

Horseshoe Review

Parent Newsletter



From the Principal's desk... Tania Rushing

Winter has definitely set in and so has the cold weather! This time of the year reminds us that there are many less fortunate than ourselves. As always, besides, reading, writing and arithmetic, we strive to teach our young people to be good citizens and community members. We are currently collecting canned foods for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank. The cold weather empties the food pantry as people begin to seek shelter and warmth. All students are encouraged to bring canned foods until Friday, November 14th as we do our best to help stock the shelves and feed our community's hungry. All donations are greatly appreciated and the students are having a competition between their fourth period classes to see which class can bring the most in canned food donations.

There are also some changes you may have noticed in our front drive. The exit of the driveway is a two lane exit. When drivers leave McNiel, they MUST turn left from the left hand lane and right from the right hand lane. Because of the many near misses we have had with parents turning left from both lanes, there have been white arrows painted to denote the turning lanes. Please be aware of these turning lanes when leaving our drive. We want to do our best to keep kids, teachers and parents safe.

Lastly, please pick your students up after school in the front of the school or in the back stadium parking lot. The side, north drive is not for picking up students. It is a delivery drive for food service and maintenance. Our young athletes use the north practice field across the drive. Too many times a student has had to run back into the building, or run out to practice and dodged a moving car. Our kids do not always look both ways when crossing. In an effort to keep them safe, please use the front or back for student pick up and use the stadium drives to enter or exit the stadium parking lot. Our maintenance department is in the process of placing signage to help as a reminder.

Thanksgiving is just days away and I want to be the first to wish you and yours a happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for and sometimes we let the daily stressors keep us from remembering what is important. Have a restful Thanksgiving break and take time to enjoy family and friends.

"How Are You Feeling?"

If your child is ill and is vomiting or running fever, please do not give them medications like Tylenol or Advil and send them on to school. A child must be fever free for 24 hours without any medications in order to attend school. Following this plan will help keep everyone on campus healthier this winter.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our students have been working hard in the classroom, in rehearsals, and in the field of competition. We are so proud that Mustangs are active kids who not only excel at academics, but manage to do so while they are involved in lots of activities both in school and out.

Our student athletes and musicians have worked very hard this fall with excellent results. We've had a team of girls represent McNiel at the MSU Math-Science and U Conference. These are just a couple of examples of great things going on at the McNiel campus. Please don't hesitate to be actively involved in your child's life at this age. They do wonderful things that deserve our praise!

Library News...

Thanks to everyone for your support of our recent bookfair. We also appreciate parents who encourage their students to read and help remind them to take care of any library fines.

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Dates to Note:

- ✓ Nov 14 Food donations due
- ✓ Nov 22– City Lights Parade
- ✓ Nov 26-30 Thanksgiving Break
- ✓ Dec 4– Reach for the STAAR– Literacy night- Parent Mtg
- ✓ Dec 5– Winter Dance
- ✓ Dec 11- Christmas Choir Concert
- ✓ Dec 19– Release for Christmas break
- ✓ End of the 1st Semester– 12/19
- ✓ Holiday break Dec. 20- Jan. 5
- ✓ Jan. 6 Kids return to school



PLEASE do not send medicines with your child to school. The nurse has over the counter medicine forms that you must complete in order for medicine to be administered at school. For more information, contact Mrs. Myracle at 235-1118 ext. 42008.

Yearbooks will be on sale through
Dec. 5th

\$60 cash or check
(payable to McNiel)

This is the last chance to have your
student's name engraved on the book!

Check out the McNiel Yearbook Face-
book Fanpage!

Disney Participants

- Fundraiser forms and money are due Nov 14th.
- Next payment of \$275 is due Nov 21st regardless if you are participating in fundraising.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Borton at
jborton@wfid.net
or
Mrs. Sellman at
sm sellman@wfid.net.

**Remember to watch dead-
lines and homework due
dates! Late work effects stu-
dent averages in a negative
way.**

**You can find assignments
and project information on
the McNiel website.**

www.wfid.net/mcniel



In the Kitchen...

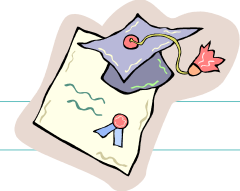
According to federal guide-
lines, parents can bring food
for their own children, but not
for others.

Please pay all cafeteria charg-
es by the 27th of each month.
Don't hesitate to use
myschoolbucks.com for your
lunch account needs.

Questions? Call café manager
at 235-1118 ext. 42009!!



Is your child interested in UIL
competition? Contact Mrs.
Mitchell at jmitchell@wfid.net
for more information about the
UIL academic competitions.



Contact counselor Jackie
Wheat for more information or sug-
gestions about parenting classes
you would like to see offered at
McNiel. 235-1118 ext. 42013.

Title 1 Information for MJH

- ⇒ Title 1 provides funding to qualifying schools to improve educational oppor-
tunities for underachieving students so that they might be more successful
in regular programs and attain grade level proficiency.
- ⇒ As part of Title 1, we have to have a written policy regarding parent in-
volvement. We need your input as to how and what you would like present-
ed at McNiel to best serve you and your family.
- ⇒ Current meetings held at McNiel: PTA meetings, Booster club meetings,
Meet the Teacher night, Parent Conferences (first report card), and Coun-
selor meetings (at least 2 per year; varying topics)

***Ways for parents to be involved...

*Site Based Decision Making Team has 2 parent members

*PTA, Athletic Booster Club, Music Booster Club

*Many athletic & cheer events, music concerts, NJHS events, ban-
quets, and honor award ceremonies

**Ways we address student progress...

*Student Support Team (SST) meets to discuss struggling students
and their needs

*Response to Intervention (RtI) is used to help monitor progress and
implement accommodations in the classroom to assist the student.

**How do we stay in contact with you?

*Progress reports go home approximately every three weeks and a
report card goes home at the end of a six weeks grading period

*We encourage you to use the website www.wfid.net/mcniel

*We encourage you to use the Family Access option on the district
website to monitor your child's grades

*The school report card is issued by January. It can be viewed at
www.tea.state.tx.us.



Communities In Schools hosted the National School Lunch Week from October 13-17th and it was a huge success! McNeil parents are the best at showing support for their child and their school. For the week, we had 49 parents come into the school to sit and have lunch with their student. That is amazing! Thank you parents for your support.

MJH Hoops News

Games at WFISD will begin at 4:00. The order is 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A . Tickets at the back gym door are \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

See www.wfisd.net/McNiel for specific schedule information.

Teens Make a Difference!

Teens Make a Difference Day wasn't just one day this year, but was the entire month of October. The Non-Profit Center hosts this event and the purpose is to have teens give back to their community by participating in projects all around Wichita Falls. Communities In Schools partnered with Ms. Cross' Yearbook class to help cleanup River Bend Nature Center after their Not So Scary Halloween event. We completed our project on October 18th and the kids worked hard cleaning up trash, moving tables, and taking down all the Halloween decorations. The students did all the work with out one complaint. Great job kids!



Basketball Schedules:

Girls

- Nov. 17 at Vernon**
- Nov. 24 at Kirby**
- Dec. 4 at McNeil**
- Dec. 8 Open**
- Dec. 11 & 13 WFISD Tournament-TBA**
- Dec. 15 at Barwise**

Boys

- Nov. 17 at McNeil**
- Nov. 24 at McNeil**
- Dec. 4 at Burkburnett**
- Dec. 8 Open**
- Dec. 11 & 13 WFISD Tournament-TBA**
- Dec. 15 at McNeil**

Check out the next newsletter for the spring athletic schedules!

If your child must miss school, please be sure to remind them that they must contact their teachers to get any make up work from the time they missed. It is also their responsibility to attend before school or after school tutorial sessions for reteach instruction or assistance.

We need you...



If you or someone you know would like to become a mentor, please contact Mrs. Wheat at 235-1118 or jwheat@wfisd.net.

Partners in Education: PIE

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the following businesses for supporting our school:

- STRIPES convenient stores**
- Bahama Bucks**