

Matoaka PTA President's Report

As 2017 draws to a close, I want to thank the many faces seen and unseen who support Matoaka's PTA. Whether you are one of the folks who serves on our dedicated board, contributes time/resources to our students, or simply commits to being a member every year, you are the reason we do all we do every year. Thank you for a fun-filled fall – looking forward to an exciting second half of the 2017-18 school year.

--Ally Younica, Matoaka PTA President 2017-2018



December

- 12/11-15: Book Fair
- 12/14: SHIP Local Harvest Sweet Potato Sampling (lunch)
- 12/20: Early Release – Winter Break
- 12/21-1/2: No School – Winter Break

January

- 1/17/18: PTA Meeting, 7pm
- 1/26/18: Deadline for Yearbook Cover Contest

PTA Funds Literacy Footprints Kit

A note from the Kindergarten team:

This summer, with help from the PTA, teachers from the Kindergarten team each received a Literacy Footprints kit, complete with hundreds of beautiful books, magnetic letters, letter trays, writing journals, word study cards, ABC charts, posters, lesson plans and MORE!!!

We have been in several professional development sessions learning about and exploring our new materials. Our new readers LOVE their books and we are all so excited to be using them.

**THANK YOU PTA FOR THIS WONDERFUL RESOURCE!!! --
Matoaka Kindergarten Team**



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Happy Holidays!

Results of PTA Membership Drive

Thank you to all the families who joined the **Matoaka PTA!** Congratulations to Kindergarten for having the highest percentage of families join (55%). They receive a Zoo Pro program! Top teachers in each grade receive \$50 towards classroom supplies. **The winners are:**

Kindergarten	Mrs. Forgit
1st grade:	Mrs. Poulter
2nd grade:	Ms. Peratsakis
3rd grade:	Ms. Garrison
4th grade:	Mrs. Hess
5th grade:	Mr. Jenkins



Winners of Reflections Art Contest

Thank you to all Matoaka students who participated in this year's Reflections art contest!

Our category winners:

Film Production	Neema Slater, 4 th grade	"The Girl with No Name"
Literature	Eleanor K. Rossi, 4 th grade	"My 3-Year-Old Dad"
Visual Arts	Ana Elise Lemmon, 4 th grade	"Within Reach/Letting Go"
Photography	Hannah Daniel, 4 th grade	"Solar Eclipse"



These students' creations were submitted to a district-wide competition in November with a chance to move on to regional judging. A reception will be held in February.

Matoaka Yearbook Cover Contest

The Matoaka Yearbook Cover Contest runs until January 26, 2018. Please see Mrs. Henderson for more information, paper and a protective cover. The contest is open to all grades.

The artwork of the 5th grade winner and runner up will shown on the front and back cover of the 2017/18 Matoaka yearbook, respectively. Winning artwork from grades K-4 will be displayed on the first page of yearbook.

Have fun, be creative, and show your Matoaka Cardinal Pride!



PTA Directory

The Matoaka PTA Directory will soon be emailed to all PTA members.

The Directory will include PTA members/students and their contact information.

Fundraising for Matoaka with Box Tops

Thanks to all the Box Tops you turned in, our school received a check from BoxTops for Education for \$592! Great job, everyone!

The **winner of the first Box Tops collection cycle** is Massimo Serio with 637 Box Tops.

Keep the Box Tops coming in! The next Box Tops deadline is February 15, 2018.

Remember, you can use the collection sheets at BTFE.com/collections sheets to help keep track of all your clips. Contact Larysa Stein (larysanstein@gmail.com) with questions.



For more detailed, up-to-the-minute Matoaka PTA news see

www.matoaka-pta.org or <https://www.facebook.com/MatoakaElementary/>

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