

From the PTA President

January 2016

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and winter break. As we all begin to return to our “normal” routines, I would like to take a moment to thank our Helping Hands Committee (Stacey Long & Amy Gulick) and Mrs. Harris, our school guidance counselor. Along with the generous donations made by some of our Mataoka families, the committee was able to assist over 100 people this holiday season-Amazing!!!

Following are the events that are planned for the month of January:

- 1/9 Family Fun Day – **Tribe Basketball** - Come join us THIS SATURDAY at 4pm at Kaplan Arena for Mataoka Elementary Day as the Tribe takes on Northeastern. Students wearing their Matoaka shirts get in FREE, adults \$5, youth/siblings \$3. Ages 2 & up require a ticket. Avoid the ticket line on game day by placing your order in advance. Call 757-221-3340 and mention Matoaka and your tickets can be picked up at Will Call on Saturday.
- 1/22 Yearbook cover contest deadline – “Can’t hide that Cardinal Pride” is the theme this year. The contest is open to ALL grades. The winning cover will be selected from 5th grade entries and the back cover will be the 5th grade runner up. BUT a winner from each grade level K-4 will have their artwork displayed in the yearbook.

The Reflections Committee would like to thank all our talented students for their entries in this year’s PTA Reflections program. We had 40 participants and seven of those will go on to represent Matoaka at the WJCC District level. Congratulations to the following students: **Kirsten Siegert** – Primary Literature, **Landry Kailian** – Primary Visual Arts, **Hannah Alexander** – Intermediate Dance, **Meaghan Van Dyke** – Intermediate Literature, **Nina Longo** – Intermediate Music, **Reagan Carino** – Intermediate Photography, **Sierra Mileski** – Intermediate Visual Arts. We will celebrate all participants at an art show in early February – details will be passed along in the next couple of weeks.

DADS! – The Matoaka DADS program encourages male role model involvement at our school. Here’s how you can get involved at Matoaka: Organized recess activities, Guest reader program, Math tutor program, Career Day, Fire & a Flick, and many other opportunities...please contact Steve Nerenberg at matoaka.dads@gmail.com

If you have any other PTA related questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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