Please support our McNiel Mustangs at the Homecoming Football Game versus Barwise on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The 7th grade will be playing at the McNiel field and the 8th graders will be playing at Memorial Stadium. The ‘B’ team games start at 4:00 with the ‘A’ teams following at approximately 5:30.

Students are encouraged to dress in spirit attire for school on Oct. 28. They can cheer on the teams by wearing creative spirit wear, so get out your black, white, and silver to decorate your shirts! NO face, hair or body paint/glitter will be allowed in the building at any time.

All clothing must still be within the district dress code. Mums are not allowed during school hours. They may be worn at the games or at the dance. Parents are welcome to attend the pep rally and sit in the designated parent section of the bleachers.

The Booster Club will be sponsoring a Homecoming Dance on Friday, Oct. 24 (7:00—9:00 p.m.) at the school. Admission for McNiel students is $5, and parents are welcome to attend. Students must be picked up at 9:00 p.m.

A big “THANK YOU” to all the parents who have been helping out with the various clubs, athletics and activities so far this year. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated by kids and teachers alike every time a locker is decorated, a treat bag is opened, a mentor pays a visit, or any of the many things that you do for our students. YOU make a huge difference in the lives of our students!

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 9th from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Students will be released at 11:30 and should catch their buses and rides and leave campus at that time. Teachers will have time to prepare for their conferences and grab a bite to eat before we open the doors at 1:00. Conferences should be fifteen minutes or less to enable teachers to meet with as many parents as possible and limit wait time for everyone. If more time is needed with a teacher, parents should schedule a conference with the teacher during the teacher’s regular daily conference period or after school.

With the grading period ending and report cards coming out, the usual rush to get students over the hump has started. If your student is struggling in any class, a parent/teacher conference is in order. Always start with your child’s teacher for any issues that may arise. Calling the principal, the assistant principals or counselor will usually result in a redirection to the teacher first. The teacher is the “first responder” and first line of assistance for students and parents.

October 24th—28th will be homecoming week with a different dress up theme each day of the week. Our homecoming dance will be October 24th and our homecoming games will be October 28th against Barwise. We encourage all of the students to dress up, attend the dance and attend the games. Parents are also encouraged to join us at the dance or football games. Hope to see you there!

With the passing of the first six weeks of school, our school calendar will only become busier. Please encourage your students to bring home all paper correspondence. Let the office know if you have had a change of address or phone number for mail outs and Parent Link calls. Give us a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all you do.

“We’ve Got Spirit! Yes, We Do!”
Students or parents may retrieve the cell phone at the end of the school day, but will be charged a $15 (cash only) fee according to district policy. Electronic devices may be picked up at the end of the school day by a parent only.

Please remember to make arrangements with a teacher to meet before or after school to make up work if a student is absent. This is the responsibility of the student!

Campus Events Times

Parents, in an effort to promote student safety and supervision, please observe the following guidelines for events taking place on campus:

1. Early morning arrivals should not occur before 7:00 a.m. Students who arrive on campus before the doors open at 7:00 a.m. are not supervised and are often out in bad weather. Please do not drop off your student or send him/her to school before 7:00 a.m.

2. Pick up after school should occur within 15 minutes of the scheduled dismissal time.

3. If attending a campus event, a student should leave campus within 15 minutes of the end of the event or plan not to return to campus events in the future.

4. If attending a volleyball game, it is a good idea for students to call you when the score reaches 10 on the last game.

5. If attending a football game, students should call home for a ride at the beginning of the 4th quarter.

6. Dances end at 9:00 p.m. Rides should be here at that time.

Communities In Schools (CIS) is a non-profit organization that has been in Wichita Falls for 8 years. This is the first year that CIS is at McNiel and I am very excited to be here! I am on campus to help the students with a variety of things. Some examples are: Social service needs, uniform assistance, Powerpak program, mentors, tutors, volunteer activities and peer mediation. If at any time you have questions, please feel free to contact me. My email is tkoetter@wfisd.net.

“But, Mom, everyone else has a cell phone!”

Students may possess cell phones at school, but the phones must be turned off, out of sight, and out of hearing from the moment the student enters the building until the final bell at 3:00 p.m.

Students are not allowed to have any of the following items on campus: iPod, mp3, CD player, DVD player, laser pointer, or other electronic devices.

If a student is in non-compliance with this district policy, the phone or device will be taken to the office and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Students or parents may retrieve the cell phone at the end of the school day, but will be charged a $15 (cash only) fee according to district policy. Electronic devices may be picked up at the end of the school day by a parent only.

Please remember that campus events are a privilege to attend. We want students to come to campus events, be involved, support our teams and organizations, but observe some basic policies regarding behavior and exiting the campus. Thank you for your help with this, parents.

Please remember to make arrangements with a teacher to meet before or after school to make up work if a student is absent. This is the responsibility of the student!

Make someone’s day! Smiley face!

Library Info:
Visit our Book Fair beginning Oct. 27.

“Make someone’s day!”

Smiley face!
NEWS FROM THE NURSE...

Students are not allowed to carry medication at school.
Any medication brought to school must be done by an adult and given to the
nurse for it to be kept in the clinic. A medication form signed by the parent
(and doctor if it is a prescription medication) must be brought in with the
medication. If you have a question about this, please call the nurse.

2. All students with asthma should have an inhaler kept at school. A medica-
tion form is required for this.

3. Any student vomiting or with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher
should be kept home to keep from spreading illness. Students must be fever
free for 24 hrs WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication before they
can return to school. Please help us to keep our students healthy by not send-
ing your child to school when they are sick.

Thank you,
Nurse Myracle
940-235-1118 ext. 42008
pmyracle@wfisd.net

Parents can access student grades online through
the Skyward Student Gradebook Access link on
the district’s webpage www.wfisd.net. New users
will need to contact the counselor’s office for login
information. You can also access the link on the
McNiel webpage.

Red Ribbon Week/ Anti-Bully Awareness/
Homecoming week FUN!

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Wear a cap/hat– Put a cap on the
Barwise Eagles!

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Wear camouflage– Sabotage the
Eagles with your camouflage!

Thursday, Oct. 23 – wear NEON colors– Blind the Eagles!
Be Bright! Don’t pick a fight!

Friday, Oct. 24–Twin day– dress like twins day! - Confuse
the Eagles! Pick a friend and Be a friend day!

Monday, Oct. 27– Wear RED to show you are DRUG
FREE!

Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Spirit Day! Wear as much black,
white and silver as possible. No hair dye, face paint or
glitter please! Show your MUSTANG pride, be respectful,
be helpful, and do the right thing!

Friday, Oct. 31 – Scare away Bullies– donate $1 to wear a
costume. Nothing bloody or gory; no weapons or props;
no face paint or hair dye; must be appropriate for school.

**The $1.00 donation will to go to Breast Cancer Aware-
ness.

Please use the school dis-
trict’s website www.wfisd.net
to access the McNiel webpage
and individual teacher
webpages. Homework as-
signments and class work
schedules are posted or
linked each week.

If you attend a junior high
games, the district admission
fee is $4 for an adult and $2
for a student.

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Calendar Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — PSAT test for those signed up by deadline
Saturday, Oct. 11 — Jr. High Region Choir & Orch tryouts
Friday, Oct. 24 — Homecoming dance 7-9 p.m. $5
Tuesday, Oct. 28 — Pep Rally 2:15; Game starts at 4pm
Monday, Oct. 27 — Bookfair begins
Friday, Oct. 24 — Progress Reporting period 2 ends.
Tuesday, Oct. 28 — Progress reports sent home- sign & return
Thursday, Oct. 30 — Fall Choir Concert at McNiel

Semester One Grade Reports

When students get good grades, their parents, relatives, and teachers are proud of them. School becomes more fun and students feel good about themselves as well. Getting good grades requires hard work, but it is worth the effort. Here are the grade reporting times to expect for the fall semester: Progress reports and report cards must be signed and returned each six weeks.

Progress Report 2 — Oct. 28
Six Weeks 2 Report Card — Nov. 12
Progress Report 3 — Dec. 2
Six Weeks 3 Report Card — Jan. 7

Go Mustangs!!!

Join Booster Club for $10 to show your support of MJH athletics and stay informed of activities. Membership forms are available in the front office. Thanks to all our parents, coaches & staff!

If you would like to help the student athletes, please contact Sherri Lucas at sglucas88@gmail.com

Congratulations to our very own Jennifer Briscoe, one of the winners of the prestigious West Teaching Excellence Award! We are very proud of her accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom! Way to go!!!

Giving back to the Community...

Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure— Oct. 11 at 7:30 downtown.
Walk to end Alzheimer’s— Oct. 18 at 7:30; walk begins at 9am.
McNiel T-shirts on sale now to support this cause
HAT DAY— OCT. 14th for $1 donation to support Alzheimer’s awareness

Don’t forget to contact the office if your child is out sick. We must have a parent or doctor’s note on file within 72 hours of the absence.

Check out the McNiel webpage:
www.wfisd.net/mcniel

Booster club needs your help!
They are in need of cases of water to be donated for the student athletes by October 17th.
If you are able to help, please drop your donation off at the front office by October 17th.
Thank you!