



Bird's Eye View

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

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

PTA President's Report

Welcome spring! Here are some key places you can assist PTA this season!

1. **Yeabook!** We are always appreciative of images submitted (no professional credential required!) by families from school events. More info can be found on page 2 in this newsletter.
2. **Dads!** We LOVE our paternal community (Donuts with Dad was an awesome turnout!). We need a few great Dads to help with our annual Fire & Flick in May. If you or someone you know would be willing to lend your time to make this event as great as ever, please contact me!

--Ally Younica (allyserio@yahoo.com)

Matoaka Wild West Carnival Roundup

Howdy! Put on your cowboy boots and your ten-gallon hat because Matoaka's Wild West Carnival Roundup will be in town on Saturday, March 24 from 2-5 pm. Join us for an afternoon of inflatables, service vehicles, a silent auction, games, crafts, and some of your favorite Matoaka celebrities in the **DUNK TANK!!!**

T-shirt order forms can be found online at www.matoaka-pta.org and wristband order forms will be coming home in folders soon! Wristbands will be \$10 when pre-ordered or \$12 at the door.

Show your support by sending in a cake for the cake walk, a \$5 gift card for the balloon grab, or volunteering for a 30-minute shift at one of the booths. If you would like to be part of the planning please contact adriannetropilo@yahoo.com for more information!

See you partners at the Matoaka Corral!



Family Fun Activity: Fun Run on 3/26

Dog Street Pub running club has invited Matoaka students and families to join in for the run on March 26. Signup will be outside the restaurant from 5-6 pm.

The 5K run starts at 6pm. It's casual, run- and walk-friendly, and stroller- and dog-friendly. www.dogstreetpub.com/running-club.html

March

- 3/6: Reflections Reception, 6 pm
- 3/9: Carnival T-shirt Deadline
- 3/14: Farm to School Sampling: Kale Chips
- 3/18: MES Garden Cleanup, 1pm
- 3/22: PTA Meeting – Media Center, 7pm
- 3/24: Cardinal Carnival
- 3/26: Run the DoG, 5pm (registration), 6pm (run starts)
- 3/29: Spirit Night at Blaze, 5-8pm; Matoaka Yearbook Order Due

Mark your
Calendar

- 4/18: PTA Meeting – Media Center, 7pm
- 5/7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/16: PTA Meeting – MES Media Center, 7pm

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Garden News; Big Garden Cleanup on 3/18

Spring is upon us and the school garden is ramping up! The garden club started back up last week and is working hard getting the beds prepared for this year's plantings.

This week and next the Kindergarten classes are planting peas. Stop by and see the bare pea trellis so you know what it looks like before it is covered with peas! There will be more grade level planting with the first and second graders in the coming weeks.

Want to get your hands dirty? The annual **big garden cleanup** where we pull all the weeds and re-mulch will be **March 18th at 1pm**. It is a big job and many hands make light work! Bring gloves, wheelbarrows and your weed pulling and/or mulch spreading implements of choice!



Submit Your Photos for the 2017/2018 Yearbook

What a fun and exciting year at Matoaka! We had some awesome MES events such as the Annual Halloween Parade, Walk-a-thon, Donuts with Dads, holidays, Valentines' Day, 100th day of school, field trips, and more events to come!

If you have photos from these or other elementary school events, please consider sharing them with the Yearbook Committee.

You can directly upload your photos.

Matoaka Yearbook Dropbox site: <http://lpx.me/qgvc-6dt4-fmhr/>. For upload questions or if you would like to email photos, please contact Lisa Iannuzzelli at ljiannuzzelli@gmail.com.



Fundraising for Matoaka

Don't forget to clip and save Box Tops! Each one is worth 10 cents for our school. The next deadline will be in May.

Keep up all the great shopping with Farm Fresh, Amazon, Office Depot, Schoola, and other online programs (see www.matoaka-pta.org for details).

Order Yearbooks by 3/29

Be sure to order your 2017-2018 Matoaka yearbook! You can order in one of two ways:

- (1) Mailing in the order form your child brought home.
- (2) Ordering online at www.candidcolor.net, select **YEARBOOKS** and enter access code: **MTEYBK18**

Order are due by March 29.

PTA Reflections Contest

A reception will be held at Matoaka on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 pm to recognize ALL students who submitted artwork to the 2017-18 National PTA Reflections contest.

Please join us for refreshments and a special ceremony with our young artists, their parents, and our volunteer judges.



March is Fine Arts Month

March is Fine Arts Month at Matoaka! We will be hosting a guest potter to work with our 1st graders, a performance by the LHS Honors Orchestra, a musical called The Flying Ship, and a performance by Matoaka 1st graders!

