



Bird's Eye View

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Newsletter of Matoaka Elementary School PTA

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Have You Joined PTA This Year?

During this month of February, the PTA will be hosting a membership drive to help achieve our goal of 400 members at Matoaka Elementary School! If you are not already registered, now is the time to get on board with our family, staff and parents to keep all our great programs in motion for every child at Matoaka! Your membership matters, so please help us support our students and teachers by joining online **TODAY!**

<http://www.matoaka-pta.org/join-the-pta/>

\$6.00 - Individual Membership

\$10.00 - Family Membership

**** Prizes to be awarded to the TOP class with highest participation! ****

Coming Soon...

- **3/4: Cultural Arts: VA Repertory Theatre on Tour—Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (3rd-5th)**
- **3/5: Read Across America—Grand-Specials Reading**
- **3/11: PTA Meeting @ 7pm**
- **TBD: Reflections Reception**
- **TBD: Cultural Arts: Rags to Riches Theatre—Caught in the Web (K-2nd)**

Order Your Matoaka Yearbook



Yearbook order forms went home last week! Please check your child's backpack or visit www.candidcolor.net and select Yearbooks. Enter access code MTEYBK20 to order a 2019-20 Yearbook. As we are always trying to include photos of ALL our students, we still need your help! Please share any small group shots of students from your child's class, by uploading via the link below:

<http://lpx.me/AXCH-RMMY-J5JE/>. *NOTE: Photos should be organized by classroom for correct identification. We also have an Events directory that you can utilize to include pictures from specific school events.*

DID YOU KNOW? Cultural Arts Programs at MES

Each year, our PTA sponsors a series of cultural arts programs that is designed to help enhance classroom education, strengthen creative skills, build confidence, and broaden student exposure to a various collection of experiences through the performing arts. By offering such programs here at Matoaka Elementary, we believe that there is the potential to transform the lives and learning of our young students. Here is a glance at some of the performances that have been presented so far or will be presented this school year:

LITERACY PUPPET SHOW (K-2nd): In September, Rainbow Puppet Productions performed a musical review for our younger students that shared the joy of reading through music, dance, puppetry, and storytelling.

MAD SCIENCE: Also in September, Mad Science both educated and entertained our entire student body with amazing chemical reactions, fantastic forces, and more!

POCAHONTAS: In October, Virginia Repertory Theatre on Tour performed the story of Pocahontas in a way that emphasized historical fact over myth.



NO BULLYING, STOP BULLYING: In November, Ill Style & Peace Productions used dance, poetry, rhythm and music to encourage individuality, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

HARRIET TUBMAN AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD (3rd-5th): In March, Virginia Repertory Theatre on Tour will present the story of Harriet Tubman, who freed herself and hundreds of others from slavery.

CAUGHT IN THE WEB (K-2nd): Also in March, Rags to Riches Theatre will present three spider tales: Ananse and the Talking Melon, Ananse and the Lost Covered Rock, and Ananse goes Fishing.

TOWN MOUSE COUNTRY MOUSE (K-2nd): In April, Virginia Repertory Theatre on Tour will present a musical based on Aesop's Fable.



Read Across America

Attention GRAND-Readers!! Please join us in celebration of "Read Across America" week, by volunteering to read in your grandchild and/or grand-friend's classroom, Thursday, March 5th! More information will be sent home over the next few weeks!

Matoaka Marvels Relay for Life Team



Please mark your calendars & save your stuff! Matoaka's 2nd Annual **Relay for Life YARD SALE** will be held on **Saturday, May 2** from **8am-12pm**! More information about vendors will be sent out over the next month! If you are interested in joining our Matoaka Marvels Team, please go to www.relayforlife/Williamsburg.org [search for our school team]. The Relay for Life walk is **Friday, June 5th** from 5pm-12midnight. THANK YOU, Cardinals, for all of your continued support!