



# Bird's Eye View

Newsletter of Matoaka Elementary School PTA

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## President's Report

This past Saturday, our annual **Fire & Flick** (image below) signaled a conclusion to the major PTA events for the year (beautiful evening with a full moon!). Matoaka PTA extends a **gracious thank you to all families who have participated through membership and support** this year. Our school is a stronger community thanks to your involvement to support our kids and teachers.

**Have a wonderful summer ☺**



## Reflections: This Year and Next

Matoaka had great representation in the **Reflections** Arts and Literature contest this year! One of our students, **Eleanor Rossi**, placed second in the state for her Intermediate Literature entry entitled, **"A Picture from the Past."** **Congratulations to Eleanor and the other twelve Cardinals who participated.** Summer is a great time to be thinking ahead to next year's Reflections theme, **Look Within**, and how your child can get involved. Children can submit entries for art, literature, film production, dance choreography, and photography. Look for more details in the fall.



## Matoaka Marvels - Relay for Life Yardsale Thanks!

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped make this a success-thru donations of money, baked goods, succulents, stuff, time and sweat. Thank you to our JHS Key Club members for helping set up and clean up for the event and **ALL** of our Matoaka Families for their donations of stuff and coming out and shopping to support The American Cancer Society - we raised ~\$1000!

## Adopt the MES Garden for a Week This Summer!

Your garden has been blooming with activity this month. **The strawberry patch** especially welcomed many visitors who reaped sweet rewards. Garden Club made **spinach and strawberry salads** for an afternoon snack. **A new rain barrel** has made its home in the garden, allowing us quick access to water for thirsty plants. **Dozens of cabbages and vines of peas** along with rows of **radishes** will soon be ready to harvest. **Peppers, tomatoes, kale, basil, thyme, oregano, mint, carrots, squash and many flowers** are alive in the garden and need to be watered and kept weed free over the summer months. **Please consider signing up for a one week** window to tend to the garden during this time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a722a5f58-matoaka>.

Additional opportunities to help out in the garden will be sponsored monthly from **6:30-8:00PM on June 19th, July 16th and August 22nd**. This and other information can be found at the MES PTA Garden website at <http://www.matoaka-pta.org/matoaka-garden/>. See you in the Garden!



## Recruiting Matoaka Dads!



The Matoaka Dads had two successful programs this year. The **Breakfast with Dads** event in the fall was well attended and enjoyed by all. The **Fire & Flick** event gave the dads a unique experience to spend time with their children. **If you would like to chair the Matoaka Dads programs next year, please let us know.**