

# Merlin Messenger

Parent Newsletter - September



Can you believe we have completed the first 3 weeks of the school year? Our Merlins are learning procedures and routines, continuing to build a love for reading and participating in engaging lessons. We appreciate your assistance and patience with arrival and dismissal.

We hope to see you at our upcoming events. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to seeing all our Merlins back on Tuesday, September 3rd.



**LABOR DAY  
SEPTEMBER 2ND  
NO SCHOOL**



**STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, SEPT. 3RD**

**MCNEILL ELEMENTARY  
OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 12**

**SESSION 1: 5-5:45 PM  
SESSION 2: 6-6:45**

**PARENTS ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE SESSION.**

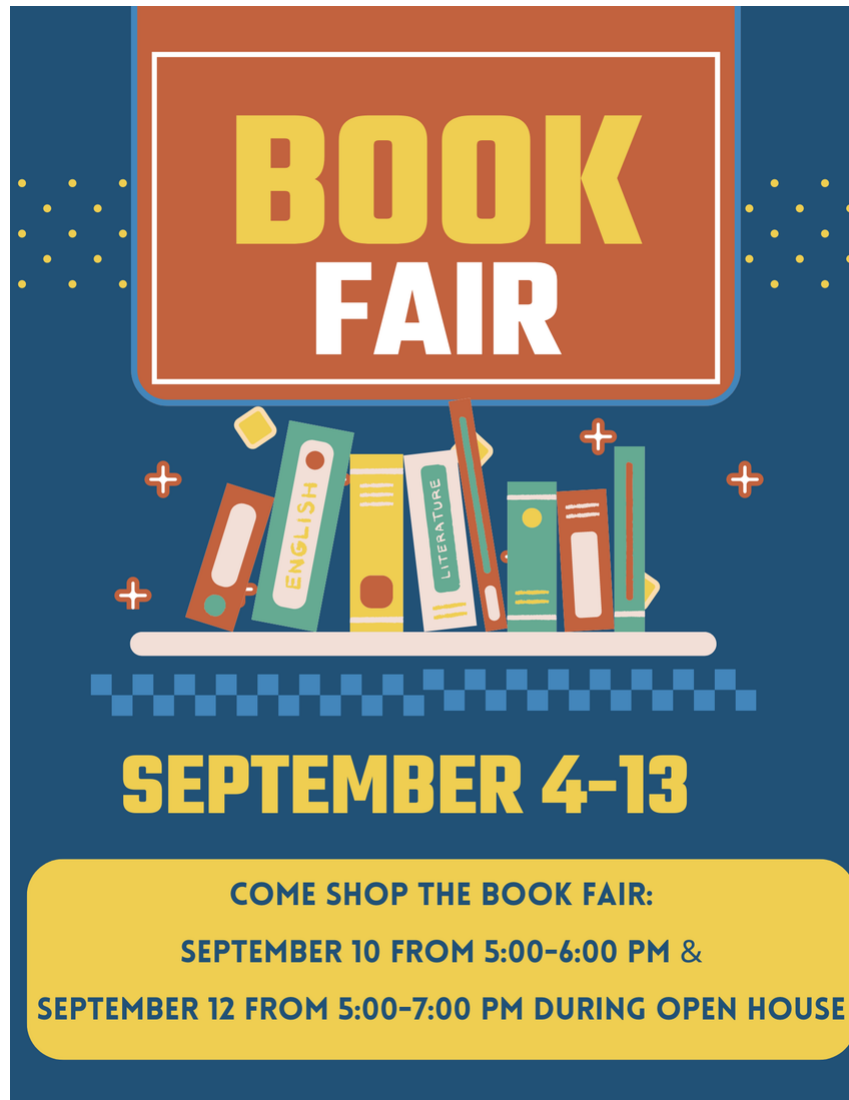
**BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN FROM 5-7 PM**



# BOOK FAIR

The McNeill book fair will be held September 4-13 in the library. Students will have the opportunity to shop for books during their specials time. Visit our book fair homepage to set up a Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash.

Book Fair Homepage: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/mcneillelementaryschool>





McNeill Elementary



# Picture Day



Tuesday, September 10th



MCNEILL ELEMENTARY

# PTO MEETING

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024  
at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

FIRST meeting of the school year.  
We will be discussing plans  
for the upcoming year and  
ways to get involved.



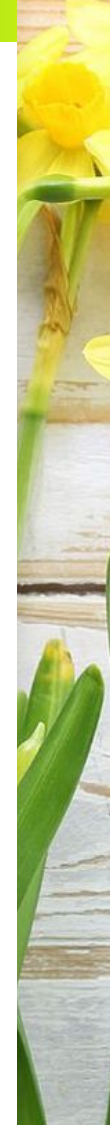
Join PTO today

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SHOW YOUR HOUSE SPIRIT  
WEAR YOUR HOUSE  
COLORS/SHIRTS



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH &  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH



# MCNEILL ELEMENTARY HOUSE SHIRTS 2024

<https://gogandy.com/mcneilles-house24>

SALE ENDS: **September 20th!!**



1. Go online
2. Select your items
3. Securely check out



# FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR DAY

# NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH



## Progress Reports

Progress reports for the 1st 9 weeks will be available on Thursday, September 19th. Please check your Skyward Family Access account to view this document.

If you need help with Family Access, please contact our secretary, Mindy Gonzalez at [mgonzalez06@lcisd.org](mailto:mgonzalez06@lcisd.org).



**How to view progress reports and report cards in Family Acces  
s.pdf**

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# MCNEILL

## ELEMENTARY CLUBS

**CHEER CLUB (3-5)-MS. GAINES**  
[dawnyel.gaines@lcisd.org](mailto:dawnyel.gaines@lcisd.org)

**CHOIR (4-5)-MS. GARNES**

**RHYTHM CLUB (1-3)-MS. GARNES**  
[bailee.garnes@lcisd.org](mailto:bailee.garnes@lcisd.org)

**MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3-5)-NURSE MAGER**

**NEHS (5)-MRS. PATTERSON-COBB**

**GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (5)-MRS. PATTERSON-COBB**  
[francine.patterson@lcisd.org](mailto:francine.patterson@lcisd.org)

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS(3-5)-COACH YOUNG**  
[jordan.young@lcisd.org](mailto:jordan.young@lcisd.org)

**GIRLS IN STEM (5)-MRS. OBRERO**  
[cynthia.obrero@lcisd.org](mailto:cynthia.obrero@lcisd.org)

**LEGO CLUB (1-2)-MS. KIRKPATRICK**  
[megan.kirkpatrick@lcisd.org](mailto:megan.kirkpatrick@lcisd.org)

**MEN IN THE MAKING (5)-MR. JONES**

**CHECKERS (4-5)-MR. JONES**  
[william.jones@lcisd.org](mailto:william.jones@lcisd.org)

**KARATE CLUB (3-5)-COACH K**  
[madisyn.kornreich@lcisd.org](mailto:madisyn.kornreich@lcisd.org)

**ACADEMIC CLUB-MR. YOON**

**MCA-MR. YOON**  
[yoon.kim@lcisd.org](mailto:yoon.kim@lcisd.org)

Please contact the club coordinator for further questions.

## CLUB INFORMATION - SEPTEMBER

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

#### **MCA - Monday**

- September Date(s): 9/16, 9/23
- Sponsors - Mr. Yoon

#### **NEHS - Monday**

- September Date(s): 9/9
- Sponsors - Ms. Patterson/Mr. Jones

#### **Cheer - Tuesdays**

- September Date(s): 9/36, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24
- Sponsor - Ms. Gaines

#### **Choir - Tuesdays**

- September Date(s): 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

#### **Medical Detectives - Tuesday**

- September Date(s): 9/17, 9/24

- Sponsor - Nurse Mager

#### **Girls Above Society - Wednesday**

- September Date(s): 9/18, 9/25
- Sponsor - Ms. Patterson-Cobb

#### **Rhythm Club - Wednesday**

- September Date(s): 9/18, 9/25
- Sponsor - Ms. Garnes

#### **Academic Club - Thursday**

- September Date(s): 9/5, 9/19
- Sponsors - Mr. Yoon

#### **Girls in STEM - Thursday**

- September Date(s): 9/12, 9/19
- Sponsors - Coach Young

#### **Lego Club - Thursday**

- September Date(s): 9/19
- Sponsors - Ms. Kirkpatrick

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## **LUNCH VISITORS**

**Beginning September 3rd**, we will begin welcoming lunch visitors back on campus. Please see the reminders below regarding our lunch visitors and procedures.

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.**



mcneill lunch schedule\_parent.pdf

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## ATTENTION PRE-K FAMILIES

**Wild About PRE-K**

Come join in on the FUN!

Family Engagement Event  
2024-2025

Color Track	Location	Date
Blue	Hutchison Elementary	09/19/2024
Red	Culver Elementary	10/17/2024
Purple	Morgan Elementary	11/07/2024
Maroon	Williams Elementary	01/23/2025
Gold	Adolphus Elementary	02/13/2025
Silver	Gray Elementary	03/20/2025
Seguin ECC		04/24/2025

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm




2024-2025 Pre-K Family Engagement - Calendar (1).pdf

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## LIBRARY MATERIALS INFORMATION



## NURSE'S CORNER

**LETTER FROM THE NURSE** 

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



**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

A graphic featuring a clear plastic water bottle on the left, with water splashing upwards and to the right. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a stylized fire with orange and red flames. The background is split: the left side is white, and the right side is a solid teal color.

**HEAT ADVISORY- IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!!!**

## Water Bottles at School

In the hot weather, it is easy for children to become dehydrated. Please remember to send a water bottle with your child daily. Talk with them about the importance of drinking their water to keep their bodies healthy!

Nurse Mager

**STAY COOL, STAY HYDRATED!**

# See to Succeed

Registration is now open for the See to Succeed vision program this year. This is a Free program for students and it provides an eye exam and a free pair of glasses if needed.

The forms can be picked up from the nurse's office. The first 40 completed packets that are returned to Nurse Mager by 9/20/24 will be able to attend.

**DUE DATE:  
9/20/24**

Contact Nurse Mager for questions :



**832-223-2806**



**[tamara.mager@lcisd.org](mailto:tamara.mager@lcisd.org)**





# 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.



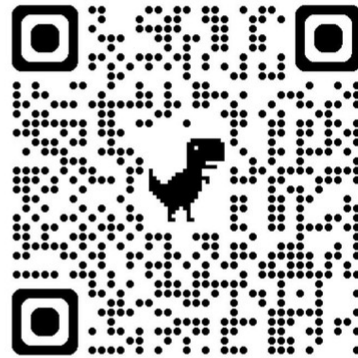
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# **VOLUNTEER LIST SIGN UP**



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

**THANK YOU- MCNEILL PTO**

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**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](mailto: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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## September Dress Down Days

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

**Friday, September 13 - "Gold Out" for Childhood Cancer (Students Pay \$1)**

**Thursday, September 26 - Western Wear (Free Dress Day)**



# Childhood Cancer AWARENESS

Go **GOLD**  
for Childhood Cancer Awareness  
Dress Down Day  
Friday, September 13, 2024

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR "GOLD" TO  
SUPPORT CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS.

Please send \$1 with your student  
or return PTO Dress Down prepay form & payment  
to participate in this Dress Down Day.

\*All clothing must meet LCISD student dress code policy.

# FORT BEND FAIR WESTERN DAY

CALLING ALL COWGIRLS & COWBOYS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

STUDENTS MAY WEAR  
RODEO ATTIRE.  
COWBOY HATS &  
BOOTS APPROVED.



All clothing must meet LCISD  
student dress code policy.

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## September Spirit Nights

Our September Spirit Nights will be held on the following dates:

**September 4 - Crust Pizza**

**September 19 - El Asador**

# SPIRIT NIGHT



## McNeill Elementary

Wednesday Sept. 4th  
11am-9pm

Come out and support your students! Simply mention the fundraiser when placing an order at the counter or when making a to-go order and Crust Pizza Co. will donate 15% of those ticketed sales back to us!

**CRUST PIZZA CO. @ Aliana**

4826 Waterview Towncenter, Richmond Tx 77407

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**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**





# EL ASADOR

HANDCRAFTED TEX-MEX + CANTINA

Katy, TX

**Spirit Night**

**For**

**McNeill Elementary PTO**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER AT  
EL ASADOR MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

**📍 3750 S. MASON RD.  
KATY, TX. 77450  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024  
4-9 PM**



**JUST SHOW THIS  
FLYER AND 10% OF YOUR  
NET FOOD PURCHASE WILL BE  
DONATED TO YOUR CAUSE**

FUNDRAISER OFFER VALID ONLY ON THE DATE(S), TIME(S) AND AT EL ASADORS LOCATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE. ONLY 501C ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFIT SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE  
EL ASADOR FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.  
El Asador WILL DONATE 10%.  
Not valid on alcohol beverages, gift cards.

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**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Trustworthiness

During the month of September I will be assisting student in building character. What does that look like; being honest, keeping promises, having the courage to do the right thing, creating a good reputation, and being loyal—standing by your family, friends and country.

### Character Building at Home—What can parents do?

- Use the CHARACTER COUNTS! Six Pillar words. Try saying things like, "You put your socks on by yourself!" or "You did your homework without me reminding you! You are so responsible!"
- Point out good character when you see it. For example, you might say to your child, "John was showing respect by holding the door open."
- Repeat, repeat, repeat! Children love hearing stories over and over, and they love activities and games they can do again and again.
- Be positive! Children learn best through positive support and praise.
- Encourage your child. Say: "You can do it!" Or have your child say, "I did it!" when they show good character. And when things are hard to do, encourage your child by saying, "It's worth it!" For example, "I know it's tough to tie laces, but it's worth it to learn so you can tie your shoes!"

### Important Dates:

Sept 2- No School  
 Sept 3—Book Fair Starts  
 Sept 6—BOY House Pep Rally  
 Sept 10— Picture Day  
 Sept 12 —Open House 5pm-5:45pm and 6:00pm-6:45pm  
 Sept 26— House Party/Counselor Meeting @ BC  
 Sept 27 No School /Fort Bend County Fair

**Francine Patterson-Cobb**

**832-223-2805**

**fpatterson@leisd.org**

## 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.**

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## **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.

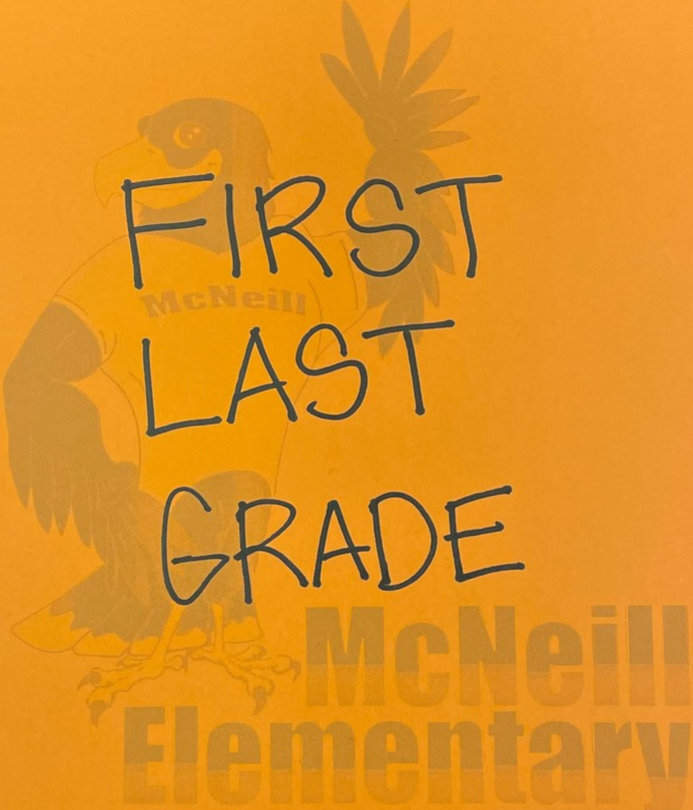


## CAR RIDER TAGS

To facilitate an efficient car rider dismissal, we ask that you adhere to the following.

- Display the **ORANGE** car tag that was provided at Meet the Teacher 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. (picture below)
- If you need a replacement and/or additional car tags, please stop by the front office.





# FIRST LAST GRADE

McNeill  
Elementary

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## 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.
- After the bus and day car buses have departed, parents of walkers/bikers may make their way to the front of the school.
- Parents will be asked to sign their child out with one of the staff members in the front foyers.
- 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.

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## 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!**

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## THE GOLD STANDARD

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# ELECTRONIC 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, phone confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee
- 3rd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is assigned ISS
- 4th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is suspended
- 5th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is recommended to attend ALC
- 6th Offense and beyond - Recommended ALC Placement



# 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.

## 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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## **NEW BUS SYSTEM - VERSATRANS MY STOP**

Starting the 2024-2025 school year, Lamar CISD is moving from Smart Tag to Versatrans My Stop. You can access your student's bus route through the MyStop e-link to view:

- Route number
- Bus stops
- Estimated arrival/drop-off times

Click here to login: <https://mystop.lcisid.org/elinkrp/Login.aspx>

All you need is your student(s) ID number and date of birth to login. To view instructions on accessing the e-link: [https://youtu.be/nmd\\_284gp9U](https://youtu.be/nmd_284gp9U).

You can also download the Versatrans My Stop App to view your student(s) active bus route's arrival time to the designated bus stop. Guardians can register one student. If they have more students within the district, they will be added to the same account. To login, you need your student(s) ID number and date of birth.

For more information, please visit <https://www.lcisid.org/transportation>.



Versatrans  
**My Stop  
App™**

**LAMAR**CISD  
A PROUD TRADITION | A BRIGHT FUTURE

Versatrans My Stop is a new transportation system Lamar CISD is implementing for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and guardians will be able to access their student(s) bus route information using the e-link and by downloading the mobile app.

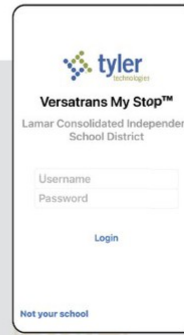
### VERSATRANS E-LINK

The Versatrans My Stop E-Link provides access to your student's bus route including:

- Route number
- Bus stops
- Estimated arrival/drop-off times

1. Login: <https://mystop.lcisid.org/elinkep/Login.aspx>
2. Enter Username: **Student ID #**
3. Enter Password: **Student DOB (MMDDYYYY)**
4. Select **Students**
5. Select **View My Students**
6. Select **Student Name**

To follow instructions on accessing the e-link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmd\\_284gp9U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmd_284gp9U)



### DOWNLOAD MY STOP APP

Download the My Stop App to view your student(s) bus route when it is active. Versatrans My Stop can be downloaded to IOS devices from iTunes or Apple store and Android devices from Google Play.

1. Download the **Versatrans My Stop App**
2. Select **Lamar Consolidated Independent School District TX**
3. Enter Username: **Student ID #**
4. Enter Password: **Student DOB (MMDDYYYY)**
5. Select **Students**

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**MyStop App Flyer\_Spanish.pdf**

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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.



## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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## Yearbook Information

# Yearbook News

August-October 2024

**Back to school yearbook sale!  
For a limited time only!**

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Order online at [www.jostens.com/buyyearbk](http://www.jostens.com/buyyearbk)
2. Make a payment using VENMO to [@McNeill-PTO](https://www.venmo.com/@McNeill-PTO)
3. Send cash or check to the front office, checks made payable to: [McNeill Elementary PTO](#)

**Order today for just \$30**  
Sale ends Friday 10/25/24



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### Yearbooks available for \$5

2018-2019  
2019-2020



For questions or concerns, please contact  
Delores Williams at [merlinyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:merlinyearbook@gmail.com)

**2025  
Yearbook  
\$30**



**Back to school Yearbook sale!  
3 easy ways to order yours today!**

1. Go to [JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK](http://JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK) type in our school name HF McNeill Elementary School
2. Make a Venmo payment to McNeill Elementary PTO [@McNeill-PTO](https://www.venmo.com/@McNeill-PTO)
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](mailto:merlinyearbook@gmail.com)



\*While supplies last. Scan now to preorder. Sale ends Fri. 10/25/24\*

Cost: \$30

Student Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

# of Yearbooks \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Method \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Venmo  
(check one)

## HELPFUL DOCUMENTS



**2024-2025-student-instructional-calendar.pdf**

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**2024-25-school-supply-list.pdf**

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## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

- September 2: Labor Day - No School
- September 4-13: Book Fair
- September 4 - PTO Spirit Night @ Crust Pizza
- September 10: Picture Day / PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)
- September 12: Open House / Book Fair Family Night 5-7 pm
- September 13: PTO Dress Down Day - Gold Out for Childhood Cancer (Students Pay \$1)



- September 19: Progress Reports Posted in Skyward / PTO Spirit Night @ El Asador
- September 20: See to Succeed Packets due to Nurse Mager
- September 25: Wear Your House Colors
- September 26: Early Release @ 11:45 AM / Free Dress Day - Western Wear
- September 27 - Fort Bend County Fair Day - No School

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:  
TRUSTWORTHINESS



# SEPTEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (STAFF & STUDENTS)	3 CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM)	4 <b>BOOK FAIR BEGINS</b>  PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (CRUST PIZZA)	5 <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  ACADEMIC CLUB	6 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> SPIRIT WEAR	7
8 <b>GRANDPARENTS' DAY</b>	9 <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  NEHS MEETING (3:15-4:00 PM)	10 <b>BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT 5-6PM</b> <b>PICTURE DAY</b> PTO GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM - CAFETERIA CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM)	11 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 <b>BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT 5-7PM</b> <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> SESSION 1: 5-5:45PM SESSION 2: 6-6:45PM PARENTS ATTEND ONE SESSION GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:35PM)	13 <b>BOOK FAIR ENDS</b> P.T.O. DRESS DOWN DAY GOLD OUT FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER STUDENTS PAY \$1	14
15 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BEGINS CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK 9/15-9/21	16  MCA	17 <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b> IT PROFESSIONALS DAY  CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM)	18  RHYTHM CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (3:15-4 PM)	19 <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b> <b>POSTED IN SKYWARD</b>  LEGO CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS IN STEM (3:45-4:35PM) ACADEMIC CLUB PTO SPIRIT NIGHT (EL ASADOR)	20 <b>SPIRIT WEAR</b>  SEE TO SUCCEED PACKETS DUE TO NURSE MAGER	21
22	23  MCA	24  CHOIR PRACTICE (7-7:45 AM) MEDICAL DETECTIVES (3:15-4:15 PM) CHEER PRACTICE (3:45-4:45 PM)	25 <b>WEAR YOUR HOUSE</b> <b>COLORS/SHIRTS</b>  RHYTHM CLUB (3:15-4 PM) GIRLS ABOVE SOCIETY (3:15-4 PM)	26 <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> [AT] 11:45 AM P.T.O. FREE DRESS DAY WESTERN WEAR	27 <b>FT. BEND COUNTY FAIR</b> <b>DAY - NO SCHOOL</b> (STAFF & STUDENTS)	28
29	30					

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