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# The Howler

## Mock Elections

Mock Elections will be held at McFee for all students from Kindergarten through Fifth grade. We hope that students will gain an understanding of why voting is so important, and that their vote counts.

“Voting booths” will be set up in the computer lab and students will be able to vote for which candidate they choose in the Presidential Election.

In addition to “voting” for a president, students will have the choice of choosing a school goal for our AR. Some of the goals we have had in the past are...Mrs. Harden kissed a pig, Mrs. Harden sat in a pool of jello and the Administrative Team performed a step routine for the school.

## READ for the RECORD

Jumpstart’s *Read for the Record*® is a national campaign launched over a decade ago that helps address educational inequities that leave too many children unprepared for kindergarten.

Each year, Jumpstart selects one children’s book as the catalyst for Read for the Record. This year’s official campaign book is *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, students and adults gathered for the world’s largest shared reading experience at McFee. We had a total of 1177 people.

Good job McFee!

## Adventure Dash

Adventure Dash is coming to McFee!

Adventure Dash is a high-energy fundraising company dedicated to serve school districts across the country.

AD uses fun-filled, age appropriate obstacle courses as a way to show that no obstacle will be too hard to overcome when trying to achieve a goal. They employ teamwork through the classrooms to help encourage everyone to work together.

Sponsoring a student for one of our races will be a way to show that you believe they will accomplish their goals and set a foundation for the future.

McFee’s Adventure Dash Fundraiser will begin on November 30<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 9, 2016.

More information about Adventure Dash will follow.



## A Big Thanks to..

A thank you goes out to Hungry Howie's and Marco's Pizza.

Roscoe Overton of Hungry Howie's at 6133 North Fry Rd. Mr. Overton donated money to McFee to cover the cost for buses so that some of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students could attend a U of H football game.



We would also like to thank Marco's pizza at 3939 N. Fry Road. Ryan Justus, the District Manager supplied a pizza lunch for the entire McFee staff in October.



Thanks again to Hungry Howie's and Marco's Pizza for reaching out to McFee. We value your support.

## Athlete of the Month for October

The following students have earned this recognition and are the Athletes of the Month for October:

K- Yazmin Barabata  
1<sup>st</sup>- Giselle Vasquez

2<sup>nd</sup>-Haadi McGhee  
3<sup>rd</sup>- Janelle Yutuc  
4<sup>th</sup>- Jonathan McCaskill  
5<sup>th</sup>- Allison Herrera

## McFee Recognizes Campus WATCH D.O.G.S.

McFee Elementary is fortunate to have had so many Watch Dads of Great Students (D.O.G.S.) request to serve McFee Elementary. These great dads have served as positive role models for students, provided an extra layer of security by patrolling the campus, and volunteer in classroom to engage with students.

We would like to recognize Mr. Jorge Patino (father of Ike and Ian Patino), Mr. Tom Lincoln (father to Tom Lincoln, III), Mr. Jonero Hogan ( father of Daloni Harris), Mr. Kristopher Carter (father of Samera Carter), Mr. Johnson Amah (father of Amarchi and Chidera Amah), and Mr. Daniel Snodgrass (father of Darren Snodgrass).

We are so thankful to have our wonderful fathers support our school and students at McFee.

If you are interested in learning more about Watch D.O.G.S. , please contact Carla Butler at [carla.butler@cfisd.net](mailto:carla.butler@cfisd.net) or call 281-463-5681.



## Upcoming Events

**November 7, 2016** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program @ 6:30pm

**November 15, 2016** – College Carnival / Family Reading Night 5:30-7:30

**November 21 – 25, 2016** – Thanksgiving Break

**November 30, 2016** – Adventure Dash Kick off

**December 1, 2016** – Progress Reports go home

**December 2, 2016** – Picture Retakes

**December 6, 2016** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Program @ 6:30 pm

**December 9, 2016** – End of Adventure Dash

**December 13, 2016** – Choir Program night @ 6:30pm

**December 14, 2016** – Marco's Pizza night

**December 16, 2016** – Holiday Parties

**December 19 – January 2, 2017** – Winter Break

**January 3, 2017** – Classes Resume

### No Visitors on Campus

McFee has been designated as a polling place for the General Elections on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Due to the high traffic that we are sure to experience, we ask that you not visit the campus for meetings or to have lunch with your child.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## AR Goals

### 50% of Yearly Goal

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Daushod Froe, Lysandra Reducindo Ruiz, Lucas Colca, Angel Torres-Vitela,

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Christopher Caratao, Ailene Del Cid, Karla Gomez, Gavin Jones, Gizelle Jones, Barbara Salazar, Belle Herrera, Dalinda Penado, Trae'Vion Phelgm, Steven March, Alexa Rangel, Daniella Rivas,

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Daniel Barabata Jr., Chidozie Kalu, Grace Melgar,

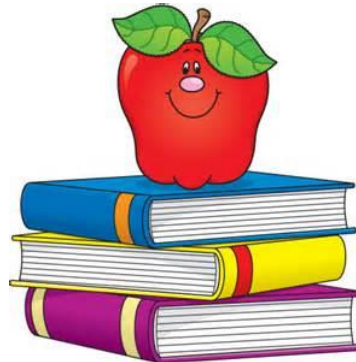
### 75% of Yearly Goal

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Oluwanifemi Johnson,

### 100% of Yearly Goal

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Dagan Moncada, Winson Tran, Kaleb Davis,

***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss***





# HORIZONS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

A Guide to Parent Referrals for GT Program Eligibility in CFISD

A parent's first step is to review the information located on the HORIZONS website:

[www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/](http://www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/) especially

- Program Overview
- Parent Information
- Testing for the HORIZONS Program

Parents should discuss appropriateness of GT testing referrals with child's teacher(s) and/or campus elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

**HORIZONS Testing Open-Referral Period: October 3 through December 2, 2016**

Parents and teachers can refer students for testing.

Parents/guardians can obtain the **Parent Survey and Permission to Test** form from their child's campus.

Completed forms must be returned to the elementary campus Counselor or the secondary Director of Instruction **by December 2, 2016**.

Late forms will **NOT** be honored.

Referred students' information is placed on the Mid-year Testing Roster by Counselors/Directors of Instruction; students are then scheduled for testing.

Testing is administered on campus during school hours on a date set by the campus during the district testing window.

Testing includes the administration of two nationally-normed standardized abilities tests.

Students who score 130 or higher on the abilities tests qualify for HORIZONS services. Results are then sent home to parents from each campus.

Students who do not score 130 as a minimum score on the abilities tests do not qualify for HORIZONS services. Parents of students with scores of 125-129 may wish to view information about the appeal process contained in the **Appeal Process** guide.