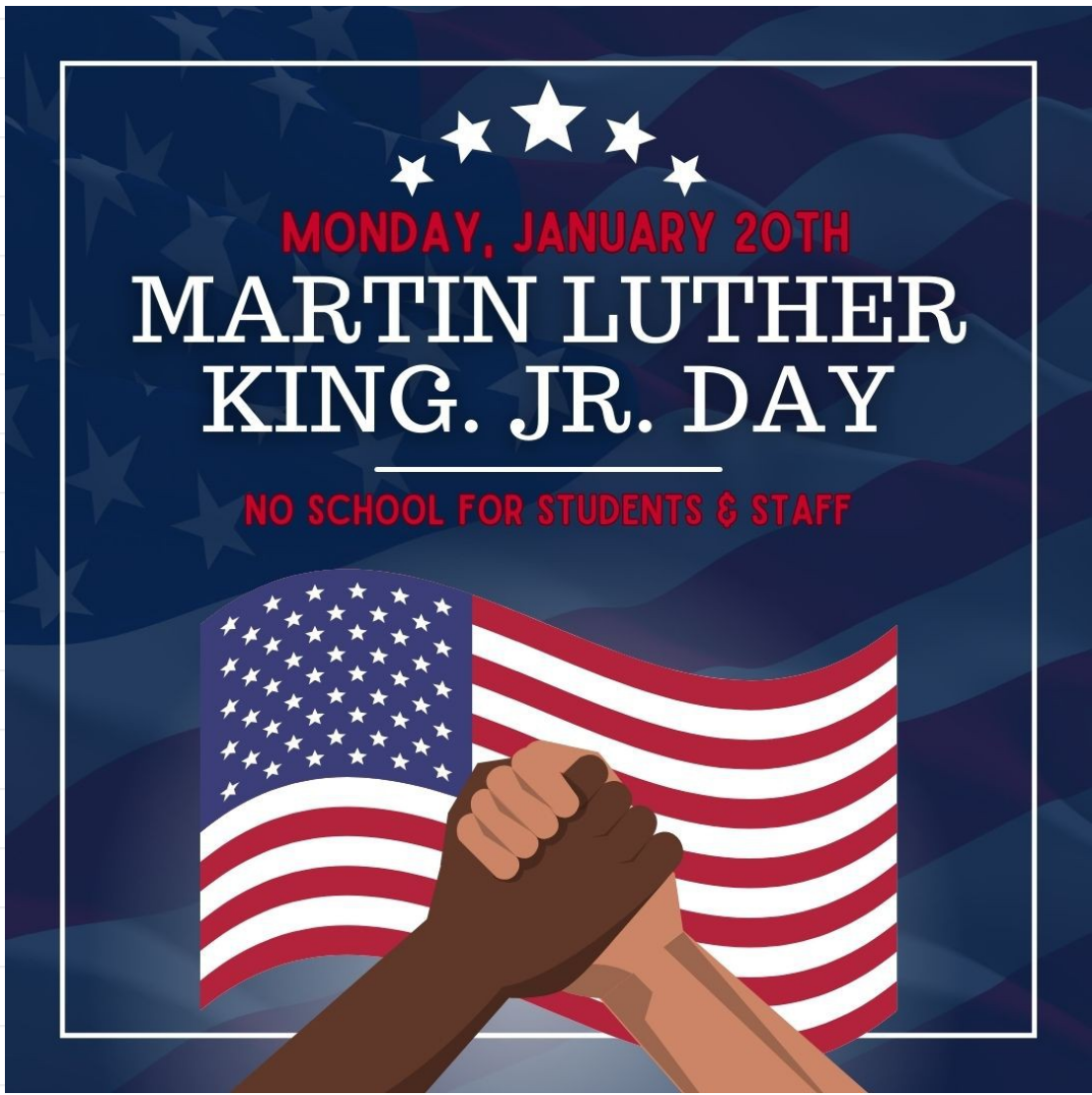
WEAR YOUR HOUSE
COLORS/SHIRTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH



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McNeill's 3rd Annual

International Festival

January 24, 2025

Friday • 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Come Travel to Different Countries!!!

Family Fun Event



- * **Explore Diverse Cuisines**
- * **Enjoy Cultural Performances**
- * **Explore Different Nations**
- * **Experience the Richness of
Different Cultures**
- * **Have Fun**

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MCNEILL ELEMENTARY BENCHMARK TESTING

What You Need Know

- **ONLY 3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS**
 - **3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE BENCHMARK TEST.**
- **CLOSED CAMPUS (NO VISITORS)**
 - **NO LUNCH AND/OR CAMPUS VISITORS WILL BE PERMITTED ON TESTING DATES.**



JAN. 29

READING BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)

FEB. 4

MATH BENCHMARK (GR. 3-5)

FEB. 6


SCIENCE BENCHMARK (GR. 5)

Due to schedule changes, we will not be able to accommodate lunch visitors on benchmark testing days. We appreciate your support and understanding as we prioritize our students' success during this important time.

To help ensure a smooth and successful benchmark testing experience, we kindly ask parents to assist with the following:

- Ensure students arrive at school on time daily (7:45 AM).
- Provide a healthy breakfast at home or encourage them to eat at school.
- Make sure students get a good night's rest.
- Motivate and encourage them to do their best.

The data gathered from benchmark testing will guide us in providing targeted interventions and supports to help our students excel in preparation for the STAAR test. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in supporting our Merlins!



JANUARY 31, 2025

EARLY RELEASE DAY

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED
AT 11:45 AM

NEW AFTERSCHOOL CLUB FOR SPRING

MCNEILL PUZZLE CLUB



KINDER-5TH GRADE



Puzzle Club is a great club for students who enjoy solving puzzles. This club provides a fun and challenging environment for students to exercise their problem-solving skills and work collaboratively with their peers. Puzzle Club offers a variety of puzzles, including jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, word finds and logic puzzles. The puzzles are designed to promote critical thinking and improve memory retention.

Schedule

Puzzle Club will meet on the following dates from 3:15-4:15.

January	22,29
February	12,19,26
March	19,26
April	9,16,23,30





Intramural Sports 2025

Information:

- 3rd - 5th Grade
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Every Thursday
- Starting Feb 6th
- Ending May 15th

Sports:

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Hockey
- GaGa ball



Scan QR code to
sign up!



CHECKERS CLUB

McNeill Elementary is excited to start checkers club! This extracurricular activity provides an opportunity for students to develop critical thinking and strategic skills while having fun. The club is open to 4th & 5th grade students. Regardless of their skill level, it aims to promote interpersonal skills, math skills, impulse control, and friendly competition. The club will meet weekly after school on Mondays from 3:15pm-4:15pm, beginning January 27th! Our goal is to help students cultivate a lifelong love of checkers and foster a spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. Please click on the link below if your child is interested in joining the Checkers Club.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/2SWZQV8Tr57PtJbU7>

CLUB INFORMATION - JANUARY

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 - Monday

- January Date(s): 1/13

- Sponsors - Ms. Patterson/Mr. Jones

Checkers Club - Mondays

- January Date(s): 1/27
- Sponsor - Mr. Jones

Cheer - Tuesdays

- January Date(s): 1/14, 1/21, 1/28
- Sponsor - Ms. Gaines

Choir - Tuesdays

- January Date(s): 1/21, 1/28
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

Medical Detectives - Tuesday

- January Date(s): 1/21, 1/28
- Sponsor - Nurse Mager

Puzzle Club - Wednesdays

- January Date(s): 1/22, 1/29
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

Girls in STEM - Thursday

- January Date(s): 1/16, 1/23, 1/30
- Sponsor - Ms. Obrero

DRESS DOWN & SPIRIT NIGHT INFORMATION

January Dress Down Days

Our January dress down days will be held on the following date(s):

Friday, January 24 -Pajama Day (Students Pay \$1)

January Spirit Nights

Our January Spirit nights will be held on the following date(s):

Wednesday, January 15 - Texas Roadhouse

Thursday, January 30 - Daddy's Pizza



DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



Support
**MCNEILL
ELEMENTARY**
WED., JANUARY 15
3 - 10PM

10% DONATION NIGHT

Support McNeill Elementary by presenting this flyer to the Richmond, TX location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to McNeill Elementary!

Bring flyer with you when you dine in or put coupon code in for togo orders to get credit!

(346) 762-2040
4807 WATERVIEW MEADOW
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SUPPORT
DONATE
GIVE BACK
BLESS
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UNIFY

COME TOGETHER
HOUSTON STRONG

JOIN DADDYO'S IN SUPPORTING
MCNEILL ELEMENTARY
SPIRIT NIGHT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH
3:00-8:00 PM

PRESENT THIS FLYER OR SIMPLY MENTION
MCNEILL ELEMENTARY SPIRIT NIGHT AND DADDYO'S
PIZZA WILL DONATE 20% OF YOUR PURCHASE TO HELP
SUPPORT SUCH A TERRIFIC & UNIFIED SCHOOL
IN OUR COMMUNITY!



KATY // 6356 S PEEK RD // KATY, TX 77450 // 346.377.0777

OFFER VALID AT KATY LOCATION ONLY. MUST PRESENT FLYER OR MENTION. NOT VALID WITH ANY DISCOUNTS OR COUPON OFFERS. DADDYO'S WILL DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES, EXCLUDING SALES TAX. VALID FOR TAKEOUT OR DELIVERY.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook News

Jan/Feb 2025

ALMOST SOLD OUT!
Order today for just \$35!
3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Order online at www.jostens.com/buyyearbk
2. Make a payment using Cheddar Up
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mcneill-pto-2024-2025>
3. Send cash or check to the front office,
checks made payable to: **McNeill Elementary PTO**



For questions or concerns, please contact
Delores Williams at merlinyearbook@gmail.com

Last call for photo shares!

Go to <https://photos.jostens.com/3ZYFVG>



Our Yearbook Team cannot be everywhere, and we need your help! Use the link or scan the QR code to share your school photos with us!

Yearbooks available for \$5

2018-2019
2019-2020

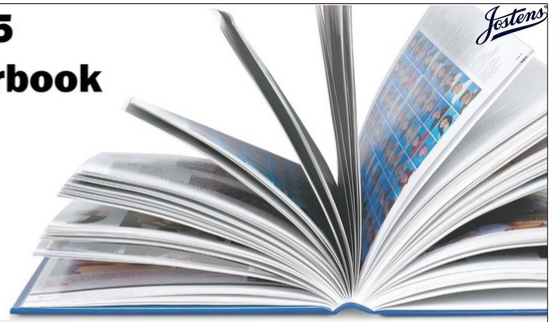


Last chance to purchase a Memory Message! 1/4 Ads still available for \$25!

Online only. Please visit
www.jostens.com/buyyearbk

If you're interested in a 1/2 Page Ad, please email
Delores Williams at
merlinyearbook@gmail.com

**2025
Yearbook
\$35**



ORDER YOURS TODAY!
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE! ALMOST SOLD OUT!

1. Go to JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK type in our school name
HF McNeill Elementary School
2. Make a payment using Cheddar Up
<https://mycheddarup.com/c/mcneill-pto-2024-2025>
3. Complete the form below in a marked envelope "Yearbook" with your cash or check made payable to: **McNeill Elementary PTO**

For questions or concerns, please email
Delores Williams at merlinyearbook@gmail.com



Cost: ~~\$35~~

Student Name : _____

Teacher/Grade : _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone : _____

of Yearbooks _____ Total Cost _____

Payment Method _____ Cash _____ Check _____
(check one)

LIBRARY MATERIALS INFORMATION



Parent Letter for Library Information Access 24-25.pdf

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LIBRARY CORNER

MCNEILL LIBRARY

CLASSES VISITS



42

December

Library Stats

2024-2025



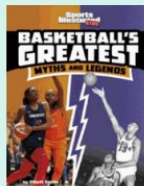
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HOURLY
OF
CODE

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Students participated in Hour of Code. Hour of Code is a worldwide movement in December that introduces students to computer science through coding activities.

TOP CIRCULATED BOOK
FICTION: NON-FICTION:



READING MINUTES



LOGGED IN
BEANSTACK

6,767

NURSE'S CORNER

LETTER FROM THE NURSE



Clinic Hours
M-F
7:45 am-
3:45 pm

Welcome to Mc Neill Elementary. My name is Tamara Mager, and I am the school nurse. In addition to school nursing, I have a background in many different areas of nursing from the cardiac cath lab to camp nursing. Through my many years of nursing, I have had many medical experiences which now allows me to best care for your child.

As the nurse, it is my job to support your child's health and learning this year. I have included some information on policies for our district. Please make sure to follow the policies put in place by the district to prevent the spread of illness in the school and to keep your child safe.

If you ever have a question, please feel free to reach out to me. My goal is to return your call or respond to your message within 24 hours of receipt. Together, we can keep our Merlins happy and healthy throughout the year.



District Policy

Fever: Student has a fever > 100.0 F. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine before returning to school.

Vomiting: If a child vomits two or more times within 24 hours, they will need to stay home until they are 24 hours without vomiting.

Diarrhea- Students with any diarrhea illness must be excluded from school until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medication.

LCISD encourages all students to attend school every day unless prevented by severe injury, illness, or hospitalization. For the protection and well-being of all students, parents should keep students' home if they are severely ill, or are known to have (or suspected to have a contagious health condition.

tamara.mager@lcisd.org 832-223-2806 clinic 832-223-2801 fax

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Fairness

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

Character Building at Home:

How Parents Can Promote Fairness:

- Talk about it! Fairness can be a difficult concept for younger students. Fairness does not always mean equal or the same. Frequent discussions will lay the foundation for this abstract concept.
- Lead by Example. Remember that you are your child's biggest influence. Despite what you may think, they are constantly observing you and integrating your behavior into their own lives.
- Discuss fairness in relationship to the characters they see in books and movies. This is a great way to work on higher level thinking skills. It is also a great opportunity to encourage empathy by asking your child how the characters may be feeling.
- Practice positive reinforcement by recognizing when your child is being fair. Praise their efforts in competitive situations rather than the need to always win.
- We know that life is not always fair, but that can be a hard pill to swallow! Help your child develop productive coping strategies for those times when things just don't go their way.
- Make sure that your expectations are developmentally appropriate. Children have different ideas about fairness at different stages.

Developmental Understanding of Fairness -

3-4 Year Olds—It is difficult for 3 & 4 year olds to understand the idea of fairness because they are still very egocentric. 4 yr olds are beginning to use their increasing verbal abilities to resolve situations fairly.

5-6 Year Olds—5 yr olds can be very rule driven. Kindergarteners believe that everyone should be held to the same rules and be treated equally. Tattling is a common behavior among 5 & 6 yr olds, who are often eager to see punishment given where they think it is due. Children in this age group believe that all goods should be equally distributed, no matter what. When we interpret the words "It's not fair" to mean "I don't like this", we can understand that the child is simply vocalizing their disappointment. We can then use the opportunity to help them develop a healthy vocabulary to express themselves.

7-9 Year Olds—By the age of 7, children will typically have expanded their thinking to include the concept of merit and by 8 they expand their thinking to consider need. It is not until age 7 or 8 that children consistently follow norms related to fair sharing. By the age of 8, children tend to follow the norms of fair sharing even when it means having less for oneself. 7-9 yr olds may still have difficulty "playing fair" simply because they struggle to remember two things at once: what they want to do and what they are supposed to do.

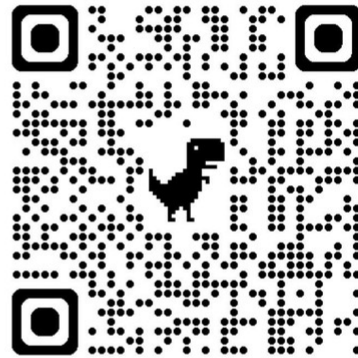
Important Dates:

Jan 7—Student Holiday/Staff Development
 Jan 8- 3rd 9 weeks begins
 Jan 17—House Party
 Jan 20—MLK Holiday
 Jan 31— Early Release 11:45AM

Francine Patterson-Cobb
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VOLUNTEER LIST SIGN UP



**THIS IS NOT A
COMMITMENT; WE
WILL EMAIL YOU
CAMPUS VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES AS
THEY ARISE**

THANK YOU- MCNEILL PTO

PTO NEWS



JOIN McNeill Elementary PTO This Year!

The McNeill Elementary PTO is the heart of our school community. Bringing together parents, teachers, staff, and students to create a positive and enriching environment. By becoming a member, you'll connect with other parents, support our school, and have a lot of fun along the way!

Why Join?

For just \$10, your membership helps fund essential programs and resources, including social events, educational tools, and school supplies. Your contribution directly enhances our students' school experience.

Get Involved

The PTO thrives on the support of parents like you. Your ideas, energy, and involvement are key to making this year a success. [Sign up for volunteer opportunities.](#)

How to Join

Joining is easy—simply make your \$10 payment by check to "McNeill Elementary PTO" or cash. Turn donations in to your child's homeroom teacher. Donations may be tax-deductible.

Let's Make This Year Unforgettable!

By working together, we can provide the best possible learning environment for our children. Join us today and help make the 2024-2025 school year the best one yet!

For more information, email us at membership.mcneill.pto@gmail.com or visit our [McNeill PTO Facebook page](#). QR code ->



Together, we can create a brighter future!

Membership is not limited to parents. Any family member or community member may join McNeill Elementary PTO.

Parents First Name, Last Name	Email	Phone

List all children attending McNeill Elementary. Use back if additional space is needed.

Childs First Name	Last Name	Grade	Teacher

Your signature completes the McNeill PTO membership application. Thank you for supporting your child and McNeill Elementary!

Signature:	Date:

For Accounting Purposes, Payment Rec'd as: Membership fee, Donation:	Cash, VENMO, or Check # \$	Initials



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McNeill PTO Online Store

YOUR ONE STOP PTO SHOP



PTO MEMBERSHIP DUES

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GOING ON NOW

BIRTHDAY MARQUEE

ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

DRESS DOWN DAYS

PREPAY OPTION AVAILABLE

YEARBOOK

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 10/25/24



REPEATED INFORMATION

ParentSquare

Starting the 2024-2025 school year, Lamar CISD adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Lamar CISD. ParentSquare will be replacing the current School Messenger system. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Download the **ParentSquare** app today!

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



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A PROUD TRADITION | A BRIGHT FUTURE

2025-26 Rezoning for Families of Current 5th-11th Grade Students

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees approved new secondary campus zones for the 2025-2026 school year, and I am writing to inform you of some important changes that may affect your child's campus assignment starting in the 2025-2026 academic year if they are currently in grades 5 - 11. To determine if you and your family will be impacted by the rezoning, please follow the steps below.

- Go to the Lamar CISD website – www.lcisd.org
- At the top of the page, click on “Find My School”
- Using the dropdown arrow next to “School Year 2024-25”, select “School Year 2025-26”
- Begin entering your home address in the search bar
- Once you see your address, click on that address
- On the left-hand side of the site, you will see the elementary, middle school, junior high school, and high school that your home is zoned for in Lamar CISD

Families who are impacted by the rezoning will be directly contacted to provide detailed information regarding these changes later this school year.

Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Enrollment Management directly at 832-223-0424. You can also reach out to me if you have any questions as well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

LUNCH VISITORS

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.



MORNING BACK PARKING LOT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

1. The back-parking lot is located at the rear of the building and is available for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
2. Stay in the car line and follow staff directions.
3. Have your child exit the vehicle using only the front or back passenger side.
4. *If your child uses a car seat, please position it on the passenger side of the car.
5. Safety Patrol children assist with opening and closing the car doors of any child who needs assistance. Parents may not exit the car at any time to help their child leave the vehicle.
6. **Parents are not permitted to** park and walk their children to the building. A staff member will ask that you return to your vehicle and enter the car line to drop off your child.
7. **Please be patient and drive slowly.**

Dismissal

Transportation changes-Transportation changes **MUST** be made before 2:15 pm. Please call the office or send a note with your child to indicate a change for the way your child normally goes home. These are delivered to the classrooms at 2:15 pm. Therefore, we cannot accept changes after 2:15 pm. If you want to check your child out early for appointments, that must be done by 2:15 pm. as well. We will not release students for early pick up after 2:15 pm. This information is in the LCISD Student Handbook. Please try and keep the way your child goes home as consistent as possible. This decreases the likelihood of a mistake occurring.

Bus-LCISD Transportation is highly recommended for all students who are eligible. The buses are the first mode of transportation to leave each day. The buses will load and leave early the first 3 days of school. Parents are advised to arrive at the bus stops early on these days. Give your child's bus a 15-minute window before and after the published time as drivers work to ensure everyone is accounted for and dropped off at the correct stop. PK and K students will only be released to an authorized adult listed in the My Stop App. Please bring your ID to the bus stop on the first day for verification. ID badges will be scanned each time your child gets on and off the bus, for lunch meals in the cafeteria, and in the library for checking out books.

Daycare- Daycare vans will line up behind LCISD Transportation. Students will be loaded in the daycare vans after the school buses have been loaded and have left. Please let your child's teacher know the name of the daycare your child will attend as well as the branch if it is a chain daycare, i.e. Kids R Kids Bella Terra.

Car-We anticipate a large number of car riders this year, so we are asking you to please be patient while we dismiss students safely. Please place your **ORANGE** car rider tag on the passenger side dashboard, so that the person calling the names of the car riders can see it. The drop-off/pick-up line is at the back of the school right passed the playground.

Walkers/Bikers – They will be dismissed by grade level. PK/K students will be released to a parent/guardian only. Parents are not allowed to walk up to the school to meet your children. Please meet them at the edge of the front parking lot entry (for those who live in the direction of the park) and all others at the 4- way stop (Mason and Lakemont Bend). Please do not park your car in the street and wave for your child to run across traffic. This is very dangerous. If your child is a walker, you are saying that they are responsible enough to get home on their own without adult assistance. **If you do not want your child to walk home without an adult, please make sure to communicate that with the teacher prior to the first day of school. If they have older/younger siblings that they will walk home with, please communicate that information to the teachers as well.**

We know it might take a few days to develop a routine that works for your family. **It is very important that students' transportation is consistently set as soon as possible.**

CAR RIDER DISMISSAL - IMPORTANT

To ensure the safety and security of all students, parents **MUST** display the **ORANGE car rider tag** for **EACH** child that they are picking up daily. If you do not have an orange tag displayed you will be redirected to the front office to show your ID and to obtain a new tag. If you are in need of a replacement tag, please stop by our front office prior to dismissal to receive one. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as student safety is our top priority.

AFTERNOON BACK PARKING LOT 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 place ORANGE car rider signs on the passenger side dashboard.
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 polls to your right.
6. Do not stop when you see your child walking. A staff member 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.
- At 3:10 PM, parents of walkers/bikers may make their way to the front of the school and form two (2) lines.
- Parents will be asked to sign their child out with one of the staff members in the front foyer.
- 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!

THE GOLD STANDARD

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, iPads, earbuds, and tablets **MUST** be turned off and in backpacks for the duration of the instructional day

- 1st Offense - Parent contact, telecommunication device confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense - Parent contact, telecommunication device confiscated, and parent must retrieve telecommunication device with a \$15 fee
- 3rd Offense - Parent contact, telecommunication device confiscated, and parent must retrieve telecommunication device with a \$15 fee, and student is assigned ISS
- 4th Offense - Parent contact, telecommunication device confiscated, and parent must retrieve telecommunication device with a \$15 fee, and student is suspended
- 5th Offense & Beyond - Parent contact, telecommunication device confiscated, and parent must retrieve telecommunication device with a \$15 fee, and student is recommended to attend ALC



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.



GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT REFERRALS

DOES YOUR CHILD:

- learn quickly?
- ask lots of questions?
- demonstrate creativity?
- have a vivid imagination?
- solve problems in a unique manner?

LCISD REFERRAL
TESTING TAKES
PLACE DURING
THE SPRING
SEMESTER

TO REFER YOUR
CHILD FOR GT
EVALUATION,
SCAN OR CLICK.

If you have any questions, please
contact your campus GT Facilitator.



CLICK HERE



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MCNEILL STUDENTS EAT FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

McNeill Elementary was added as a CEP campus during the 2023-24 school year. Due to this all McNeill students will eat free breakfast and lunch. Students will still be required to pay for A la Carte (snack) items sold by the cafeteria. For more information please see the flyer below or visit the Child Nutrition website.



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Student ID Reminders

- Student IDs will be distributed for the 2024-25 school year.
 - New enrollees will have their ID picture taken and cards made on day enrollment.
 - Students will be required to wear their student IDs daily. They should wear them with their lanyards to school. No items should be attached to lanyards.
 - Any student who misplaces their student ID will need to purchase a replacement one. Replacement ID tags can be purchased for \$5 in the front office.
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2024-25 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.

Visitor/Volunteers

Visitors-All visitors will need to sign in at the front office with a state issued ID. Visitors must wear their raptor name badge and report to the area that is indicated on their badge. For the safety of all school community members, visitors should enter/exit through the front area of the building only.

Volunteers- We will have volunteers through the building during the school day. We will communicate with the PTO and community when we will begin allowing workroom volunteers to come on campus. That volunteer time will be coordinated by the PTO. Those volunteers will only be allowed to work in the workroom. They will not be allowed in any other area of the building. Each person will have to be cleared through a background check with LCISD in order to volunteer in the workroom.

Snacks

Students are allowed to bring a snack to school daily if they choose. Please keep in mind that snacks need to be a healthy choice. Please do not send chips, candy, or anything that requires a utensil. A healthy snack will give your child the nutritional boost he/she needs during the day. Please keep in mind that snack time will be 10-15 minutes long. Students should be able to continue working in class while consuming their snack. Do not send in anything that needs to be refrigerated. Below is a list of good snacks to consider. **DO NOT SEND ANYTHING WITH PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER.**

Students will be allowed to get drinks from the water fountain.

If you choose to send in a drink, please **Do Not** send in any glass bottles, soda or sport drinks.

Please note that if students bring an unapproved snack, they will lose the privilege of having snack.

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| ★ Pretzels | ★ Animal crackers | ★ Goldfish crackers |
| ★ Muffins | ★ Crackers | ★ Granola/cereal bars |
| ★ Apples | ★ Carrot sticks | ★ Graham Crackers |
| ★ Pop tarts | ★ Banana | ★ Cereal |
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HELPFUL DOCUMENTS



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2024-25-school-supply-list.pdf

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Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- January 7 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- January 8 - 3rd 9 Weeks Begin/MAP Testing (Gr. 3-5 Reading)
- January 10 - Report Cards Posted in Skyward
- January 13 - NEHS Meeting
- January 14 - MAP Testing (Gr. 3-5 Math)/Cheer Practice/PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Grade Level Reps - 1, 4, Core Team) Library
- January 15 - MAP Testing (Gr. 1-2 Reading)/ECSE/SLC Fieldtrip (Winter Wonderland)/PTO Spirit Night @ Texas Roadhouse
- January 16 - MAP Testing (Gr. 1-2 Math)/Girls in STEM
- January 17 - Wear Your House Colors
- January 20 - No School - MLK Day (Student & Staff Holiday)
- January 21 - 5th Grade Fieldtrip (Briscoe)/Choir Practice/Cheer Practice
- January 22 - Puzzle Club
- January 23 - Girls in STEM
- January 24 - PTO Dress Down Day (Wear Pajamas) - Students Pay \$1/International Festival
- January 27 - Cheer Fundraiser Begins/Checkers Club
- January 28 - Choir Practice/Cheer Practice
- January 29 - Benchmark Testing (Gr. 3-5 Reading)-NO VISITORS/Puzzle Club
- January 30 - Girls in STEM/PTO Spirit Night @ Daddy's
- January 31 - 100th Day of School/Innovative School Day/Early Release @ 11:45 AM

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE
MONTH:
FAIRNESS



JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH	WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL					
5	6	7	8 3RD 9 WEEKS BEGINS MAP TESTING (GR. 3-5 READING)	9 LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY	10 REPORT CARDS POSTED IN SKYHARD	11
12	13	14	15 ECSE/SLC FIELDTRIP WINTER WONDERLAND MAP TESTING (GR. 1-2 READING) PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (TEXAS ROADHOUSE)	16 MAP TESTING (GR. 1-2 MATH) GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM)	17 WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS/SHIRTS	18
19	20 MLK DAY NO SCHOOL (STUDENTS)	21 PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE (4th BRISCOE JH (5TH GRADE) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM)	22 PUZZLE CLUB (3:15-4:15 PM)	23 GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM)	24 P.T.O. DRESS DOWN DAY WEAR PAJAMAS - STUDENTS PAY \$1 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 5:30-7:00 PM	25
26 TEXAS HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK 1/22-1/26	27 CHEER FUNDRAISER BEGINS (CANDY GRAMS) CHECKERS CLUB (3:15-4:15PM)	28 AUTHOR'S VISIT (GR. 3-5) CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM)	29 GR. 3-5 BENCHMARK READING NO VISITORS PUZZLE CLUB (3:15-4:15 PM)	30 GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:45PM) PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (DADDY'S)	31 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE [at] 11:45 AM	

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