

Bird's Eye View

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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.

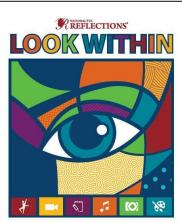
Have a wonderful summer ©





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.**

