



# Bird's Eye View

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

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

## Matoaka Birthday Beach Bash Carnival

**Let's celebrate Matoaka's 10th anniversary with a Birthday Beach Bash Carnival on March 25th from 2-5 pm, rain or shine!**

We will have bounce houses, a petting zoo, unique crafts, carnival games, balloon grab, fire engines, the flight for life helicopter, a book walk, and a cake walk to name a few. Additionally, some yummy treats will be available for purchase from Ben and Jerry's, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Dave's Kettle Corn, and the Jamestown High School Football Team.

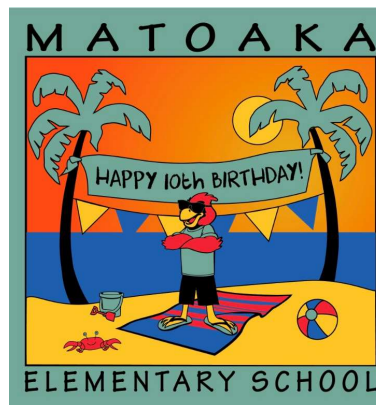
**Carnival T-Shirts.** Thanks to all who participated in the annual carnival t-shirt contest! There were many amazing entries.

The winners are:

- Abigail Wester- 4th grade
- Elizabeth Connaghan- 4th grade
- Greyden Wilson- 3rd grade

Each winner will receive a carnival t-shirt!

**Carnival t-shirts are on sale now:** \$15 for a long-sleeve shirt, \$12 for a short sleeve shirt. T-shirts are available in adult and child sizes. You must [order](#) by March 8. Online ordering is available via [www.matoaka-pta.org](http://www.matoaka-pta.org)



**Cake Decorating Contest.** The theme of our cake decorating contest is Birthday Beach Bash! We look forward to seeing the wonderful and creative cakes our students make. Winners will be announced on Friday, March 24. All of the cakes entered in the contest will be available to win during the cake walk on Saturday.

**Carnival Wristbands.** Be on the lookout for wristband ordering information. Flyers will come home in student folders on Friday, March 17. Buy early to receive the discounted price of \$12. The cost at the door is \$15.

**Help Wanted.** We need help to make this event a success! Be on the lookout for cake walk donation requests, small gift card donations for our balloon grab prizes, and volunteer slots that need to be filled.

Help celebrate Matoaka's 10th anniversary with a Birthday Beach Bash!!!!

Any questions? Contact Amy Davies at [amycherelledavies@gmail.com](mailto:amycherelledavies@gmail.com).

## March

- 3/8: Carnival T-shirt Orders Due
- 3/15, 7-8 pm: PTA General Membership Meeting
- 3/18, 1-5 pm: School Garden Cleanup Day
- 3/20-24: Order your Carnival Wristband
- 3/25: Cardinal Carnival: Birthday Beach Bash
- 3/31: No School; Yearbook Orders Due

## Mark your Calendar

- 4/3-7: Spring break
- 4/19, 7-8 pm: PTA General Membership Meeting. Vote on Bylaws
- 5/1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/20: Fire & Flick

## Matoaka's Teacher of the Year Is...

Ms. Courtney Fuller! She was selected by her colleagues as this year's Teacher of the Year. She will now "compete" against other Teacher of the Year selections from other WJCC elementary schools.

## Healthy Lifestyles News

The Williamsburg Health Foundation's "Eat Well to Compete Well" initiative encourages athletic organizers, sports teams, coaches, parents, and young athletes to drink water and eat healthy snacks before and after activity.

Reach for water rather than sugary sodas and sports drinks to hydrate young athletes. Instead of sugary sports bars or salty snacks, eat fresh fruits and vegetables with nut butters or hummus.

Visit [www.eatwellcompetewell.org](http://www.eatwellcompetewell.org) for more ideas!



## Spring Garden Cleanup: March 18

The garden is off to a great start this planting with the kindergarten classes planting peas last week. First and second grade also have plantings of their own coming up over the next few weeks.

The big garden event for March is the annual garden cleanup and mulch spreading. This is a big job and

gets our garden looking great again so please come out and help if you can!

**The garden cleanup will be March 18 from 1-5.** Note this is a change from a previously published date. Bring your wheelbarrow and shovel or pitchfork if you have one.



## Update to MES PTA Bylaws

The Virginia PTA requires local unit PTAs to revise their bylaws and submit them for state approval every 5 years. The deadline for the Matoaka Elementary School PTA's revision is June 20, 2017.

The MES PTA Bylaws Committee has prepared a revised set of bylaws and must now submit these to the general membership for review and comment.

The general membership must have 30 days to review the bylaws, and the bylaws must be put to a vote of the general membership.

The bylaws will be up for a vote at the general membership meeting on April 19, 2017. The proposed bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote at the meeting.

The proposed bylaws (red-lined version) is on the [Matoaka PTA website](http://Matoaka PTA website) and a copy is in the front office at school for your review.

Any comments on the proposed bylaws or questions may be submitted to Jamie Heisler Ibrahim, [jamie\\_heisler@hotmail.com](mailto:jamie_heisler@hotmail.com).



## Order Your Matoaka Yearbook

Order forms for the MES 2016/17 10-Year Anniversary Yearbook have been distributed in classroom folders and Peachjar. The deadline for pre-ordering a yearbook is March 31, 2017. Cost is \$20 for softcover, \$25 for hardcover.

You can order on-line at [candidcolor.net](http://candidcolor.net), select YEARBOOKS, and enter code: **MTEYBK17**.

Congratulations to our yearbook art winners:

### **5th Grade:**

**Maia Walls** - Girard (Front Cover/Winner - receives a Free yearbook)

**Emily Francis** - Smith (Back Cover/Runner-up)

### **4th Grade:**

**Elise Triptree** - Miller

### **3rd Grade:**

**Luke Galindo** - Heath

### **2nd Grade:**

**Broc Hafli** - Ferrara

### **1st Grade:**

**Logan Kota** - Poulter

### **Kindergarten:**

**Lady Redfern** - Reeher

