McKinley Elementary
A neighborhood school with a global view

Founded in 1925, McKinley Elementary School is located in the heart of North Park. McKinley offers an International Baccalaureate program that prepares students to become critical thinkers, lifelong learners and responsible global citizens.

McKinley Elementary features:
• an International Baccalaureate (IB) program
• Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing
• Spanish language classes
• Specialized academic instruction for students with IEPs
• Targeted instruction for English language learners
• Onsite Extended childcare programs: PrimeTime and Character Builders; and
• an active Parent Teacher Club (PTC) to support enrichment opportunities for all students. This is YOU!

McKinley PTC features:
• Financial support for in-class enrichment opportunities
• Volunteer led Experiences & Events that create fond memories for students and their families
• An opportunity to build community and make lifelong friends!

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

McKinley Elementary is part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) worldwide organization that shares the commitment to quality international education. Teachers receive special training throughout the year to support the principles of the IB program and develop curriculum that is taught in schools worldwide.

The mission of the IB Program is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The IB program and mission statement form an umbrella to link all McKinley activities. The goal is to continually develop and strengthen all aspects of our learning environment and school culture to reflect high-quality, rigorous and challenging education programs for our children and to prepare them for the K-12 IB curriculum.

IB learners strive to become inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. These attributes represent a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond intellectual development and academic success.

To learn more about the IB program, please visit www.ibo.org.

The McKinley Parent Teacher Club (PTC) raises funds to support McKinley’s IB program by funding Spanish and enrichment classes such as art, ceramics, dance, garden and music that are all designed to meet the IB learner profile. In addition, funds support annual IB program fees and IB training courses for teachers and staff, as needed and other events.
WELCOME TO MCKINLEY’S PARENT TEACHER CLUB

Be Informed – Become Involved!

This guide provides an overview of volunteer opportunities at McKinley Elementary. We urge all families to join in making a difference for our school, our staff, and most of all, our children.

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McKinley’s PTC is made up of dedicated parents, community members and school staff that volunteer their time, energy and/or resources to accomplish several major fundraisers, enrichment programs and community events throughout the school year.

McKinley PTC’s Primary Goals:
- Raise funds to supplement the lack of State and Federal funding to provide a valuable International Baccalaureate program.
- Lead events and activities that raise school spirit and provide lasting memories for students.
- Advocate for student, parent, teacher, campus & community issues.

Funds raised by McKinley’s PTC are managed by the McKinley School Foundation of San Diego, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The board is composed of parents, teacher representatives, community members and McKinley’s principal who is a non-voting member. Contributions and/or donations are tax deductible. For a list of current board members and/or more information about the Foundation’s mission and how to join please visit www.mckinleyptc.org/foundation.

As our school continues to grow, we urge all parents/guardians to join the PTC in making a difference for our school, our staff and for our children.
VOLUNTEERING AT MCKINLEY

Volunteering takes many forms and we appreciate helping hands – whether that be front and center, from the sidelines or running things in the background. It all helps!

A description of recurring events and activities that take place at McKinley are listed in the pages that follow. Events and Programs are also on the McKinley website. Other volunteer opportunities may also be available.

However, if you are not able to volunteer, please consider Making a Donation to the McKinley Foundation in appreciation for the extraordinary free public education that our teachers, principal and classified staff provide our children. Donations are appreciated at any time.

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PTC MEETINGS

Other than time and energy there is no cost to join the PTC at McKinley. There are no fees to join. It’s completely FREE.

The PTC meets every other month from September to May. Pre-pandemic, meetings were held in the Staff Lounge. The Foundation sponsored the cost of childcare & pizza for kids and childcare was provided by YMCA Primetime staff in the Auditorium.

As of 2020, PTC meetings have been held via Zoom. Meeting via Zoom allowed a greater number of families the opportunity to attend PTC meetings than before. In-person meetings may return at some point but Zoom will continue to be an option.

Meeting Dates & Times are posted on the PTC website and Google calendar - mckinleyptc.org/about/calendar-of-events/
Volunteer to Raise Funds!

Volunteers are needed for events that raise funds to support the IB Curriculum at McKinley!

Dine-Out

The McKinley Dine-Out program is a collaboration between McKinley families and North Park & South Park restaurants wherein selected restaurants give back a percentage of the nights proceeds to McKinley. McKinley Dine-Outs are typically held the third Thursday of each month. It’s a great way to check out a new restaurant, have a family (or date) night out and maybe bump into a friend or two.

Dine-Out coordinators approach restaurants to participate every month from September to May and provide the details to the communications team to publicize the event.

Contact: mckinleydineout@gmail.com

Jog-a-thon (JAT)

The JAT, usually held in October, offers a fun opportunity for kids to get involved in raising money for McKinley. The jog-a-thon promotes physical fitness as the kids run laps around the school track. Kids can get their family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them via an online donation website or traditional methods. Every child receives a t-shirt with a student design that has been chosen by vote and all are entered to win prizes donated by local businesses and the general community. The Jog-a-thon committee handles the logistics and planning of the event such as soliciting sponsors and organizing prizes but many hands are needed the day of to track laps, hand out water or oranges and make it a success.

Contact: jogathonmckinley@gmail.com
**SoNo Fest & Chili Cookoff**

Started in 2009, the Annual SoNo Fest and Chili Cook-Off is a major community event. In connection with San Diego Ceramic Connection, attendees purchase handmade ceramic bowls and try over 40 kinds of chili from local restaurants and community members. This huge festival features two stages of live music, local beer garden, local craft vendors, food trucks and a community zone. SoNo Fest is held the first Sunday of December on the corner of 32nd and Thorn Streets.

The SoNo Committee begins planning months in advance. About a dozen volunteers are needed to handle the core logistics but many (many!) more are needed on the day of the event. We need all hands on deck for SoNo.

**Contact:** sonofestchilicookoff@gmail.com  
**Website** sonofestchilicookoff.com | Social Media @sonofest

**Spring Gala & Auction**

The annual Spring Gala & Auction is usually held in April and gives parents, friends and community supporters an opportunity to mix & mingle while raising money for McKinley. The event is held in a local North Park venue with food, drinks, live music, and silent & live auctions. Each year the committee picks a different theme and creative costumes are encouraged (but not required).

Since 2021, an outdoor family friend scavenger hunt has replaced the adults only portion of the event. The auction is hosted online, lasts two weeks and closes the same night as the scavenger hunt with a “live” auction via Zoom.
The Gala committee coordinates the logistics of the event and solicits auction items from the business and parent community. Day of volunteers are needed to set up the event.

Contact: mckinleygala@gmail.com

Social Media @mckinleysgala | @mckinleyelementaryspringgala

Want to be involved in something above? YAY!
Click here to let us know!
Volunteer to Make Memories!

*Volunteers are needed for events and activities that create meaningful & life changing moments for students.*

**After School Enrichment (ASE)**

The after school enrichment program offers classes on campus for a fee. Classes typically take place after Thursday’s minimum day dismissal.

Additional volunteers are needed on campus to assist small children to/from each program location.

**Contact:** asemckinley@gmail.com

**Gear Coordinator**

McKinley PTC has a School Gear Store. The Gear Coordinator monitors inventory and places orders and reorders with a local print shop. While gear is sold online throughout the year, the Gear Coordinator may also set up sales at PTC events.

**Website:** [https://mckinleyptc.org/mckinley-gear/](https://mckinleyptc.org/mckinley-gear/)

**Contact:** mckinleygear@gmail.com

**McKinley Theatre Company**

In December, parent volunteers put forth a high-quality musical production in McKinley’s auditorium free of charge to family, friends and the community. The annual production is open to students in grades 3 to 5 and students must audition for a part.

The directors manage auditions and rehearsals. Families of Cast & Stage Crew must volunteer and/or contribute to the production. Volunteers help monitor students at rehearsals and performances, coordinate costumes, help build sets and can contribute in many other ways.

*Currently on hiatus.*
Contact: mckinleytheatrecompany@gmail.com

Running Club*
McKinley’s Running Club gathers at the track each morning before school begins. Participants earn prizes at the end of the year based on the number of miles they completed.

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the club in the morning: place boxes with ID cards on the blacktop, scan ID cards and supervise students. Volunteers are also needed towards the end of the school year to help organize the end of the year celebration.

* Currently on hold.

Contact: mckinleyrunclub@gmail.com

Variety Show
The Variety Show is open to students in K to 5th grade. The students create their own acts, participate in rehearsals. The community is invited to watch the amazing performance. In 2022, the Variety Show was held at the JUP and was a massive success.

The committee runs rehearsals, sometimes creates special acts and handles event logistics. Volunteers are needed to help monitor children during rehearsals and/or the performance and for ticket/concession sales.

Contact: varietyshowmckinley@gmail.com

Yearbook
Parent volunteers gather images and memories made throughout the year and create a yearbook to remember the magic.

Contact: mckinleynpyearbook@gmail.com

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Volunteer to Advocate!

Volunteers are needed to advocate for the needs of students, teachers, the campus and the school community.

Campus Beautification Committee

The Beautification committee enhances campus facilities including garden and landscaping upkeep, engages the community and artists to create murals or mosaics, maintains signage around campus, and coordinates clean up at the Campus-Green Day event/s.

**Contact:** mckinleygarden@yahoo.com

Communications Committee

The communications team keeps parents, teachers and community members informed about McKinley Elementary events and activities. Although no specific experience is required it helps to have great communication & writing skills.

Committee members maintain the McKinley PTC website and blog up to date, post and monitor McKinley PTC’s social media pages, share weekly information papers, and maintain the McKinley PTC Google Calendar up to date. The Room Parent Coordinator is also a member of the team.

**Click here or use the Contact Us on mckinleyptc.org**

English Learner Committee (ELAC)

ELAC provides parents of English Learners with opportunities to advise the principal and school staff on the most positive and effective programs and services to improve learning of English Learners. All schools with 21 or more students with English as a Second Language (ESL) program must have an ELAC Committee. ELAC is the advisory board to the school on four key issues including the school plan for English Learners, needs
assessment, administration of language census, and efforts to raise awareness regarding the importance of attendance.

The committee meets once a month typically on Wednesdays at 9:15 am in the Staff Lounge.

**Contact:** McKinley Elementary School Office 619-282-7694

**JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion)**

JEDI is deeply committed to advocating for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of McKinley’s academic program and school community.

We will promote positive experiences for students, parents, teachers, and administrators by encouraging different points of view, organizing space for discussion, providing support, and reaching out to those who may feel excluded or unseen.

**Contact:** jedimckinley@gmail.com

**Room Parents**

Room parents are usually the first to notify you of important matters in your class. They help keep you in touch with class activities and school happenings. Any parent can volunteer to be the Room Parent. Contact the Room Parent Coordinator or let your teacher know you’d like to volunteer.

**On-site volunteers are always appreciated.** Ask your child’s teacher how you can help in the classroom or reach out to the Room Parent Coordinator for opportunities to contribute.

**Contact:** mckinleyroomparentscoordinator@gmail.com

**School Site Council (SSC)**

The SSC plans school goals and objectives, curriculum modifications, monitors progress and evaluates outcomes. The SSC is charged with the legal responsibility to ensure that services meet the needs of special student populations and oversee the Site Plan for Student Achievement.
The SSC is also responsible for categorical funding, such as Title I and Second Language to help make decisions that ensure an outstanding and inclusive education program at McKinley. The Council is made up of parents, the principal, teachers, school staff and community members. The council elects two members to act as the District Advisory Council (DAC) representative and the alternate. The SCC focuses on improving student achievement for all students. The SCC typically meets the first Tuesday of the month from 4:00-6:00pm in the library.

Contact: McKinley Elementary School Office 619-282-7694

School Site Wellness (SSWC)

McKinley’s School Site Wellness Committee welcomes interested parents, staff and community members to participate in furthering the health and wellbeing of McKinley students. Committee members gather to discuss, select and put forth health and wellness goals for students, staff, family & community based on components that are reviewed by the District on an annual basis.


Meeting dates are listed on the wellness page and on the calendar on mckinleyptc.org.

Contact: Ms. Tennies, McKinley Physical Education Teacher

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