

# MARCH

## English Language Arts

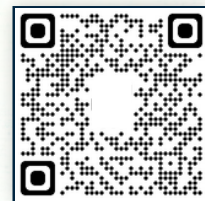
Reading and language are an integral part of all that students do at McDivitt. To help support instruction in this area, the PTA has set up several ways to encourage young readers this month. In conjunction with Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday, we've offered an optional Book Fair and Read-A-Thon with exciting daily challenges. For more information on this initiative, please see the flyer in this packet.

While our primary goal is to provide enriching educational experiences for students, we also strive to keep families informed and connect as a community of parents, guardians, teachers and staff in the most inclusive way possible. One area we hope to improve is through language translation and interpretation services. Did you know there are over 26 spoken languages in the homes of our McDivitt Stars? We think this is incredible and should be celebrated so we'd like to hear more from families and staff alike to help us assess the needs within our community.

Do you speak multiple languages in your home? Would you like a community member to assist with translating school communication or help answer questions in your preferred language? Are you fluent in other languages and wish to offer help to others? These are a few of the questions we invite you to answer on our optional Language Survey below. Once we have a better understanding of the community needs and interest, we hope to provide better resources to accommodate through a language ambassador program.

We thank you in advance for sharing your preferences with us and please feel free to share with other McDivitt families as we strive to provide improved communication for all. - McDivitt PTA

**Language Survey**  
<https://forms.gle/NqH6FUbwFxVRN28J7>



### Clothing Drive...

We will be collecting all wearable clothing from any season or size including accessories, shoes and bags. Stuffed animals, bedding and towels are also accepted. As you purge, we hope you'll consider setting these items aside to donate to our collection on April 12th + 13th which will help raise money for student programming.

**PTA EMAIL:** [MCDIVITTPTA@MCDIVITTPTA.COM](mailto:MCDIVITTPTA@MCDIVITTPTA.COM)

**PTA WEBSITE:** [HTTPS://MCDIVITTPTA.MEMBERHUB.COM](https://MCDIVITTPTA.MEMBERHUB.COM)

**PTA MEMBER VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/SPMPISM](https://SIGNUP.COM/GO/SPMPISM)

**PTA MEMBER FACEBOOK GROUP:** [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/MCDIVITTPTA2023TO2024](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/MCDIVITTPTA2023TO2024)

# 2023-2024 MCDIVITT ELEMENTARY PTA CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

6 KG Orientation/Ices 3:30-4:15 pm  
6-7 Welcome Sign Photo Op  
7 First Day of School  
8 PTA Teacher + Staff Welcome Luncheon  
11-22 Spirit Wear Sold Online (2x/year)  
13 Back to School Social at Geick 4-6pm  
20 School Store (items under \$5)  
25 No School  
26 Fall Fundraiser Assembly in school  
27 World's Finest Chocolate pickup 3-4/6-8  
27 Open House 6-8pm

## OCTOBER

1-15 Spirit Wear  
2 PTA Custodian Appreciation Day  
2 **PTA Meeting** + Class Volunteer Mtg 7pm  
7 Fall Clothing Drive 10-2pm  
9 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
10 Spirit Night @HOP 4-9pm  
11 Fall Picture Day (info from school)  
16-27 Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser  
18-20 Fall Book Fair (in school)  
19 STEM Night 6:30-8pm (in person)  
22 SEPTA Trunk or Treat 12:30-4pm  
25 School Store (items under \$5)  
31 PTA Pumpkin Patch 9am (in school)  
31 Halloween Parade 2pm (weather pend)  
31 Halloween Class Party 2:15-3pm

## NOVEMBER

1 Staff Appreciation Coffee Bar  
1 Trimester 1 Progress Reports  
7 No School  
9-10 No School  
13 **PTA Meeting** 7pm  
15 School Store (items under \$5)  
15 Educational Support Professionals Day  
15 Fall Picture Retakes (info from school)  
21 Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up 4-6pm Door 5  
22 Early Dismissal 1:15pm  
23-24 No School  
28-30 Early Dismissal 1:15pm/Conferences  
30 Student Holiday Shoppe (in school)

## DECEMBER

1 Student Holiday Shoppe (in school)  
2 Winter Wonderland Ticketed Event 10-1pm  
4 **PTA Meeting** 7pm  
20 PTA Dinosaur Assembly  
21 Holiday Scavenger Hunt  
22 5th Grade Talent Show Permission Due  
22 5th Grade Holiday Party 9:30-11am  
22 Holiday Class Party (K-4) 10:15-11am  
22 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
22 Trimester 1 Report Cards  
25-29 No School (Winter Break)

\*No School Store (Holiday Shoppe instead)

## JANUARY

1 No School  
8 PTA **Special Meeting** (Grade 9 Center)  
8 Oriental Trading Fundraiser  
9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
15 No School  
17 School Store (items under \$5)  
17 5th Grade Talent Show Tryouts 7:45am  
18 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
24 Spirit Night at Dolce Vita 4-8pm  
26 STEM Assembly w/Liberty Science Ctr  
31 5th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal 7:45am

## FEBRUARY

1 Yearbook Orders Begin (K-4 only)  
5 **Virtual PTA Meeting** 7pm  
5-9 School Counselor Appreciation Week  
7 5th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal 7:45am  
7 5th Grade Talent Show (10 family/1:30 students)  
7 Oriental Trading Fundraiser Ends  
9 February Folly Dance 6:30-8:00pm  
12 Trimester 2 Progress Reports  
13 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day  
16 Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th)  
19 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
21 School Store (items under \$5)  
28-29 Winter Book Fair (in school thru 1st)

## MARCH

1 Winter Book Fair Last Day (in school)  
1-14 Read-A-Thon  
1-29 Yearbook Orders Continue (K-4)  
4 **PTA Meeting** 7pm  
13 School Store (items under \$5)  
14 Pi Day Staff Appreciation  
18-29 Spirit Wear Sale  
20 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
20 Spirit Night Wendy's  
22 5th Grade Field Trip Medieval Times  
28 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
28 Trimester 2 Report Cards  
28 Plant Pre-Sale Orders Due  
28 Kids' Night Out Deadline  
29 5th Grade Yearbook Info Due  
29 No School

## APRIL

1-5 No School (Spring Break)  
10 Para Professionals Day (3rd)  
10 Spring Pictures (info from school)  
12-13 Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive  
12 5th Grade Movie Night  
17 School Store (items under \$5)  
19 Yearbook Sales End (K-4 only)  
19 Kids' Night Out 6:30-8pm  
22-23 No School  
24 Bus Driver Appreciation Day (23rd)  
24 Administrative Professionals Day  
25 STEM Night 6:30-8pm

\*No PTA Meeting this month

## MAY

1 School Principal Appreciation Day  
3 School Lunch Hero Day  
6 **PTA Meeting** + Board Elections 7pm  
6 Plant Pre-Sale Pick Up 7:30-8:30pm  
6-10 Teacher + Staff Appreciation Week  
8 School Nurse's Day  
9-10 Student Plant Sale (in school)  
15 School Store (items under \$5)  
16 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
16 Spirit Night Sundaes 6-10pm  
24 Field Day  
24 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
24 Trimester 3 Progress Reports  
27 No School  
29 Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony

## JUNE

4 No School  
5-7 Spring Book Fair (in school)  
7 PTA Carnival, Food Trucks, Food Drive  
11 5th Grade Day + Yearbook Signing  
12 5th Grade Graduation 9:30  
14 PTA Carnival (Rain Date Only)  
21 Class Party 10:15-11am  
21 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal 1:15  
21 Trimester 3 Report Cards (estimated)

TBD PTA Dinner

This calendar is provided by the PTA to help families plan ahead. It will be updated monthly and emailed school-wide in the PTA packet. Stay informed with updates and reminders between emails in the PTA FB group. PTA Member Facebook Group: [www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta2023to2024](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta2023to2024)  
Become a PTA Member: <https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com> (no requirements)  
District and school info will be provided via email or website from the school.  
District Website: <https://www.oldbridgeadmin.org>  
District Calendar: [CLICK HERE for updated calendar as of 7/13](#)  
The PTA can only answer questions pertaining to PTA activities or events.  
PTA Email: [McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com)  
School clubs, district groups and BOE dates are not featured on this calendar. Any dates shared with us will be posted to the PTA member Facebook Group. All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation.



### James McDivitt School PTA Board Member Nomination

At the May 6, 2024 general membership meeting, James McDivitt School PTA will be electing officers for the 2024-2025 school year. McDivitt PTA Executive Board positions are typically two-year terms. There are several openings for our next school year.

All board members are required to attend monthly board and general membership meetings, as well as training mandated by the NJPTA. Listed below are the open positions along with a brief description of its duties:

**VP Membership & Volunteers** - Updates/prepares membership materials for distribution at the beginning of the new school year. Coordinate record-keeping as needed with the President and Treasurer. Report on membership status at monthly PTA meetings. Coordinates school volunteers and recognition for school and PTA events. Leads the Nomination Committee. **THIS IS A ONE YEAR TERM; THE CURRENT OFFICE HOLDER IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE.**

**THE BELOW ARE TWO YEAR TERMS.**

**Treasurer** - Is the authorized custodian of all funds of the PTA. Maintains permanent records to track unit funds and financial transactions. Prepare and present a treasurer's report at every PTA Board meeting and General PTA meeting. Pay all PTA bills as authorized by board. Prepare PTA financial records for annual audits. Ensures taxes and reports required by PTA bylaws, insurance or federal and state governments are completed and submitted by the due dates. Preside over PTA meetings in the President's absence.

**VP Fundraising** - Reviews fundraising options for the PTA and coordinates fundraising efforts for the PTA.

**VP Student Activities** - Reviews school assembly options and coordinates chosen school assemblies.

**Secretary** - Responsible for all administrative duties (mail/email/social media/meeting minutes).

Current active PTA members may nominate candidates for the McDivitt PTA Board. Self-nominations are also welcome. All nominees must be a current active PTA member in good standing. Previous volunteer experience at PTA events (i.e. volunteered at the Book Fair, Holiday Shop, Class Volunteer, School Store, etc.) is preferred, but not mandatory for this election.

Complete the form below and email to Karen Paton at [vpmembership@mcdivittpta.com](mailto:vpmembership@mcdivittpta.com) by **April 1, 2024**.

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### James McDivitt School PTA Board Member Nomination Form

I nominate (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's contact information (phone/e-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications/PTA Experience/Committees served: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

McDIVITT'S READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

# READ-A-THON

**MARCH 1 - 14**

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week, McDivitt will host a series of activities to promote reading... The Scholastic Book Fair, a Spirit Week and our first Read-A-Thon!



## SIGN UP ONLINE

This is a really fun fundraiser that encourages students to read more. While it's entirely optional, it is also very flexible based on your preferences. Families will receive daily reading challenges that are interactive + fun. A flyer was sent home in folders with more information.

TO REGISTER:

<https://app.pledge-drive.net/Campaign/McDivittReads24/register>



## SHARE WITH LOVED ONES

ALREADY REGISTERED:

<https://app.pledge-drive.net/Campaign/McDivittReads24>  
Search for your student's personal donation page by name.

Families are asked to share their online sponsorship link with friends + family. Loved ones can make any donation they wish to encourage our McDivitt Stars. Per book, per page or a set amount that will motivate your young reader(s). Students can track their progress online and view additional goal incentives.



## ENJOY YOUR ADVENTURE

Creating a cozy reading area and engaging book selection is recommended. Each participant will be eligible for both teamwork and individual rewards. Students can take pride that they are helping to raise money for their school. Stay tuned to folders for more information coming home soon!

QUESTIONS:

[VPFundraising@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:VPFundraising@McDivittPTA.com)

M C D I V I T T P T A

# CLOTHING DRIVE

April 12  
4pm - 6pm

April 13  
10am - 2pm

Help us turn your unwanted items into programming for students!  
We receive a cash donation for every pound collected of the following items:

## CLOTHING + SHOES

Mens, Womens + Children  
Wearable Clothing  
Any season, size + style  
Sneakers, shoes + boots  
Coats + Suits

## ACCESSORIES

Handbags + Backpacks  
Hats, Scarves + Gloves  
Belts + Ties  
Jewelry  
Wallets

## TOYS

Stuffed Animals

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bed + Bath Linens  
Bedding + Towels

NO electronics, CD's, books, outdoor toys or toys larger than 2 feet.  
All clean reusable items are distributed to thrift shops in areas of need while avoiding landfills.  
Anyone can donate so please ask your friends, family, colleagues and neighbors.  
All items should be placed in tied bags.



All items should be dropped off with attendant at the trailer in the McDivitt parking lot.  
If you need assistance with pick up, please email [VPFundraising@McDIVITTPTA.com](mailto:VPFundraising@McDIVITTPTA.com).

McDIVITT ELEMENTARY

# SCHOOL STORE

McDIVITT  
STARS

The McDivitt PTA offers a student-favorite shopping experience at our monthly school store where a small variety of low-cost school supplies and gadgets are offered. Students with funds will visit during their scheduled class time and choose from a rotating assortment of affordable items ranging from \$.25 to \$5. Selections may include water-bottle stickers, erasers, pencils, pencil toppers, squishy toys, sharpeners, notebooks and more. Promoting independent decision-making and budgeting all while supporting student programming and making learning more fun!

Parents and guardians can help at home by practicing counting money, going over any preferences you wish to communicate and by labeling a sealable wallet, pouch or ziploc bag with the student's name, teacher and amount enclosed. Small bills and change are appreciated and help students. Small reusable shopping bags are also welcomed.

## STORE DATES

~~September 20~~

~~October 25~~

~~November 15~~

~~January 17~~

~~February 21~~

March 13

April 17

May 15

PTA Member Volunteer Opportunities:  
<https://signup.com/go/spmpiSm>

Questions about School Store:  
Victoria Novoa, Committee Chair  
[SchoolStore@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:SchoolStore@McDivittPTA.com)

McDivitt t-shirts in navy are available for \$10. Please note size preference for youth or adult sizes. Additional Spirit Wear styles are offered online only during select ordering windows.



LAST  
CHANCE TO  
ORDER THIS  
YEAR!

# MCDIVITT

SPIRIT WEAR



March 18 - 29

[www.allclasspromotions.com/showrooms](http://www.allclasspromotions.com/showrooms)

**Show your school spirit every Friday and at school events!**

Order online by selecting the McDivitt logo at the link or QR above.

Additional styles for youth and adult sizes available.

Solid navy logo t-shirts are offered year round at School Store and select events.

All other Spirit Wear is ordered online during the order window in the Fall or Spring.

Purchases are made to order and will return home in backpacks within 4 weeks.

Thank you for your school spirit and for supporting student programming with your purchase.

**Sizing Questions:**

All Class Promotions Printing  
(732) 234-6565  
[sales@allclasspromotions.com](mailto:sales@allclasspromotions.com)

**Delivery Questions:**

PTA Spirit Wear Committee Chair  
Jessica Gwozdz  
[SpiritWear@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:SpiritWear@McDivittPTA.com)



JOIN US WEDNESDAY AT WENDY'S FOR McDIVITT SPIRIT NIGHT!

# Wendy's®



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH  
FROM 4 - 8 PM**

All orders count so  
tell your friends and family  
to grab a Frosty for dessert,  
pick up dinner at the drive thru  
or plan to meet up with classmates,  
family and friends to show your  
support for McDivitt!

**Wendy's on Route 516  
2617 Old Bridge Matawan Rd  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857**

Questions:  
[VPFundraising@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:VPFundraising@McDivittPTA.com)







McDivitt PTA's

# PLANT *Pre-Sale*

**Order now thru Thursday, March 28th**

The PTA is now accepting plant pre-sale orders for flats, vegetable pots and hanging baskets. Due to size, orders must be picked up on **Monday, May 6th between 7:30-8:30pm** at the front doors after the PTA mtg. Students will be able to shop for smaller-sized individual plants for gifting purposes in school on May 9th + 10th. These will come home with them. Stay tuned for a separate flyer + volunteer opportunities for the in-school sale. Questions: Winnie Burke + Elena Zaccario [PlantSale@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:PlantSale@McDivittPTA.com)

## VEGETABLE POTS

	Price	Quantity	Circle A Color
4.5" Basil .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Big Boy Tomato .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Black Eggplant .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Cherry Tomato .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Green Bell Pepper .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Jalapeno Pepper .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	
4.5" Parsley .....	\$3.50 .....	<input type="text"/>	

## FLATS

32 plants. Whole flats only. Cannot be mixed.

Celosia .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Mixed
Dianthus .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Mixed
Marigolds .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Mixed
Portulaca .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Mixed
Salvia .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red
Begonias .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red ..... White ..... Pink
Petunias .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red ..... White ..... Pink ..... Blue
Impatiens .....	\$14 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red ..... White ..... Pink ..... Violet ..... Mixed

## BASKETS

8" Begonia Basket .....	\$11 .....	<input type="text"/>	Mixed
8" SunPatien Basket .....	\$11 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red ..... Pink ..... Purple ..... Orange
8" Proven Winner Basket .....	\$13 .....	<input type="text"/>	-
10" Combo Basket .....	\$18 .....	<input type="text"/>	-
12" Geranium w/Spikes .....	\$17 .....	<input type="text"/>	Red ..... Pink ..... Salmon

Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Methods:** Please label envelope and mention 'Plant Sale' in memo if paying via Zelle. Cash, Check to James McDivitt School PTA or Zelle to [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com).



# 5TH GRADE YEARBOOK INFORMATION:

## DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

Visit the following link <https://forms.gle/FFVcgmH3QVEyyHHe6> to enter:

1. Graduate's Answers
2. Parent Dedication
3. A Baby Photo



Please keep replies to 1-2 lines as space is limited.

**The PTA provides a complimentary yearbook for all 5th grade students.**

Yearbook Committee:  
Christine Adams + Jennifer DePalma  
[Yearbook@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Yearbook@McDivittPTA.com)





# 2023-2024

## MCDIVITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK

**\$28**  
per yearbook

DEADLINE TO ORDER: **APRIL 19**

### Grades K-4 ONLY!

Each 5th grade student will be gifted a yearbook from the McDivitt PTA.

The McDivitt Elementary School yearbook is a wonderful keepsake and features all students.

### ORDER + PAYMENT OPTIONS:

#### OPTION 1

**Credit Card, Apple Pay or PayPal** - **Order Online** and pay in one step

<https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/82170M> or [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) and enter code: **82170M**

Follow steps to check out or add additional student copies.

You will receive a confirmation receipt via email.

No further action needed.

ORDER ONLINE:



OR

#### OPTION 2

**Zelle, Check or Cash** - **Send Payment** Manually and **Complete the Google Form** in two steps

1. Send Payment: Choose one...

**Zelle** to [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com) with 'Yearbook' in memo

**Cash** in envelope labeled 'Yearbook' in student folder for each yearbook

**Check** payable to **James McDivitt School PTA** labeled 'Yearbook' in student folder

2. Fill Out the Form: <https://forms.gle/JeHdtDkv2UiGM39F9>

FILL OUT FORM:



**Yearbook Committee**  
Christine Adams + Jennifer DePalma  
[Yearbook@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Yearbook@McDivittPTA.com)

# Kids' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH | 6:30 - 8 PM

Students are invited to join us for a fun Kids' Night Out drop-off event. Groups are assigned by age and each will rotate through a series of activities. The event will have games, crafts, music, food, friends and more. Weather permitting, we may have some outdoor fun as well.

Admission is \$12 per student and includes a slice of pizza, bag of chips + a drink. Outside food is only permitted if an allergy friendly alternative is required.

Space is limited to the first 150 students that are registered and paid for by March 28th. The required permission slip link below will be accessible while space is available. Students must be walked in to McDivitt Door #5 + picked up promptly at 8pm.

Payment can be labeled 'Kids' Night Out' with cash or check to 'James McDivitt School PTA'. Zelle payments should have 'KNO' in the memo and be sent to [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com). Tickets are nonrefundable as items are purchased in advance for each registration.

**THE LINKED PERMISSION SLIP + PAYMENT DUE BY MARCH 28TH:**

**<https://forms.gle/vwvjRr8gRhik11126>**

PTA Members + McDivitt Alumni  
Volunteers Needed:  
**<https://signup.com/go/spmpiSm>**

Kids' Night Out Committee Chair  
Amanda Eckenrode  
**[KidsNightOut@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:KidsNightOut@McDivittPTA.com)**

As with all events, there is a potential risk of personal injury. Parents or Guardians must be available for emergency calls, assume responsibility and waive any claims against Old Bridge Township Public Schools or the McDivitt PTA. Pictures will be taken at this event. Permission and payments are required to enter.

# FAMILY STEM NIGHT

at McDIVITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**REGISTER BY: FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH WHILE SPACE IS AVAILABLE**  
**IN-PERSON EVENT: THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH FROM 6:30 - 8 PM**

The PTA will host an in-person Family STEM Night on Thursday, April 25th led by our dedicated staff + PTA. Students will work on age-appropriate activities by group; grades K-2 + 3-5.

Please plan to stay with your child(ren) to encourage critical thinking and assist for the duration.

If you have multiple children and only one adult available, we ask that you remain with your youngest.

Additional volunteers will be available to help students throughout each activity.

The deadline to register for this event is Friday, April 12th.

Space is limited to the first 150 registrations and only McDivitt students and an adult may attend.

All materials will be provided by a grant awarded to the PTA from the OBEA for the 23-24 school year.

Please save the date as space is limited and supplies are purchased and prepared for each student.

Due to advance ordering, late registration may not be possible.

Participation is voluntary and OBTPS or the McDivitt PTA are not responsible for personal injury.


Please note, pictures may be taken at this event and used for school purposes, yearbook or social media.

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## REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/9ccpnVQQjAhLAed58>

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PTA STEM Committee  
Michael + Julianne Passero  
[STEM@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:STEM@McDivittPTA.com)

Thank you to the OLD BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (OBEA) for awarding McDIVITT ELEMENTARY with a generous STEM grant to cover materials for this event.

# PTA Meetings

2023 - 2024

Hello McDivitt Community,

We're excited for another great school year and would love to share more on all of our terrific plans! Each one of our efforts will support every student at McDivitt. Whether you wish to join the PTA or not, all parents and guardians are welcome to attend our general membership meetings. You'll hear first hand from our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, as well as our Principal, Mrs. Coletti on all topics relative to students, staff initiatives and the school. At the conclusion, there will be a Q&A. Often times those attending may be among the first to hear select information and in some cases, you may not hear it elsewhere so it truly is a great way to stay informed and learn pertinent details direct from the source.

This year, we will hold 5 in-person meetings at the school and 1 virtual meeting. All meeting dates are shared at the beginning of the school year and noted below to help with planning. These meetings will take place at McDivitt in the Intermediate Area between 3rd-5th grade hallways and are expected to last about an hour. For your added convenience, [free babysitting services](#) are also available so you are welcome to attend with your children. Those that are unable to attend, are welcome to review abbreviated meeting notes on the PTA website and are encouraged to submit questions in advance to [McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com). We're happy to read these per your wishes either on your behalf or anonymously at the next meeting.

We look forward to meeting you and working together to help strengthen our community.

## 2023 - 2024 PTA MEETINGS 7 PM

~~October 2, 2023 (Budget)~~  
~~November 13, 2023~~  
~~December 4, 2023~~  
~~February 5, 2024 (Virtual)~~  
~~March 4, 2024~~

**May 6, 2024 (Elections)**  
**Members needed for voting!**

Sincerely,

*Christine Rue*

Christine Rue  
 PTA President  
[President@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:President@McDivittPTA.com)

## PTA EMAIL

[McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:McDivittPTA@McDivittPTA.com)

PONEMON

# Sweet Spot



**McDIVITT STUDENT SAVINGS: 10% OFF**

Ponemon Sweet Spot is a new candy shop located near Strathmore Lanes. The owners have generously offered students an ongoing 10% discount. This is not a fundraiser, just mention McDivitt and help support small business.

**1061-J NJ-34 Matawan, NJ 07747**

Phone: (848) 334-5114

Website: [aberdeencandyshop.com](http://aberdeencandyshop.com)

Email: [psweetspot@aberdeencandyshop.com](mailto:psweetspot@aberdeencandyshop.com)

IG: [https://www.instagram.com/ponemon\\_sweetspot](https://www.instagram.com/ponemon_sweetspot)





MAKE YOUR SHOPPING COUNT WITH ONE PICTURE!

Taking a picture of your receipts in the Box Tops app is an easy way to raise money for our school. Shop as you normally would, open the app and take a picture of your receipt. It's that simple! Each one is worth 10¢ that accrued to **\$565.30** last year! This year, our goal is to exceed **\$600**. Together we can make a big impact for our school with no additional cost to you!

**NEW TO BOX TOPS? EARN AN EXTRA \$5 FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

**Download:** [https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=DKHB2CQR](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=DKHB2CQR).

**Select:** JAMES MCDIVITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Snap:** A pict of any receipt within 14 days of purchase by 5/31/24 for 25 Bonus Box Tops each!

**ALREADY USING BOX TOPS? EARN AN EXTRA \$4 FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

**Share:** Your link with friends, family and neighbors for 20 Bonus Box Tops each once they take a pict.

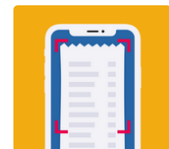
**Click:** Your icon in the top right corner of your app, invite friends and share via text or email.



**DOWNLOAD THE APP**  
Select **JAMES MCDIVITT**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**SHOP AS YOU**  
**NORMALLY WOULD**  
Click for eligible products



**TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR PRINTED**  
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within 14 days of purchase

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3rd Grade  
4th Grade

Box Tops Committee Chair  
Stacey Cameron  
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**RAISED THIS YEAR:**

**\$371.80**





## Support McDivitt by purchasing a Discount Card for \$20

Save money at over 300 participating businesses throughout central NJ. With discounts between 5-20%, you're likely to save more than the cost of the card!



**You can now order online with a credit card!**  
Visit <https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com/store/items/979424> to purchase on the PTA website. A \$1.44 credit card fee applies.



**NEW!**

You can also pay with cash, check or Zelle with no fee.

Please email [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com) with name/student name/teacher. Zelle payments, please email information and place 'Discount Card' in the memo. Cash/Check payable to 'James McDivitt School PTA' labeled PTA Discount Card with your name, contact info, student's name and teacher to send your order.

### Participating Businesses and Offers:

<https://route9community.com/participating-businesses>



### Savings near Strathmore Lanes for discounts after bowling...

Alternate Ending  
McDonald's  
Papa John's  
Park Place Diner  
Taco Bell  
Sundae's Ice Cream  
AMF Strathmore Lanes  
The Hobby Shop Toy Store



**\*While supplies last, cards will be available for purchase during bowling.**

Cards are nonrefundable and cannot be replaced if lost.  
May not be combined with other discounts, sales or offers.  
No coupons to print, just show your card before purchase and save.  
Committee Chair, Theresa Mangam at [Therza18@optonline.net](mailto:Therza18@optonline.net)



# givebacks

FEATURED PRODUCTS ON THE PTA WEBSITE

Visit <https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com/store/givebacks> to check out the latest in special offers that help benefit McDivitt elementary.



Memberhub Product Fundraisers are offers on family-oriented products, services and experiences featured on the PTA web-store.  
Prices and offerings are subject to change based on availability.  
Each purchase earns a donation up to 20% back for the PTA.  
Membership is not required to purchase, so feel free to share with others.  
Details for each offer are listed on the product page and are non-refundable.  
You will receive an email receipt from [Support@MemberHub.com](mailto:Support@MemberHub.com) after purchase.

# Resources

Bookmark the  
PTA Links page



## Old Bridge Public Schools

[www.oldbridgeadmin.org](http://www.oldbridgeadmin.org)

4207 Route 516

Matawan, NJ 07747

(732) 566-1000

\*District Information

\*District Calendar

\*Link to Parent Portal

## Principal

Mrs. Coletti

[LColetti@obps.org](mailto:LColetti@obps.org)

(732) 360-4512

## McDivitt PTA Website

<https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com>

\*Become a Member (\$10 for 1/\$15 for 2)

\*Event + Fundraising Information

\*Reference Monthly Packets

\*Volunteer Information

\*Staff Spotlights + Gifting Ideas

## Old Bridge Public Schools App

Search 'Old Bridge Public Schools' in store

\*All District + School Information in one place

## Realtime App

Search 'Realtime Link for Parents' in store

\*Set notifications from the Parent Portal

## Secretary

Mrs. Pulaski

[TPulaski@obps.org](mailto:TPulaski@obps.org)

(732) 360-4512

## Secretarial Assistant

Mrs. Bradfield

[KBradfield@obps.org](mailto:KBradfield@obps.org)

(732) 360-4512

## McDivitt PTA Public Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/james.mcdivitt.524>

\*Favorite our public Facebook page

\*No Membership required

\* Limited posts

## James McDivitt Elementary School

[www.oldbridgeadmin.org/o/jmes](http://www.oldbridgeadmin.org/o/jmes)

1 Manny Martin Way

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

(732) 360-4512

\*Purple boxes link to the Backpack

\*Purple boxes link to the Parent Portal

\*Purple boxes link to the PTA website

## Nurse's Office

Mrs. Gonzalez RN

[KGonzalez@obps.org](mailto:KGonzalez@obps.org)

Mrs. Toomey RN

[SToomey@obps.org](mailto:SToomey@obps.org)

(732) 360-4511

(732) 316-0218 Fax

Report Absence to:

[McDivittAttendance@obps.org](mailto:McDivittAttendance@obps.org)

## McDivitt PTA Private Facebook Group

McDivitt PTA 2023-2024

[www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta)

[2023to2024](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta)

\*Must be a Paid Member to Join

\*Community Discussion

\*Event Reminders

\*Full Access

## Parent Portal

[www.fridayparentportal.com/oldbridge](http://www.fridayparentportal.com/oldbridge)

Portal Code: 3845(6 digit student ID)

Student ID:

Student Email:

\*Student Specific Information

\*Grades + Progress Reports

\*Transportation Assignments

## Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Bloom

[PBloom@obps.org](mailto:PBloom@obps.org)

(732) 360-4516

## Pick Up Patrol

<https://www.pickuppatrol.net>

## Special Education PTA of Old Bridge (Septa)

### SEPTA Hub:

<https://linktr.ee/septaoldbridgenj>

## Transportation Department

(732) 360-4502

## Before + After Care Program

(732) 721-5600 ext. 2395

## Technology Resources

[obtechs@obps.org](mailto:obtechs@obps.org)

## Breakfast + Lunch Programs

(732) 290-3900 x3935

### Menus:

<https://oldbridgeadmin.nutrislice.com/menus/mcdivitt-elementary>

### Menu App:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-lunch-by-nutrislice/id567183091?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

## Special Education Parent Advisory Group (Sepag)

### Sepag Website:

<http://obsepag.org>

Provided by the McDivitt PTA.  
Updates made in the monthly PTA Packet.  
For convenience, you can click on all links or numbers.  
All of the information above can be found @ [oldbridgeadmin.org](http://oldbridgeadmin.org).  
[Communications@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Communications@McDivittPTA.com) for suggested additions or edits.

## PTA RESOURCES

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PUBLIC FACEBOOK PAGE	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/james.mcdivitt.52">HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JAMES.MCDIVITT.52</a>
MEMBER-ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcdivittpta2023to2024">HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/MCDIVITTPTA2023TO2024</a>
MEMBER-ONLY VOLUNTEER SIGNUP	<a href="https://signup.com/go/spmpism">HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/SPMPISM</a>

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