



*“Together, We Make a Difference!”*

# THE MANATEE MESSENGER

McMullen Booth Elementary Newsletter—727-669-1800

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## Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! I am thrilled to be serving the McMullen Booth learning family this year as your Acting Principal. I count myself fortunate and blessed to have been a part of the McMullen Booth family since we opened our doors in 1997. At that time, we blended students and families from three surrounding schools to form a new learning family. This year, we are faced with similar circumstances. We are blending our existing school community with students and families from many different schools across our district. I want to enthusiastically welcome each and every one of you, new and familiar alike, to the new learning year and invite you to be a partner with us as we work to create a positive learning and school experience for your children! I thank you for your support as we work together to make this the best year yet at McMullen Booth! Our mantra this year is Commitment, Character, Curriculum and Celebration! We have a commitment to each other, we live character every day, we strive to provide the best curriculum and instructional practices available, and we celebrate our successes both big and small! We ask you to join us as partners in our efforts, because we can't do it without you! Join us whenever you can, there are many opportunities to be involved. No effort is too small, as everything we do for our students counts! Please join us in living our motto, "We are McMullen-Booth! Together, we make a difference!"

~ Sherry Aemisegger, Acting Principal

### Dates To Remember

Aug. 31-Sept 11	Book Fair, Media Center
Sept. 1	Open House, Grades Pre-K, ESE, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 7:00 pm
Sept. 3	Open House, Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm
Sept. 7	Labor Day, No School
Sept. 8	Market Day Pickup, 3:00-4:00 pm Cafeteria
Sept. 16	Individual Picture Day
Sept. 25	Volunteer Orientation, 9:00 am, Cafeteria
Oct. 16	Pro Ed Day, No School for Students
Oct. 19-23	Art/Music Class Visitations
Oct. 31	Fall Festival, 11:00 am- 4:00 pm
Nov. 4	Picture Retake Day

### School Hours

Our school hours are 8:35 am – 2:50 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday school hours are 8:35 am – 1:35 pm. Students should not arrive on campus before 8:20 am and should be picked up promptly at dismissal. Students not picked up in a timely manner will be supervised by our after-school care provider, RClub, at a cost to the parent. To avoid being marked tardy students should be in their classroom seats BEFORE the 8:35 am bell rings.

Thank you!

### Parking Information

If you wish to walk your child into school in the morning, we ask that you park in the front parking lot by the flagpole and front office. Then you may walk your child into school. The front parking lot is **NOT** a student drop-off. Students must be walked in by their parent in this area.

### Crossing Guards

This school year we have one (1) crossing guard at Union Street in front of our school and three (3) crossing guards located at Sunset Point Road and Abbey Lake Road.

### School Office Hours

The school office personnel will answer telephones and be available in the front office during the hours of 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.



# Community Happenings

The following flyers are located in the school office, and you are welcome to stop by and pick up any papers that interest you.

\*Boy Scout Information Meeting, September 15, 7:00 pm, McMullen Booth Elementary School cafeteria, Call 391-3800 or visit [www.wcfcbsa.org](http://www.wcfcbsa.org) for more information.

*The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring the events nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the activity.*



## FAMILY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Welcome to another wonderful school year at McMullen Booth. I look forward to your involvement in our Volunteer program. There are many exciting opportunities for you to become a special part of our school community. Please let me help you find the perfect one!

Please remember you must be registered and approved before you may begin volunteering. I would encourage all parents to register now so processing is complete prior to any activities or field trips your child's class may plan. A copy of your photo ID must accompany your volunteer registration form. Only approved volunteers may participate. For the safety of our students No Exceptions will be made. Once approved, volunteers need to sign in at the volunteer computer each visit. A volunteer nametag must be worn while on campus.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us out prior to the start of school and during the very busy first week. Your help made for a smooth school opening!

Our theme this year will be "Step Into Action...Volunteer." We hope to see many of you here each day!

**Save the Date!** Our Volunteer Orientation & Coffee will be held on Friday, September 25 at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. Come & hear about the wonderful world of volunteering at McMullen Booth! Hope to see you there.

~ **Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison**

## We Need It!

Please be sure to return the important forms such as the clinic emergency card, volunteer registration form, library checkout form, etc., that were sent home with every student in a large brown envelope on the first day of school. These forms are VERY important.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this yearly ritual!



## Label It Or Lose It!

Please label all of your student's items such as lunch box, water bottle, jacket, sweatshirt, etc., with a permanent marker. Please use the student's LAST name when labeling these items since we have many children named "John, Katie and Zach!" Thank you!



## MARKET DAY FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

**Market Day** is our school's monthly fundraising program where you can buy restaurant-quality food at grocery store prices. A percentage of your purchase benefits our school. An order form will be sent home with your student each month – please watch for it! The order form must be returned to school by the date indicated on the back. Online ordering is also available. Order pick-ups take place in our school cafeteria from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm on the pick-up date indicated on the form. Payment is made on delivery.

Please take the time to participate in this rewarding fundraising program! Volunteers are also needed to help sort and distribute the Market Day products on delivery days. Not available to help on those days? We also need help with “at home” tasks such as making reminder phone calls. If you can help us out please call Barbara Hajko, Family & Community Liaison, at 669-1800.

### Yearbook Information

Our school's yearbook is a beautiful, hard-bound, full-color keepsake that you and your child will cherish for years to come. If you would like to see last year's yearbook, you can ask to see one in the front office as well as in the media center. You will find an order form in the information packet that went home with your child on the first day of school. If you would like to reserve a yearbook for your child, please fill out the form, attach payment, and return it with the other paperwork. The Yearbooks are delivered at the end of the school year. We do not purchase yearbooks to sell at the end of the year. Unfortunately, we don't have a budget that allows us to purchase additional books. Only preordered, prepaid books will go to print. So, please, take the time now to decide whether or not you wish to have a yearbook held in your child's name. If you purchase a book, you will receive a receipt. Please keep this receipt in a safe place in case there is any confusion on the day of delivery. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Vonhof or Laura Pohl. Also, the Yearbook Committee needs a volunteer in each classroom to take pictures of various events and activities - in just that classroom - during the year. If you can help in this role, please let me know. Looking forward to a “Memorable” year!

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Yearbook Committee Volunteers



### Fall Festival Is Coming October 31st!

Volunteers for setup and takedown and ticket sales are needed. Please contact Laura Pohl at [lauralpohl@yahoo.com](mailto:lauralpohl@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

Detailed information about the festival will be forthcoming.

### Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

The Fall Book Fair is coming August 31 – Sept. 11, and we need volunteers to help with this wonderful event in the Media Center. Please call Michelle Marcatos at 787-5040 if you have a few hours to help. The Book Fair will be open 8:00 am – 3:00 pm as well as evening hours of 6:30 – 8:30 pm during the Open House on Sept. 1 (PreK, ESE, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>) and Sept. 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>).

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Good News from the Cafeteria!

You can now manage your student's cafeteria account online! Please refer to the informational flyer that was included in your first day packet or go to [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com) or call 800-961-2103 for more information.



# GOOD MORNING!

# McMullen's Cafe



### Week of 8/31-9/4

- Mon 8/31** Sausage & Cheese Frittata  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar
- Tues 9/1** Pancake Sausage Sandwich  
Cereal  
Grits
- Wed 9/2** Breakfast Pizza Pocket  
Cereal  
Oatmeal
- Thurs 9/3** Chicken on a Biscuit  
Cereal  
Grits
- Fri 9/4** Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal

### Week of 9/7-9/11

- Mon 9/7** **NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY**
- Tues 9/8** Ham & Egg on Muffin  
Cereal  
Grits
- Wed 9/9** Cheese Grits & Sausage  
Cereal  
Oatmeal
- Thurs 9/10** Pancakes  
Cereal  
Grits
- Fri 9/11** Tastries  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

### Week of 8/31-9/4

- Mon 8/31** #1 Popcorn Chicken  
#2 Baked Potato w/Cheese  
#3 None  
#4 Chef's Salad  
#5 Turkey Sandwich
- Tue 9/1** #1 Tacos  
#2 Honey BBQ Nuggets  
#3 Yogurt Parfait  
#4 Veggie Dip Salad  
#5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Wed 9/2** #1 Cheese Burger  
#2 Hot Dog  
#3 Macaroni & Cheese  
#4 Chicken BLT Salad  
#5 Tuna Salad Sandwich
- Thur 9/3** #1 Breaded Chicken  
#2 Spaghetti  
#3 None  
#4 Farmer's Salad  
#5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- Fri 9/4** #1 Pepperoni Pizza  
#2 Fish Sandwich  
#3 Cheese Pizza  
#4 Mandarin Chicken Salad  
#5 PB & J Sandwich

### Week of 9/7-9/11

- Mon 9/7** **NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY**
- Tue 9/8** #1 Roasted Chicken  
#2 Macaroni & Cheese  
#3 None  
#4 Veggie Dip Salad  
#5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Wed 9/9** #1 Shepherd's Pie  
#2 Hot Dog  
#3 None  
#4 Farmer's Salad  
#5 Egg Salad Sandwich
- Thur 9/10** #1 Cuban Pork  
#2 Grilled Cheese  
#3 None  
#4 Chicken BLT Salad  
#5 Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
- Fri 9/11** #1 Pepperoni Pizza  
#2 Fish Sticks  
#3 Cheese Pizza  
#4 Mandarin Chicken Salad  
#5 PB&J Sandwich

### Cafeteria News

Have you wondered how much money is left on your child's lunch account? Well, now you can find out, and it's free! Go to [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com). You will need your student's ID number (located on their negative balance letters). Enter the number as the ID and PIN number. You can check the status of the account, see what they have purchased and get e-mail alerts when the account falls below a certain amount (\$5.25 is a good number, that's 3 lunches left). All of this is available at no charge to you!

You can also, for a small fee, add money with a check, debit or credit card. When adding to the account, if there is a negative balance in the meals, make sure you add money to zero that out, as well as adding to the "general" account if your child is able to purchase ala carte items.

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