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A Title 1 School

# The Howler

## Open House

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

This is a time for you to come in, meet the teacher, learn about classroom schedules, assignments and so much more.

In an effort for parents with multiple children to see more than one teacher, we are having three 30 minute sessions. You will only need to attend one session for each child.

Times are as follows:

5:30 – 6:00

6:10 – 6:40

6:50 – 7:20

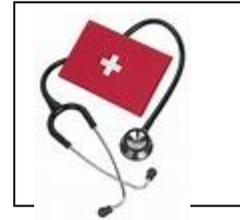
Be on the lookout for your Parent Orientation Flyer with more details. Take note, though: **doors close at 7: 00**, so you want to be sure to be here before then. You don't want to miss this event!

## Boy Scout Rally

The Boy Scouts of America will be hosting their annual recruitment rallies on September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at McFee Elementary. Times are from 6:45 – 8:30pm. If you are interested, please meet the Boy Scouts in the Cafeteria.

## A Note from the Nurse

Should your Timberwolf require medications during the school day, please provide the school nurse with *medicines in properly labeled containers*. Please do not send medicines in child's backpack.



## WATCH D.O.G.S

McFee Elementary will be introducing a new program at the campus this year called, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students).

The purpose of this program is to provide positive male role models for students, as well as, to provide extra eyes and ears to enhance school security.

This program invites all male role models in the home environment to sign up for at least one day in the year to be present on the campus for one full day.

To learn more about this national program, visit <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/watch-d-o-g-featured-on-abc-world-news/>

Our first meeting will be held at McFee on September 13, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## McFee Needs Mentors and Volunteers

Welcome back to a wonderful new school year. Successful schools become stronger when parents, teachers and students work together to create a community of learners.

At McFee, we welcome parents to become active partners in our school community and invite you to volunteer or mentor a student.

If you would like to mentor a student, you must attend a training session, consent to a criminal record check and complete a mentor application by visiting [www.cfid.net/mentor](http://www.cfid.net/mentor). You only have to attend one 1 hour training at the Berry Center.

The following are upcoming dates for trainings:  
Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-10:00; Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00; Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00; Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00

We would also love to welcome parents into the school to provide support for the teachers and students. You can help out by volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carla Butler at [carla.butler@cfisd.net](mailto:carla.butler@cfisd.net) or 281-463-5681. Our students deserve all of our support, because we must get them ready for a successful life and a pathway to college.

Can we depend on you for your support?

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser kickoff

Our annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser kick off is scheduled for September 19, 2016.

Students will be participating in a kick off rally during their large group time. Student incentives include a daily drawing, prize packages and participation in a Kona Ice Party.

Please remember all sales are cash only.

## Stay Connected

Social networking sites are more popular than ever, and they've changed the way people use the Internet. Some of the most popular sites are Facebook, Google+, and Twitter. These sites allow people to keep in touch with their friends, share links, plan events, and more. Below you will find a few ways to "Stay Connected" with McFee Elementary.

**McFee Facebook page** – Get updates about upcoming school events and general happenings at McFee.

**McFee School Webpage** – [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net)>Parents&students>schools, then search for McFee.

**Remind 101** – Receive text messages regarding inclement weather dismissal. Text (469)208-6474

**Schoolmessenger** – the district's mass notification system, will keep you informed about district and school activities and most importantly, accurate, real-time information during an emergency

## Upcoming Events

**September 5, 2016** – Student Holiday

**September 6, 2016** – Open House from 5:30-7:30pm

**September 7, 2016** – Boy Scout Rally @ 7:45

**September 13, 2016** – Watch D.O.G.S. parent meeting from 5:30-7:30pm

**September 19, 2016** – Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

**September 20, 2016** – Girl Scout Rally @ 6:45pm

**September 22, 2016** – Boy Scout Rally @ 6:45pm

**September 27, 2016** – Family Fitness Night

**October 4, 2016** – Fundraiser Ends

**October 10, 2016** – Parent Conferences (Student Holiday)

**October 10 – 14, 2016** – Fall Book Fair

**October 11, 2016** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day

**October 12, 2016** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field Day

**October 13, 2016** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day

**October 20, 2016** – Fall Picture Day

situation. For more information go to [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net) and click on Schoolmessenger .

Parents of McFee Timberwolves!

Welcome to McFee - and thank you for a fabulous first week of school! We hit the ground running and haven't looked back since the first day of school. Your children are already into their academic instruction and expanding their learning. Teachers are committed to getting to know their students on a personal level and doing whatever they can to create a learning environment where each child can be successful. We are all working hard getting to know each other and you! I appreciate your patience and support as we go through the "growing pains" that always accompany every new year.

One of the (many) things I've bragged on since school opened is the positive impression so many of you have left on the office staff and me. I am so impressed with the support and understanding you have offered to your children, to this staff, and to this school. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have already done! I'm looking forward to getting to know you better as the year progresses.

We owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to the parents who have already agreed to volunteer their time here at school in many different areas. Please know that you are valued and appreciated.

Please know that your input into how to create and maintain a strong learning environment, as well as your suggestions and ideas for improvement, are valued and solicited. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, your child's assistant principal, or me whenever we can be of service to you!

Sincerely,  
Donna Harden, Principal

# Child Find

is a process designed to identify, locate, and evaluate individuals from birth to 21 years of age who may need special education and related services.

If you are the parent of a pre-school (age 3-5) or school aged child and are concerned because of a physical, speech, emotional or academic problem which could interfere significantly with educational success, we encourage you to contact the Special Education Department at 281-897-6400 or your home campus to discuss your concerns and learn more about the referral process.

