

Horseshoe Review

Parent Newsletter



Busy Fall!!

It's been a very busy beginning of school. We want to thank all the parents who helped and contributed to our annual fundraiser selling M Cards. There are so many student organizations at McNiel that this sale supports.

Please remember that the campus is to be cleared of students no later than 3:15 each afternoon. Any student wishing to attend an athletic event (most begin at 4:00 p.m.) must leave campus and return when the event begins. Students are not to remain on campus between school release time and

game time unless they are with a specified coach or sponsor. Thank you for your help on this issue. We look forward to seeing you at events!

As the weather begins to change and get cooler, please consider that the school district dress code for junior high addresses several things that may affect your school clothes shopping. There should be no shredding on denim jeans or skirts. Necklines of shirts should not show any cleavage (this includes cammys worn under another shirt). Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Hair for all students should be a nat-

ural hair color (that means no feathers or hair design cut-ins as well). Tattoos must also be covered. Slipper/house shoe style shoes are not allowed.

If you bring lunch to your child, please note that it is only for YOUR CHILD. It is not permissible to bring food for others. We appreciate your help with this. Remember to sign in at the office, too!

There are many activities scheduled for this six weeks. We hope you will participate in all that McNiel offers.

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“We’ve Got Spirit! Yes, We Do!”



Please support our McNiel Mustangs at the Homecoming Football Game versus Barwise on Monday, Oct. 21. 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. 21. They can cheer on the teams by wearing creative spirit wear, so get out your black, white, and silver to decorate your shirts! Hair can be painted black, white, and silver, but NO face, hair or body paint/ glitter will be allowed in the building at any time.

There should be no colored or glitter spray at school. Please do any coloring/spraying at home. All clothing must still be within the district dress code. Mums are not allowed during school hours. They may be worn at the games. Parents are welcome to attend the pep rally and sit in the designated parent section of the bleachers.

The Homecoming Dance will be on Friday, Oct. 18 (7:00—9:00 p.m.) at the school. Admission for is \$5, for McNiel students only, and parents are welcome to attend. **Students must be picked up at 9:00 p.m.**

*****Please see the dance policy for specifics on procedures and rules at school dances.**

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.

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!

Bravo! Bravo!

Many thanks to all the families who participated in our fundraising effort, the Mustang Cards this year! With the help of students, parents, and staff, we raised several thousand dollars to support student organizations as well as classrooms throughout the building!

pleased! If you didn't purchase a card and would like one (it's WELL worth the investment!), you can contact Mrs. Wolf at 235-1118 to purchase one.

Congratulations also to all our Mustang athletes in Cross Country, Tennis, Volleyball, and Football, and the students in Cheerleading, Pep Squad, and Band who have been working so hard both on and off the field this fall. Your dedication and good sportsmanship show!

Extra thanks to Monica Combs of Grub & Stuff Fundraising for working with us to provide the cards. There are a GREAT bunch of businesses and discounts on the cards and our customers have been very

"Make it a great day or not, the choice is yours!"

For your child's safety and others, please be cautious in the circle drive. Please stay on one side or the other when driving through the drive way. Please do not park in the NO PARKING zones during dismissal. This causes driver visibility problems and a student could get hurt.



Late Work Policy

McNiel Late Work Policy states that late work will only be accepted for a grade no later than the Friday of the week following the assignment's due date. Please encourage your child to turn all assignments in on time!



The orchestra region tryouts are October 19th in Denton, Texas. If students are attending they should be practicing every day. The orchestra class focuses on in class requirements. Please encourage your child to be practicing for this great event!
Watch for more information to come from Mrs. Marquardt.

PTA

McNiel PTA would like to welcome all our new and returning students! If you have a heart for helping and a love of children, then you have found the perfect place within our school! Get connected and join the PTA! Contact Kim Vaughn at vaughnkgb@msn.com.

Forms are available in the office and can be returned to the PTA box in the office with your \$5 membership fee.



Please use the school district's website www.wfisd.net to access the McNiel webpage and individual teacher webpages. Homework assignments and class work schedules are posted or linked each week.

If you attend a junior high volleyball or football game, the district admission fee is \$4 for an adult and \$2 for a stu-



McNiel Lanyards are still available for \$5.00. Please contact Ms. Cross at across@wfisd.net for more information.



Library Info

1. Visit our Book Fair beginning Oct. 26.
2. There is a Book Club that meets every Thursday morning in the Media Center starting about 7:00 a.m. Bring a book and read or come and interact. We look forward to seeing lots of students at the meetings!
3. There are two Edmodo sites for you to join if you would like to get involved. See Mrs. Wolf for the codes to join. It is a protected social media site for students: one is for the library and the other is for the book club.
4. Keep an eye on the library counter for book orders you can purchase that earn books for the library!
5. Look for new books on the table and on top of the biography section in the Media Center.
6. Please take care of your fines for McNiel and/or your elementary school(s).

It pays to read!!

Science Club News

Science Club will continue to work on the Future Cities of America Challenge. They will design a city in SimCity and then build a section out of recycled materials. The first competition will be at UT Arlington with the chance to progress to Nationals in Washington DC. After the competition we will work on designing recyclable art. We meet in F120 Thursdays from 3-4. You can join after your sport season is over.

Parents can access student grades online through the **Family Access/Student Grades** link on the district's webpage www.wfisd.net. Please email Mrs. Wheat for more information on how to access your student's academic information at jwheat@wfisd.net

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE

New this year- ONLY 4 parent notes per semester can be accepted for excused absences.

If you are going to send a note with your child because they were out, please make sure to get it in before the 72 hour deadline! If you miss the deadline the absence will be counted as unexcused.

Also, please be sure to call or email Mrs. Mason if your child is going to be out for any reason.

kmason@wfisd.net or 235-1118

Sign Out Procedure

If you need to sign a student out of school during the school day, policy requires you to come into the office and sign the student out in person. If the student returns to campus during the day, he/she must come back to the office to sign back in. This is for the safety of all of our students. Thank you for your help on this.



Calendar Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 12- Region Choir Denton

Monday, Oct. 14- NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — PSAT test for those signed up by deadline

Thursday, Oct 17- Vision and Hearing Screening (contact the Nurse if you have any questions—pmyracle@wfid.net)

Friday, Oct. 18- School Dance
7-9pm

Monday, Oct. 21- Pep Rally/ Homecoming games

Tuesday, Oct 22- Fall Concert

Nov 15& 16- Region Choir Keller

Nov. 27-29- Thanksgiving Break



Notes from the NURSE:

1. Students are not allowed to carry medication on them. All medication must be brought to the clinic by an adult with the medication form filled out & signed by the parent. (and doctor if it is prescription medication). It must be in a new, sealed container.
2. Please keep students home if they are vomiting or running fever. Students must be fever free (<100) for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. BIG THANK YOU to all of you for getting shots completed in a timely manner. It is very much appreciated!

CHECK OUT THE MCNIEL WEBSITE :

WWW.WFISD.NET/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. 24

Six Weeks 2 Report Card -Nov. 14

Progress Report 3— Dec. 5

Six Weeks 3 Report Card—Jan. 9



Not getting information from school, please contact the office to make sure we have your current email and phone number on file.

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!

Student-led Bible studies are available five days a week at 7:25 in D127. All students are invited!

Yearbook Sales!!!

On sale thru NOV. 1

\$60 for a book

\$85 for a book with traditional baby ads (8th gr. only).

Find out more on McNiel Yearbook Fan Page on Facebook! Don't miss out!!

Our chess club is growing and we would love to have parent support. If you are able to play or would like to learn to play, our club would appreciate your support and it would be a great challenge for our students. Also, we need chaperones at our tournaments! So parents, please go complete your volunteer applications on-line at www.wfid.net— then go to the employment tab for the volunteer application.



(For more information or help contact the office). The first tournament is at Zundy Junior High on Saturday, Oct 5 from 8:15-4:30. Cost for each student to play is \$10 (which covers registration fee, two slices of pizza, and a drink). Students/Parents must provide their own transportation to and from the tournament. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Godby at agodby@wfid.net.