



Bird's Eye View

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



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For detailed, up-to-the-minute Matoaka PTA news see <http://www.matoaka-pta.org>

Matoaka Walk-A-Thon: Thank You!

Thank you, Matoaka families and sponsors for helping us EXCEED our Walkathon goal! We raised over **\$20,000!**

We could not have done it without you! So many of you came out that morning to help with setup, music, and artwork, plus count laps and more! The kids did a phenomenal job in the weeks leading up to it, raising an exceptional amount of money.

Walk-a-thon proceeds will help bring more author visits, field trips, computer programs, Matoaka Dads events, updates to the Living Wedge and much more. Special thanks to our sponsors for donating money and prizes for our students.



Veterans Day Celebration: Nov. 10



On Fri. 11/10, our 2nd and 3rd graders will present a musical tribute to our military and veterans. Family members of students in **grades K-2, please attend the 1:30 show.** Family members of students in **grades 3-5, please attend the 3:00 show.**

Matoaka PTA invites veterans and active duty military personnel to join their student(s) at a dessert reception in the cafeteria at 2pm. This reception can be a special time for veterans to share their experiences with younger generations.

PTA Membership Drive

Help Your grade win an in-school **Zoo Pro Adventures** assembly!
Help Your teacher win \$50 for classroom supplies by joining the PTA!



The grade level with the highest % of PTA memberships wins the assembly AND the class with the highest % of PTA members will win \$50.00 in classroom supplies.

See back of this page for membership benefits, as well as a membership form (or join online: <https://member.pta.org/join>). Deadline: Wed. 11/21.

W&M Football: 11/11

Come cheer on the Tribe vs. Towson on Sat. 11/11 at 2pm!

Discounted price for Matoaka students & families:
\$10/student, \$15/adult



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See the back page of this newsletter to learn about:

- the new creatures coming to the wedge
- the Square 1 Art fundraiser
- the benefits of joining the PTA (along with a membership form)

November

- 10/30-11/3: Treats for Troops; Healthy Lifestyles Week
- 11/7: Election Day – No School
- 11/10: Veterans Day Celebration, 1:30pm & 3pm
- 11/11: W&M Football Game, 2pm
- 11/15: PTA Meeting, 7pm in the Matoaka library
- 11/15-17: Early Release, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/22-24: Thanksgiving Break – No School

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- 1/17: PTA Meeting, 7pm in the Matoaka library



November 2017

Square 1 Art: In Time for Holidays

Square 1 Art is coming early this year, just in time for the holidays!

The first week of November, students will receive their order forms (and get their beautiful artwork back). You may order online or bring in checks or cash to your child's teacher. The orders will come back in mid December, just in time for the winter break!

This year, kindergarteners made cardinals, first graders created hot air balloons, second graders created under-the-sea artwork, third graders made pictures of the sun and moon, fourth graders made still life with dessert, and fifth grade created bird portraits.

Thank you, as ALWAYS, for your support. Funds raised by the Square 1 Art Fundraiser support not only consumables and resources in the art room, they also help Matoaka classroom teachers when they need supplies for hands-on projects or run out of materials.

-Ms. Henderson



President's Report: Can you Help Make Us 100% Strong?

The bottom line when it comes to any organization is that we are only as strong as our membership. With your support, you enable us to make things happen for ALL students at Matoaka. The small \$6 and \$10 fee to be on our team directly benefits our school and gives you the following benefits:

- Optional Volunteering: Our promise to you is always the OPTION to volunteer – if you don't want hear from us, you won't! For those who want to be directly involved, we welcome your time and dedication!
- Member Directory: Following the membership drive in November, all PTA families will receive our member-only publication.

- Discounts: These are some of the businesses offering discounts and promos for PTA members:



These tangible benefits of course supplement the greatest value of your \$6 or \$10 membership: supporting our kids and teachers at Matoaka!

If you have yet to join the PTA, please consider what a difference you can make! Matoaka's PTA thanks you for all you do to help us achieve this – contact me with any questions: allyserio@yahoo.com Join now online - <https://member.pta.org/join>

-Ally Younica

Individual Member - \$6 _____ Family Membership - \$10 _____

I'll make a tax-deductible enrichment gift to Matoaka for \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (checks payable to MES PTA)

Adult 1 _____ Adult 2 _____

Child's name _____ Teacher _____

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Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email(s) _____

Send this form and payment in to school with your student.

Committee use only: Rec'd by Treas. _____ Cash/Check # _____

New to the Wedge!

In partnership with VIMS (through Matoaka parent Troy Tuckey), we will soon have a live, brackish water tank in the wedge that will have crabs, fish, and possibly other organisms. This should be an exciting addition for the kids!

-Mr. Spence