Welcome to a new year at McNair!

Welcome Back McNair Families! My name is Judy Weiner and I am honored to be your PTA President again this year. And boy what a year it will be! Many of your PTA Board Members have been hard at work all summer long planning some wonderful, family fun events for you to enjoy. Plus, many of those events will be happening in quick succession, so hold onto your hats.

Our first event happens on September 18th, and it will be both our PTA general meeting at 6 and our DADS dinner at 6:30. Yes, you read that right. The Commander DADS will be cooking dinner once again to start our year off with a bang. I’m sure you will want to mark that date down...take the night off from cooking and enjoy yourself with family and friends. On the heels of that, we have our Fall Festival on October 9th and then the Fall Book Fair beginning the 2nd of November. These events, as well as all the others that we have planned this year, will need lots and lots of volunteers. That’s where you come in.

Now before you give me all your excuses on why you can’t help, let me give you a reason why you should.....the students. All of us on the PTA have children! I have two seniors at Guyer High School and my daughter is now in 5th grade. All of us have jobs, whether it’s being a mom or a mom plus. I happen to also be a substitute teacher for Denton ISD. We are all busy with other things in our lives, but we find the time to volunteer because IT MATTERS. When you have planned, prepared and even stressed over an event, all that disappears when you see the faces, the excitement on the faces of the students here at McNair. They are SO happy with what we can do for them; what we are able to accomplish with just a little extra work and helping hands. IT MATTERS...so think about helping us to accomplish our goals and our events. There are plenty for you to choose from. Become a part of something more ...I bet you will enjoy it.

So, if you think you would like to be a volunteer or even a PTA member and board member, feel free to contact me. I am always around the school, or just an email away. Or if you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to forward them to me as well at ptpresident4mcnair.gmail.com.

Please, consider helping out this year; we could really use the hands. Until then, have a great first 6 weeks of school!

Sincerely,
Judy Weiner
PTA President

Check us out on Facebook!
McNair Elementary PTA
The new school year is off and running, and we’re already making forward progress! Thank you for your partnership and support. We have many goals, but one main focus involves providing parents and students with multiple ways to access information, assistance, and guidance.

We are hosting parent gatherings called “Commanders Connect.” We want parents to attend the grade level event to help with your child’s transition to a new class and grade level. And, to help families connect with teachers and other families in the same grade level! See our campus website for all the dates and times.

We are also piloting new ways to share student learning and growth with Class DoJo and Seesaw Student Journals. During this pilot year, teachers in a variety of grade levels, will “test” the effectiveness of both programs. We will gather data, along with student and parent input, and make a decision regarding campus-wide integration in 2016-17. Thank you for letting your child’s teacher(s) know if you find either program helpful and supportive!

Both initiatives align with our Mission Mantras: Caring in Technicolor and #iCAN@McNair!

Lastly, we are expanding social media presence by adding a McNair Campus Facebook page which will be open to the public. This site will not replace the McNair PTA Facebook page, which was designed for parents and families who have been given access to this protected/closed group. The McNair Campus Facebook site will be open so all parents and community members may access the site for announcements, highlights, and celebrations. Did you know more than 70% of ALL adults in the U.S. have a Facebook page and access their page daily?

✍ Let’s Make It A GREAT Year!
Dr. Debbie Cano

From The Nurse

• **K-2 Parent’s please send a change of clothes with your child.** You will be asked to bring a change of clothes if one is not provided.
• Please make sure you child has all medication needed for safe and prompt treatment. All medication must have a medication form on file.
• All students with vision or hearing impairments need to have their corrective aids daily.
Hello McNair Commander Families! I am so excited to be the assistant principal of not only a wonderful school, but such an involved and caring community. My husband is the associate principal at Guyer High School, and we’re both so happy to be serving the same community of students and parents! One of the most important things to me is having strong relationships with the staff, students and families. With this type of relationship, we’re able to ensure that our kiddos are being taken care of in all aspects of their lives as we all work together. I’ve spoken to many of you in person, by phone or by email, and I encourage you to reach out to me with any concerns, questions or just to get to know me better! I look forward to making this a great and memorable school year for you and your students.

Lacey Hailey
Mark your calendars now for our McNair Fall Festival happening on Friday, October 9th. There will be lots of fun and games for the whole family to enjoy. Plus we have lots of new, exciting silent auction items to bid on, including The Natural Bridges Caverns, Trinity Forest Adventure Park and the Grapevine Historical Train to name a few. So, keep your eyes peeled for more information coming home soon!

**Bakers Needed**
Do you like to bake goodies??? Well then, we need you. The Fall Festival is coming and we will need lots of delicious cakes, pies, brownies, etc. for the cake walk as well as the bake sale. So, if you are able to bake something, please let me know. Please fill out the following information and send in with your student. Thanks so much for all your support!

Name:___________________________
Phone:_____________________________
Email: __________________________

State law requires that anyone who has direct contact with students, including volunteers, undergo a criminal background check.

All volunteers are required to reapply each year. Please visit DentonISD.org and search for Volunteer Application to complete the background check.

**WHY VOLUNTEER?** Your hours benefit the students, teachers and staff. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE and every minute counts. Annual volunteer hours factor in funding, the district’s bond rating, district recognition, and exemplary state ranking. Thank you for volunteering your time!

Counselor’s Corner

Welcome back! Our theme this year is Caring in Technicolor, and our character quality for the 1st 6 weeks is **kindness**. We have been talking during guidance classes about being “Bucket-fillers”. Ask your student to tell you about what they’ve done to fill someone’s bucket. We will celebrate kindness with "Kindness Rocks" Day on September 10th. Students are encouraged to dress like a rock star.

Caring in Technicolor: “Show Your Colors” Day will be September 24th. Students in each grade level will dress in the same color to represent their grade level. Kindergarten is wearing purple; 1st grade is wearing green; 2nd grade is wearing orange; 3rd grade is wearing red; 4th grade is wearing blue; and 5th grade is wearing black.

**Student Council**

Student council has been hard at work making McNair a great place to learn! Some students even came to work before school started so we could meet and plan for the year.

They also represented McNair at the first Denton ISD school board meeting by leading the pledges. A big thank you to Dr. Cano and Ms. Chapman for our new student council shirts.
Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I’m looking forward to all the great things we will learn about and create in the art room.

Throughout the year we will learn about the elements and principles of art. In addition, we will study many types of art from cultures around the world and make connections between art and our everyday lives. We will explore a variety of media and methods used to create artwork. Students in fifth through kindergarten will collect their artwork in a portfolio. The portfolio will be used as a reflection tool for the kids to note their progress on lessons studied during the year. At the end of the year they will bring everything home to share with you. In the meantime, student work will hang in the hallways of the school and pictures will be posted on the McNair Art Room Facebook page and on Twitter @McNairArtRoom.

Tuesday, September 15th is International Dot Day. This celebration is inspired by the book, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. It is a day to celebrate bravery, creativity, and self-expression. In honor of this day students are working hard on dot inspired projects and can wear dot clothing on September 15.

Thank you for your continued support of our special area programs. We could not do it without you!

Jodi Dallas
Art Teacher

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**GREETINGS FROM MCNAIR PE!**

Are we having fun this year in PE or what? Ms. Metzler and Ms. DuPont are so excited about all of the fun exercises and games that we are planning for you this year!

There are a couple of things that we want to make you aware of:

1. **Please have your kiddos wear TENNIS SHOES every day!** It’s just safer for your child to wear them to school as opposed to sandals, flip-flops or slip-on shoes. Your child is active in other areas of the school throughout the day other than just PE. There is GONOODLE in the classroom, RECESS on the playground and even ELA, our garden, loves when kids wear tennis shoes so that rocks and wood chips do not scratch their feet!

2. **BOX TOPS, BOX TOPS, BOX TOPS-** We have a [big red bucket](#) (that looks like a trash can, but it is not 🧺) across from the front office that says, BOX TOPS. Please put your box tops in a baggie with your teachers’ name on it and conveniently drop them into [BOB, THE BOX TOP BUCKET](#) (yes, he has a name)! We have also placed box top-themed sheets above [BOB](#) that makes sending in your box tops a whole lot easier! You can always get more fun sheets and play cool games that will allow us to earn more money for our school. **CHECK IT OUT** at [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) (Box Tops for Education).

If you have any questions, please contact:
Sandy Metzler or Anissa DuPont
Smetzler@dentonisd.org/adupont@dentonisd.org
McNair is starting a new reading incentive program on August 31 called Commanders Read. The Commanders Read Program is an optional reading incentive program designed to motivate and reward students for reading a variety of books. Students will not receive a grade for participating, and participation is not required. Students who complete each card will receive a bead for each book read. The chain with beads will be displayed in the classroom. Students completing all four cards will participate in our Commanders Read celebration at the end of the school year. Look for more information to be coming home soon or check out the McNair website. Our goal is to encourage kids to read and develop a lifelong love for reading.

Did you know that McNair has over 400 eBooks that students can check out and read on a computer or tablet? Go to the McNair Library Website and click on the eBook link. The webpage explains how to access the eBooks and check them out.

http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/43743

McNair’s Environmental Learning Area (ELA) is needing volunteers to help pull weeds. Can you give a little time during your day to help out? Please contact Mrs. Sardina ssardina@dentonisd.org

ELA News

Brick Pathway Fundraiser

Please help McNair make a beautiful and memorable pathway for our Environment Learning Area (E.L.A.) by honoring your child, family or teacher with a brick paver. Examples might be: In Honor of Abby Ty Teeter 2008-2009 or The Hill Family loves McNair. We use the engraved bricks to border the pathways around the garden. You can purchase the brick for $45. We pay ACME brick $15 and $30 is used to pay for the garden. Simply fill out the form below and enclose a check to DPSF (Denton Public School Foundation) or make a payment on-line with a credit card on the McNair Website under ELA or this link: http://www.give2schools.org/cat.asp?id=285FFF1F80F24156B531F1A7F746DAC9

For any questions, contact Sheree Sardina 940-369-3600

Customer Name: _______________________________ Phone: _______________________________

Email: _______________________________

Line 1

Line 2
This year, the yearbook cover will be created by a student at McNair. Here are the requirements for the cover art:

1. Must be drawn vertically on an 8 ½” x 11” piece of paper

2. Must be drawn and colored in MARKER

3. Name and teacher must be written ON THE BACK of the drawing

4. Drawing must represent McNair Commanders. Be creative!

5. Turn in your entry to your child’s teacher by October 15th.

6. Winner will be announced Mid October.

Don’t forget to take LOTS of pictures of all McNair events this year. Once you have some collected, please burn them to a CD and label it with the grade level, event, and teacher name if necessary and send it to your child’s teacher. You may also email pictures to us!

If you have any questions about the yearbook, please contact Jessie Peterson at Mcnairyearbook1@gmail.com
McNair Yearbook Announcements

There is still time to order a McNair Elementary Yearbook! Cost of the yearbook is $25 until November 1, 2015. You can send cash or check with this order form or you can order online at www.pt-avenue.com to reserve your child’s copy of the yearbook!

Parent Name: ___________________________ Number of Yearbooks ordering: ___

Child Name: ___________________________ Grade/Teacher: __________________________
Child Name: ___________________________ Grade/Teacher: __________________________

I would like to order a Parent Dedication Ad:

____1/8 page ($40) _____ ¼ page ($60) _____ ½ page ($80) _____ full page ($100)

Parent email address: ____________________________

Grandparents Week September 8–11!!!
Please contact your child’s teacher for more information on specific times!!
Express your artistic talents!

with PTA Reflections
in the categories of dance choreography, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film production, and literature

2015-2016 Theme
Let your Imagination Fly

All submissions must be turned in no later than October 30, 2015!!
COMMANDER DADS

What: Every Commander Dad gets to choose a day to volunteer and spend time with their child as well as other students on campus. We also attend and assist at McNair events.

Who: Dads, Step-Dads, Grandpas, Uncles...
If you are a father figure in a McNair child’s life you are welcome!

Dogs with Dads
Dinner & Information Night
Friday Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm
$1/person (Hot Dog, Chips, Drink)
T-Shirts Available for Order @ event w/ cash, check, or card!

Please email Derek Newman with any questions:
commanderdadsmcnair@gmail.com

*If you are unable to attend the $1 Dinner & Information Night, please complete the bottom portion and return with cash or check payment to your child’s teacher. Checks made payable to McNair Elementary PTA.

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Child’s Name/Grade/Teacher: _______________________________________

Child’s Name/Grade/Teacher: _______________________________________

Child’s Name/Grade/Teacher: _______________________________________

T-Shirts $14/each (Qty and Size): ___ AS ___ AM ___ AL ___ AXL ___ AXXL

Total Due: $_________________
Purchase discounted North Texas football tickets with promo code from your PTA.

$2 of each ticket sold is donated to <SCHOOL> PTA.

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