

# APRIL

## Teacher + Staff Appreciation

Next month we'll celebrate **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week from May 6-10th**

McDivitt Elementary School is so fortunate to have an incredible group of caring and passionate educators that serve our children everyday and guide them through these foundational years. We're grateful for the safe space they create along with a positive school environment where students feel inspired to learn and accepted in an inclusive school climate. Through reinforced messages of kindness and modeling strong ethical conduct themselves, they role model the Six Pillars of Character below. These shared core values help us transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences and unite our McDivitt Stars and families alike.



McDivitt has been named a 2024 State School of Character once again and we couldn't be more proud. Congratulations to Mrs. Coletti and the entire staff at McDivitt Elementary for their achievements in character development. To learn more visit: <https://character.org/schools-of-character>

For more ways you can show your appreciation May 6-10th, please see the Teacher + Staff Appreciation Week flyer in this packet and visit the Staff Spotlight page on our website to learn more about the Staff.

<https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com/w/StaffSpotlight>

STAFF  
SPOTLIGHT



Teachers and Staff,

We appreciate your creativity, compassion, commitment and heart. Your support for students, parents and the community, your patience, preparations and time. Fostering a culture of growth and respect and one where children feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. Thank you for inspiring the people that mean the most to us and instilling hard work and values by role modeling it yourselves. Above all, thank you for helping our McDivitt Stars shine bright!

Our heartfelt gratitude,  
The McDivitt PTA

LANGUAGE  
SURVEY



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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)

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# 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 Deadline  
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 Plant Pre-Sale Orders Deadline  
12 Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive 4-6pm  
13 Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive 10-2pm  
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)  
16 Early Dismissal 1:15pm (lunch served)  
16 Spirit Night Sundae's 6-10pm  
22 School Store (items under \$5)  
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.

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 22\*

\*date change

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.





# 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.







**\$15**

McDIVITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**FIFTH GRADE**  
**CLASS of 2024**  
**YARD SIGNS**

This is a full color digitally printed one-sided corrugated plastic sign. It measures 24"W x 18"W and has a metal 'H' stake included.

Order online **now thru May 1st** at the following link:  
[www.allclasspromotions.com/showrooms](http://www.allclasspromotions.com/showrooms)  
(Click on the McDivitt logo)

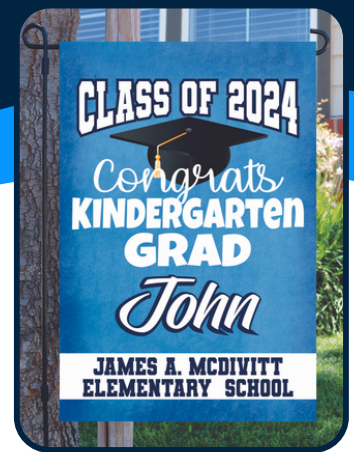
To avoid shipping charges, please click the default location for shipping. Orders will be delivered to the school. Pick up info will be sent via email.  
Questions: [VPMembership@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:VPMembership@McDivittPTA.com)

**THERE IS ALSO A NEW 5th GRADE GARDEN FLAG OPTION!**  
See the Kindergarten flag flyer for a link and offer code.

**NEW!**  
Click or scan for the  
new 5th grade option



**\$20**  
single sided



# McDIVITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN MOVING UP FLAGS



The PTA has partnered with fellow McDivitt parent, Tami Sanseverino, to offer several garden flag options for pictures with your Kindergartener. Be sure to use special offer code MCDIVITT24 for \$5 off your purchase.

Please order direct from the Etsy shop at Double0design (that's a zero):  
[https://www.etsy.com/shop/Double0design?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing\\_id=795627882&section\\_id=37914720](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Double0design?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=795627882&section_id=37914720)

If you prefer to order direct, please see the contact info below. Once your order is ready, Tami will reach out to you to coordinate pick up or delivery.

Tami Sanseverino  
[tami5580@aol.com](mailto:tami5580@aol.com)  
(732) 861-2144  
Venmo @Tami-Sanseverino





# TEACHER + STAFF

## Appreciation Week

WE'RE IN OUR APPRECIATION ERA AT MCDIVITT! *May 6 - 10th*

Teachers find joy in watching students shine and knowing the positive impact they've had in their development. We ask that you take a moment this week to convey gratitude for their commitment in any way you wish. You may opt to use any of the suggested ideas below or one of your own. The McDivitt PTA will provide a lunch and other treats for staff this week.

*Monday* - **Are you ready for it?**

Kick off the week by encouraging students to give a high five or a thumbs up along with a compliment or kind gesture for any staff they see. A simple thank you for all they do is sure to brighten their day.

*Tuesday* - **They make the whole place shimmer!**

Wear sparkles, sequins, bright colors or flair to show the staff how they brighten your day and help our McDivitt Stars shine.

*Wednesday* - **Blank Space**

Send your teacher fan mail and write their name in the blank space on the printable on the next page or make them a card. Share anything you appreciate about them.


*Thursday* - **Wildest Dreams**

Make their wildest dreams come true with a thoughtful gesture from their favorite things. Find their favorites by scrolling down and clicking on your teachers name on the link below. Color a picture in their favorite color or sports team or personalize your gifting based on their preferences.

<https://mcdivittpta.memberhub.com/w/StaffSpotlight>

*Friday* - **Shake it off**

Show off your dance moves and what McDivitt means to you by sporting your spirit wear and cheering on the best staff around!



Consider including administration, the main office, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, RTI specialists, paraprofessionals, guidance counselors, police officers, art, music, gym, computers, health, instrumental music, lunch staff and recess supervisors.

If you wish to donate treats to help stock the staff lounge, please email [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com) or feel free to deliver to the officer during the day with the exception of arrival and dismissal times.



Fan Mail Awarded to: \_\_\_\_\_



**YOU ARE A REAL STAR!**

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PRESENTED BY THIS STAR STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Fan Mail Awarded to: \_\_\_\_\_



**YOU ARE A REAL STAR!**

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PRESENTED BY THIS STAR STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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)



# McDIVITT PTA's SPRING FLOWER + PLANT *Student Sale*

**May 9th and 10th**

During school, students will have the opportunity to purchase beautiful flowers for Mother's Day and Spring. To help plan, feel free to use the optional gift guide or order wishlist below. On the left, list anyone you'd like students to shop for or any items you'd like them choose from on the right. All purchases will go home with students so we recommend sending a large **reusable bag** with a sturdy bottom. Cash and check payable to James McDivitt School PTA are accepted. Any difference will be refunded in cash if applicable.

Questions: Winnie Burke + Elena Zaccario  
[PlantSale@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:PlantSale@McDivittPTA.com)

**Reminder: Due to size, any Pre-Sale orders from March must be picked up after the PTA meeting on Monday, May 6th from 7:30-8:30pm at McDivitt Door #1.**

## FLOWER + PLANT STUDENT SALE IN SCHOOL ON MAY 9TH + 10TH

### GIFT GUIDE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please allow student to purchase whatever they wish
- Please purchase a gift for: (Mother's Day or otherwise)
  - Mom \_\_\_\_\_
  - Grandma \_\_\_\_\_
  - Aunt \_\_\_\_\_
  - Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
  - Someone Special \_\_\_\_\_
  - Themselves \_\_\_\_\_

May donate change (not dollars) to a student in need

Our Volunteers will do their best to encourage these guidelines. Always helpful when families discuss with students in advance. Sealable ziplock labeled with name/class/amount suggested.

### ORDER WISHLIST

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### QTY

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Basil.....\$3.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Big Boy Tomato.....\$3.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Cherry Tomato.....\$3.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Parsley.....\$3.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Annuals.....\$4.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5" Geraniums.....\$5.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6" 3 Plant Combo.....\$8.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6" Hanging Basket.....\$9.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8" Hanging Basket.....\$10.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oval Combo.....\$12.00

Additional Info: \_\_\_\_\_

- May donate change (not dollars) to a student in need  
**Thank you for supporting McDivitt Elementary!**



# MCDIVITT PTA SPRING CARNIVAL • 2024 •

**JUNE 7, 2024**  
**5 - 8 PM**  
(RAINDATE 6/14/24)

Join us at the McDivitt School back field for the annual PTA Carnival!  
Enjoy inflatables, petting zoo, games, DJ + more with admission.

Each McDivitt student and sibling ages 3-12 that wish to participate, must purchase a \$10 wristband in advance by 5/31 as they are not sold at the event. Adults are required to supervise at all times and do not require a wristband. Wristbands will be sent home in student folders up to the day of the event.

Additional items may be purchased at the event including:  
Food, snacks, drinks and desserts from various food truck vendors.  
Games with prizes that require tickets which are sold separately.  
Games are typically 2-3 tickets each to play and are sold 15 tickets for \$5.  
Cash and Zelle will be accepted at PTA snack and ticket tables.  
Slip on shoes are recommended and portable restrooms will be available.

**Food Drive:** Please bring unexpired non-perishable food donations for the Old Bridge Food Bank in exchange for free game tickets.

**Volunteer Sign Up:** <https://signup.com/go/spmpiSm> (Alumni eligible)  
**Questions:** [Carnival@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Carnival@McDivittPTA.com)

**CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS ARE \$10 EACH  
MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE BY MAY 31**

Circle a payment option. This form is required for all Zelle, Check or Cash payments.

**ZELLE**

Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com  
Memo: Carnival/Student's name

**CASH**

'Carnival' on envelope  
(All orders are nonrefundable)

**CHECK**

Payable to: 'James A. McDivitt School PTA'  
Envelope labeled: Carnival

Student #1 Full Name: _____	Teacher: _____	Grade: _____	Cost: \$10ea
Student #2 Full Name: _____	Teacher: _____	Grade: _____	Cost: \$10ea
Student #3 Full Name: _____	Teacher: _____	Grade: _____	Cost: \$10ea
Sibling #1 Name: _____	Sibling #2 Name: _____		Cost: \$10ea
Adult's Name: _____			
Email: _____			
Phone: _____			

**Total # of Wristbands:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total \$ Amount Sent:** \_\_\_\_\_

We ask that you check folders in backpacks up to the day of the event as wristbands may be bundled by family within a single envelope. Please note, this event poses a potential risk of personal injury. Parents or Guardians assume responsibility and waive any claims against Old Bridge Township Public Schools and the McDivitt PTA. Pictures will be taken at this event and used for school purposes including social media.



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.

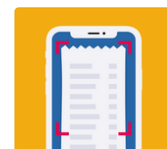
Click: Your icon in the top right corner of your app, invite friends and share via text or email.



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



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



**TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR PRINTED**  
**OR ONLINE DIGITAL RECEIPT**  
within 14 days of purchase

**LEADERBOARD:**

2nd Grade  
3rd Grade  
4th Grade

Box Tops Committee Chair  
Stacey Cameron  
[StaceyGCameron@gmail.com](mailto:StaceyGCameron@gmail.com)

**RAISED THIS YEAR:**

**\$382.70**



## 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.



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

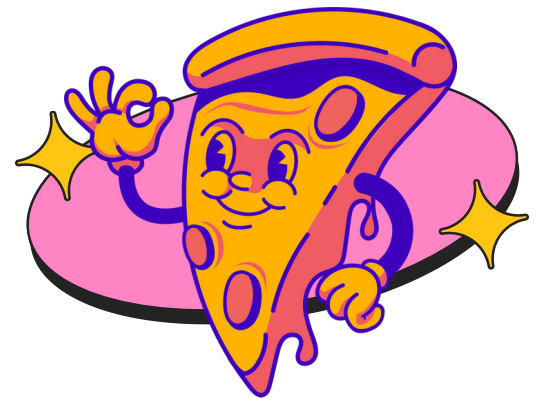
Please email [Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com](mailto:Treasurer@McDivittPTA.com) with name/student name/teacher. Zelle payments, please email information and place 'Discount Card' in the memo. Cash/Check payable to 'James McDivitt School PTA' labeled PTA Discount Card with your name, contact info, student's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

**Participating Businesses and Offers:**  
<https://route9community.com/participating-businesses>



**Did someone say *Pizza*?**  
Save 10% on purchases at these locations...

Giuseppe's Pizza  
Krispy Pizza  
Old Bridge Pizza  
Round Pie Pizza Company



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

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