



# Bird's Eye View

Matoaka Elementary School | 4001 Brick Bat Road , Williamsburg, VA 23188

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APRIL/MAY 2018

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

## PTA President's Report

Thanks to all Matoaka students for the fun journey through **local farm-to-school tastings!** With the assistance and support from the School Health Initiative Program (SHIP), PTA volunteers worked their way around the cafeteria during lunchtimes 1-2 times a month to allow each student to taste simple preparations of local vegetables. We appreciate your support with helping students make better choices about the food they choose for fuel.

This effort is part of our National PTA School of Excellence application. As part of that application, you will soon receive a survey request to provide feedback on how we are doing as a school. We would appreciate a few minutes of your time in completing it.

Finally, please note the dad/kid favorite Fire & Flick will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep up with our calendar for other family-oriented fun to come in these remaining weeks! Thank you for your support! Ally Younica ([allyserio@yahoo.com](mailto:allyserio@yahoo.com))



## April

- 4/18: PTA Meeting – Media Center, 7pm
- 4/28: Matoaka Fun Run/Walk, 9am-noon

## May/June

- 5/7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/10: Sweet Frog Spirit Night! 4-9pm
- 5/16: PTA Meeting – Media Center, 7pm
- 5/19: Fire & Flick
- 5/25: Box Tops Due
- 6/4-7: Career Week
- 6/14: Last Day of School!

## Garden News

A *big* thanks to the hardy few who helped spread mulch in the garden last month! If you missed it, don't worry there will be more chances to help! If you want to keep up with what's going on in the garden and are interested in volunteer opportunities, follow the garden on twitter! [@MatoakaGarden](https://twitter.com/MatoakaGarden)

We now have pea plants sowed by the Kindergarten classes starting to pop out and strawberries starting to flower. The first grade classes are preparing to plant salad fixings to harvest before the end of school for a self-grown healthy snack! The Garden Club has been busy getting beds ready and sowing seeds in mini greenhouse planters. Is spring *finally* here?!

## PTA Seeking 2018-19 Volunteers

The PTA will be soliciting volunteers to chair committees and serve on the committees. There are plenty of ways to get involved with the PTA if you are interested! Please contact Jamie Heisler Ibrahim with questions at [jamie\\_heisler@hotmail.com](mailto:jamie_heisler@hotmail.com).

## Art Month Thanks & More!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents who matted and labelled artwork for over 750 Matoaka students! It wouldn't happen without all of your help! If your child doesn't receive artwork back, it's due to the Art Exhibit that will be put up at the JCC Library over the summer. If you need more info on this, please let me know: [sally.henderson@wjcschools.org](mailto:sally.henderson@wjcschools.org)  
Square 1 Art can still be ordered at: [www.square1art.com](http://www.square1art.com)

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