

Democrats Claim Trump Used Bribery: Republicans Say Otherwise

National News

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The Ukraine and Trump scandal began on July 2019 when President Trump made a phone call to the newly elected President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, asking him to inquire "look into" the Bidens. Nancy Pelosi argues that Trump committed bribery by trying to force Ukraine into investigating a political rival to help him in the 2020 elections. It is alleged that President Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine in order for them to inquire into the Bidens.



The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, (California Democrat) on Thursday, November 28, announced a "full speed ahead" with articles of impeachment against President Trump. Pelosi asked the House Judiciary Committee to proceed with drafting the articles of impeachment against Trump. She stated, "The president leaves us no choice but to act," She also stated, "The president abused his power for his own personal, political benefit, at the expense of national security."

On Wednesday, December 4, a public hearing was held. The GOP members (Republicans)



President Donald Trump and President Volodymyr Zelensky

interrupted the House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Jerry Nadler, calling for more Republican witnesses including House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff.

Georgia Republican, Doug Collins, said the impeachment process is a "sham." He also criticized the quick pace of the impeachment inquiry. "If you want to know what's really driving this, there are two things-a clock and a calendar," said Collins.

Monday, December 9, the House Judiciary Committee reviewed all of the impeachment evidence from the Democrats' Ukraine investigation and their argument that President Trump abused his power by pressuring Ukraine to launch investigations that could benefit him politically. The House Judiciary Committee is expected to come to a conclusion before Christmas.

Tuesday, December 10, Democratic leaders have publicly announced two of the articles of impeachment against President

Trump charging him with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. They accused him of violating the Constitution by pressuring Ukraine to interfere with the 2020 U.S. elections.

Wednesday December 11, President Trump attacked two of the House leaders, Speaker of the House Pelosi and Representative Schiff from the Oval office. Representative Elijah E. Cummings, the chairman of the Oversight and Reform Committee, informed his committee of the subpoena for the White House. He said the White House had ignored Congress's requests for materials related to the Trump and Ukraine scandal.

Thursday December 12, The House Judiciary Chairman, Jerry Nadler, called on a clerk to read the full articles of impeachment against President Trump out loud. "I now call House resolution 755 impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors."

Amami Exchange Student Spotlight

Alexa Garcia and Jazlyn Hall
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On October 8th students from Mrs. King's Creative Writing and Journalism class had the opportunity to interview a group of students from Amami, Japan.



One of the students they interviewed was Tetta. He was a 14 year old 8th grader. He said his favorite type of American food is fried chicken. A few places he visited were Millard's Crossing, the Stern Hoya House, Stephen F. Austin State University, and Hijinx in Lufkin. Tetta's favorite experience on this trip was going to Stephen F. Austin State University.

According to Tetta, one difference in education in America and Japan, is that Japanese classrooms are very quiet compared to American classrooms. He said that one thing he would miss about America was the freedom we have because in Japan, they are very strict.

This was a very fun experience for the students at McMichael. They were glad they had the opportunity to meet and learn more about the exchange students from Amami, Japan.



Chocolate Peppermint Four Layer Dessert

Kyndall Gandy, Samiya Coutee, and Justin Phillips
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Unique Holiday Delights

Those same old Christmas foods might get boring, so switch it up with these great treats. These treats are delicious and mouth watering. Hurry up and join the YUMMINESS with us!

Chocolate Peppermint Four Layer Dessert

Ingredients:

First Layer:

1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup crushed
¼ cup sugar
½ cup butter (melted)

Second Layer:

8 oz cream cheese softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup cool whip from 8 oz container
1 tsp peppermint extract

Third Layer:

6.8 oz chocolate instant pudding 2 packages
3 cups of milk

Fourth Layer:

½ cup Cool Whip (remaining cool whip from 8 oz container)
¼ cup chocolate shavings
¼ cup crushed candy canes

Instructions:

First Layer:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine ingredients and press in a 9x13 baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool.

Second Layer:

Beat cream cheese in a mixer until light and fluffy. Add cool whip. Gradually add powdered sugar and mix until thoroughly combined. Mix in peppermint extract.

Spread on cooled crust

Third Layer:

Combine pudding mix and milk and prepare according to the package instructions. Spread over second layer.

Fourth Layer:

Top third layer with remaining cool whip. Sprinkle on chocolate shavings and crushed candy canes. Keep refrigerated.

Peppermint Bark Milkshake

Ingredients:

2 cups of vanilla ice cream
½ of chopped Peppermint bark
1 cup of milk
Whipped cream (optional)

Instructions:

Put the ice cream, milk, and chopped peppermint bark in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into glasses, garnish with whipped cream (optional) and extra peppermint bark. Serve immediately.



Christmas Tree Waffle

Ingredients:
Green food coloring
Red & green sprinkles
Construction paper & toothpicks (star)
2 cups of all-purpose flour
¼ cups sugar
3 ½ teaspoons baking powder
2 large eggs (separate yolks & white)
1 ½ cups milk
1 cup butter (melted)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

In a mixing bowl, mix flour, sugar, and baking soda. In a separate bowl, lightly beat the egg yolk. Add milk. Preheat a waffle iron. Pour desired amount into waffle maker. Cook until golden brown.



Fun Ways to Beat Christmas Boredom

Acacia Russell, Karla Panuco, Rayven Leadon, Alexa Garcia, Marianna Jones and Britney Mendoza
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You can also get a warm fuzzy blanket, and if you are in the Christmas spirit, you can sing Christmas songs, and you can watch Christmas movies with your family and friends.

If you are into fashion, you can have an ugly sweater contest at home with your family and friends. They can rate the ugly sweaters 1 through 10 and whoever gets the highest rating will get a Christmas present.

If you like to paint, you can have a contest with your family and friends. You can paint Christmas trees and Christmas ornaments.

These are just a few ideas to beat the Christmas break boredom and have fun with family and friends.

Mice Treats

Ingredients:
1 Oreo
1 Cherry Cordial
1 Twizzler
1 Kisses
2 M&Ms
A bowl of melted chocolate (Keep in liquid form)

Instructions:

Use the melted chocolate as glue to stick the ingredients together. Put the cherry cordial on top of the oreo, laying it flat. Before gluing, put a twizzler in between the cordial and the oreo. At an angle(45 degrees, and on the opposite side of the twizzler) put the kiss on the curve of the cordial. In between the space between the cordial and the kiss, put two M & Ms to look like ears. Last, use the frosting to put two dots on the kiss, around the top hemisphere. Finally you have a fully edible snack that if done right, looks like a mouse.

Lady Dragons Looking Forward to a Winning Season

Zuleyka Dominguez - Valdez
Nacogdoches, Texas

Coach Braxton coaches 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball at McMichael Middle School. She has played basketball all her life starting at the age of eight all the way through college. Ever since she was young, she has enjoyed basketball, which made her want to coach basketball now

When asked about her predictions for this season, what are your predictions for this season. Coach Braxton said, "I have very high expectations for 8th grade. They won district last

year, so my goal for them is to end in the top 3 for district this year. Seventh grade is new, so it's a learning year, and I want them to grow."

The Lady Dragons are looking forward to a winning season. Come out and support them at their next game.



Over and Beyond The Net

Jazlyn Hall
Nacogdoches, Texas

Recently McMichael Middle School volleyball players finished out their season. Shelly Alley, the volleyball coach at McMichael, has been coaching volleyball for the last 16 years.

Her favorite part of the season has been, "getting to bond with the 7th and 8th grade volleyball players." Another highlight for her was being able to watch the girls grow, and develop into volleyball players. She also said that, "This was a very fun season."

The McMichael volleyball team had a very successful season. They placed 2nd in district. The star players of both teams were Kylie Fields for 7th grade and Marisol Curenta for 8th grade.

7th Grade Football Results

Joel Garcia, Alexis De La Rosa, and James Cranford
Nacogdoches, TX

The 7th Grade football team went 4-4 this season. The football coach is Coach Willis, and he led this football team to a good record. Even though they didn't win the district championship, they still fought hard every single game.

Even when they were down by 14 points, they would still fight until the end of the game. This happened because they practiced hard, and even though they lost sometimes, they still kept their heads up and kept going forward.



8th Grade Football Team-District Champs



McMichael offensive line-left to right: Coach Willis with Santiago Mendoza, Benjamin Zepeda-Torres, Kleber Sanchez-Leon, Gerardo Garcia, Benjamin Santos

The team had many offensive and defensive standouts but the overall season MVPs were the Offensive Line. They held their own down in the trenches and fought as brothers and kept everyone out of the back field.

The coaches that led the amazing season where head coach in charge of running backs and quarterbacks Coach Willis. In charge of receivers was coach Washington, In charge of our defense was Coach Williams, In charge of our Offensive and Defensive line Coach Lister. As a team they taught the team character, how to win, and how to fight and come out on top.

The McMichael Middle School Cheerleaders



Juliana Hernandez and Christopher Pina
Nacogdoches, Texas

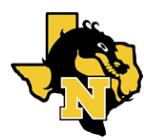
Mrs. Lister is the McMichael Middle school cheer sponsor. She has been the cheer coach for three years. She likes this job because she was a cheerleader in middle school. The MMS cheerleaders meet every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the boy's gym. The criteria to become a cheerleader is good grades, attitude, and basic "danceability."

The cheer team's strengths are that they are really good at picking up choreography and remembering it. Mrs. Lister plans on improving the team by going to national competitions and sleep aways.

You can see the MMS cheerleaders at home basketball games this season.

MMS 2019-2020 Cheerleaders

Marisol Cuarenta
Alexis Allen
Kimberly Zamora
Charilee Meredith
Braydon Taylor
Briana Hernandez
Maricza Ramirez
Acacia Russell
Valeria Torres
Sha'Niya Tolbert
Sponsored by : Coach Lister



2019-2020 Girl's Basketball Rosters and Schedule



8th Grade Roster

Mandie Cartwright
Bertrice Coleman
Kimberly Datin
Keniyah Evans
Angel Henry
Sierra Jarret
Tayde Martnez
Kei'Lye Noah
Ty'Kerra Pleasant
Kayla Reeves

Coaches: Taqueta Braxton, Haleigh Hall, and Anthony Key

7th Grade Roster

Shinaya Davis
Chloe Fields
Kylie Fields
Jade Horn
Janiya Lewis
KiAirra Sweat
Za'Ryiah Williams
Hailee Hyde
Dymond Pruitt
Iriana Tutt,

7th & 8th Grade Girl's Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Team	Site	Time
Jan. 10	Thursday	Lufkin Purple	7th & 8th	Home	5:00/6:00
Jan 17	Thursday	Lufkin Gold	7th & 8th	Away	5:00/6:00
Jan. 24	Thursday	Forest Park	7th & 8th	Home	5:00/6:00
Jan. 31	Thursday	Mike Moses	7th & 8th	Home	5:00/6:00
Feb. 7	Thursday	Judson	7th & 8th	Away	5:00/6:00
Feb. 16	Saturday	District Tournament		Lufkin	TBA

2019-2020 Boys's Basketball Rosters and Schedule

8th Grade Rosters

A Team:
Jakiron Pruitt
Kiran Tutt
Deaundre Russ
Ty' Mare'ye Williams
Yoshi Parks
Andrew Rogers
Aiden Key
Cameron Hamilton
James Williams
Mark'hill Steadman

B Team:
Derrick Patton
Kellen Anthony
Corey Hayter
Aaron Victorio
Lajarian Leadon
Amari Tatum
Akhise Williams
Kleber Sanchez
Tristan Roland

7th & 8th Grade Boy's Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Site	7B	7A	8B	8A
Jan. 9	Lufkin Purple	H		5:00		6:00
Jan. 16	Lufkin Gold	T		5:00		6:00
Jan. 23	Forest Park	H	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00
Jan. 25	Nacogdoches Tournament	NHS		TBA		TBA
Jan. 30	Moses	H	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00
Feb. 6	Judson	T	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00
Feb. 15	District	T		TBA		TBA
Head Coach- Willie Willis						
Assistant Coaches- Cameron Washington & Larry Lister						

7th Grade Rosters

A-Team:
Alantiss Session
Joseph Powell
Jeramiah Matthews
Tyrenn Matthews
Jakameron Davis
Quin'Charvis Calhoun
Kulyer Jeanmard
Michael Harris
Sabir Bilal
Nyree Poteet
Esteban Sanchez

B- Team
Davion Sanders
Kai Thomas
De'vonte Sterns
Ja-Day Whitaker
Jameer Green
Donnie Ringhausen
Julian Vernon
Nicholas Martinez
Chance Clayton

New Phone Policy

Juan Guardado
Nacogdoches, Texas

With a new school year came a new phone policy for the students here at McMichael Middle School. The policy is a way to keep the students focused during class. Principal Tim Mullican said, "We are the only school in the district that has this policy, and the teachers and students have both been very supportive of the new policy."

During a question and answer interview, Mr. Mullican gave us more information on the phone policy.

Question: What's your opinion on the phone policy?

Response: I think it's a good thing because it would stop distractions caused by the phones.

Question: Why was the policy made?"

Response: The policy was made for two main reasons. One was during summer school. He allowed the students to use their phones during lunch and during break time and saw a significant drop in the usage of phones. He saw them less and the usage of phones during classes decreased. They also cooperated every time he would say, "Put up your phones." The second reason was because he realized that the phones can cause a distraction, and he had figured it out because everytime a phone would make a vibration, it would be a distraction because he would start asking himself, "Was that a

phone call or a message?" He would lose focus on whatever he was doing originally, so he came up with the idea that if they took away the phones it would cause less distractions during class.

Question: What are the pros and cons?

Response: The cons are that they worry that the students might get their phone stolen while not in their possession. The pros of the policy are that the students get treated like young adults, and the policy also makes the students look more responsible. It also makes them show the staff that they can have the freedom and privilege to have their phones during lunch or breaks.

Question: Do you think the policy is strict?

Response: Mr. Mullican does think it's strict, and what he wishes is that all the students would cooperate and turn off their phones, so there would be no need for the new policy. Another thing that is strict about the policy is that the students get their phones taken up during class.

Question: Should students be allowed to use their phones during CASA?

Response: Mr. Mullican thinks it would be fine if the teachers let them use their phones if they had a reasonable cause. He would like to get to the point that 100% of the students would be responsible enough to get to use their phones during that time.

AR and Texas Lone Star Books A Great Combination

AR Makes a Comeback

Ija'Nae Jackson and La'Deja William,
Nacogdoches, Texas

This year at McMichael middle school they have brought back the AR program which has a positive effect on the students at McMichael. They also have a celebration every six weeks for the kids that have met their goal in AR. Joel De La Cruz had the most AR points in the whole school.



Joel De La Cruz-2nd Six Weeks Highest AR Points



Keniyah Evans reading for AR Points

2019-2020 Texas Lone Star Books

McMichael Middle School librarian, Mrs. Newsom, has Texas Lone Star books in the library that they would like to recommend for students.

For those who don't know what the Texas Lone Star list is, it is a recommended reading list developed by public school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of current books.

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Varian Johnson
The Parker Inheritance

Ally Carter
Not if I Save You First

Joelle Charbonneau
Time Bomb

Jennifer A. Nielsen
Resistance

Jewell Parker Rhodes
Ghost Boys

Victoria Schwab
City of Ghosts

Jeramey Kraatz
The Moon Platoon

Jessica Townsend
The Trials of Morrigan Crow

Student Council

De'Asia Stevenson
Nacogdoches, Texas

Student Council is a student group open to 6th-8th graders. Student Council meets in Mr. Gibson's room in 812. They meet once a month.

The purpose of Student Council is to help students grow as a human being and help students better understand the meaning of unity. Student Council meets about bullying and other topics of interests to McMichael Students. The Student Council is trying to make a difference both inside and outside of the school.

Model UN

Vanessna Schoen
Nacogdoches, Texas

One other school activity is called Model UN. Model UN meets everyday in 7th period in Ms. Anderson's room. The competition for Model UN is January 16th-17th at Stephen F. Austin University.

This is an extracurricular class that allows students to compete to show that they can prove a factual and useful solution to some of the world's problems.

This club is sponsored by an 8th grade teacher, Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Anderson stated, "I think this club is important because it introduces you to the world's imperfection and useful problem solving skills."

The competition for Model UN is January 16th-17th at Stephen F. Austin University.

U. I. L. Season

Riley Hall
Nacogdoches, Texas

U.I.L. competition will be held Saturday, February 29, 2020. The competition will be at Lindale for all subjects.

McMichael 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Bankston, is the U.I.L. Head Director. She puts all of U.I.L. together for the school. She also checks on all the progress of the teachers.

Mrs. Bankston was asked what was her favorite part about U.I.L. She said "My favorite part is the interaction with students in a competition format."

Glow Club

Vanessna Schoen
Nacogdoches, Texas

Here at McMichael middle school, clubs and other school activities are being hosted for their students, so they can have more encouraging and fun moments away from the troubles of school.

One of the many clubs is called Glow club. Glow club meets every

Monday after school at 4:00 p.m. The only exception to this is that they meet the first Tuesday of every month, instead of on Monday.

This club is meant for any LGBTQ community students and any supporters that are willing to come. The host of this club is Mr. Gibson. He says that he created this club to spread acceptance and to minimize bullying. One of his goals is to have many people who are willing to help this cause.

Dance Team

Zuleyka Dominguez
- Valdez
Nacogdoches, Texas

Mrs. Bueno coaches the dance team here at McMichael Middle School. She has danced from the age of four years old. It is her dream to see the girls that have never danced before go from knowing nothing about dance to becoming really good at it. So, she decided to be a dance coach here at McMichael.

Mrs. Bueno is really looking forward to seeing how much the girls have grown by the end of the year. The team makes her really happy. She is satisfied that the girls on the dance team are coachable. Mrs. Bueno said, "as long as the girls enjoy and find interest in dancing, then they are coachable."

When asked what impact she wanted the dance team to have on the people here at McMichael, she stated, "I want McMichael to realize what professional dance can look like."

Their next performance will be at the McMichael Middle School talent show on December 20th. Come out and cheer for them at the talent show!

Washington D.C. Trip

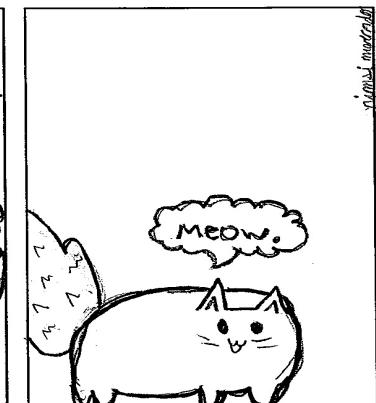
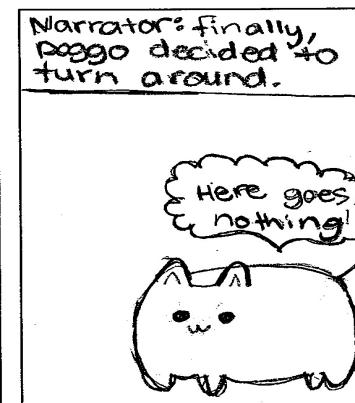
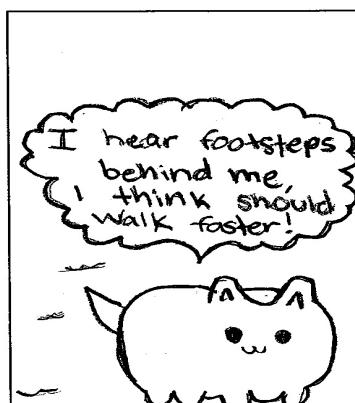
Alicia Stotts
Nacogdoches, Texas

McMichael Middle School students will have the opportunity to go on a trip to Washington D.C. on June 2-5, 2020. The trip website stated that, "This is a way for children to connect with our nation's history and culture as they take in the museums, monuments, and for extra fun you can enjoy a buffet dinner, then dance the night away with friends on a boat cruise down the historic Potomac River, a waterway that was explored by Captain John Smith in 1608."

This is a four day trip, so there is plenty of fun for children. Mrs. Hall, the sponsor of this trip, said, "The trip is being taken because it's very educational, and it gives real life experience for children." If you would like to participate in the trip, it is \$2,035 per child and \$2,285 per adult.

If you have anymore questions, please see Mrs. Hall or contact 888-333-9756 or visit: <https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2244351sj>

Doggo and Kitty



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Mrs. King's Creative Writing and Journalism classes would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Mullican and all of the teachers, coaches, and administrators that took time out of their busy schedules to be interviewed for the first edition of the McMichael Dragon News. Look for volume 2 in the Spring of 2020.

Until then, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

