



Bird's Eye View

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Newsletter of Matoaka Elementary School PTA

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President's Notes

Matoaka PTA is already celebrating a number of successful events, and we owe much thanks to our school community! Our **2018 Walk-a-thon event generated income of \$18,000**, which will go directly to funding all the great events our kids enjoy throughout the year. We especially want to recognize our community business partners who generously contributed to our fundraiser. Please keep these businesses in mind when you shop locally (logos on this page!).

We also extend a huge thanks to our fabulous fathers who made our **Breakfast with Dad** one of the best yet! This month, we highlight wellness with **Healthy Lifestyles week (Nov. 5-9)** with **Family Fitness Night from 5:30-7pm Nov 8th**. Please follow our calendar of events here and online to keep up with our many activities. As always, if you would like to be more involved with PTA, please contact me. Thank you!

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Nov-Dec Events

- **11/1-5: Treats for Troops Candy Collection**
- **11/5-9: Healthy Lifestyles Week**
- **11/12: Veterans Day Reception @ 2:30pm**
- **11/14: PTA Meeting @ 7pm**
- **12/3 – 12/7: Membership Drive**

Walk-a-Thon Gold Sponsor!



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Treats for Troops



We will be collecting Halloween candy 11/1-11/5. The program is being sponsored by Dr. Rana Graham-Montague of Pediatric Dental Specialists of Williamsburg. Look for boxes in office and pods.

Thanks to all our Walk-a-thon Sponsors!



Let's Give Matoaka Families a Helping Hand!

The PTA's Helping Hands program is aimed at fulfilling the needs of some of our own Matoaka families. We provide school supplies, Halloween costumes, Thanksgiving dinners, and holiday gifts to school families who need them most. If you'd like to hear about giving opportunities throughout the year, e-mail one of the program chairs, Karen Talley (ketalley4@gmail.com) or Becca Bruhl (beccajensen@yahoo.com), to get added to the distribution list. For our next project, we will be asking for monetary donations to provide families with vouchers for Thanksgiving meals.

News from Mrs. Henderson's Art Desk

Occasion for the Arts: Congratulations to Luke Stensland for his Honorable Mention for his amazing MALI MUDCLOTH based on designs from the country of Mali. Well done, Luke!

Square 1 Art, Matoaka's Annual Art Fundraiser is coming in November.



Every year, students create artwork in Art Centers which can be printed on mugs, water bottles, magnets, quilt squares-the possibilities are ENDLESS!

The orders will come back on December 14 just in time for the holidays! (If your child was one of the few who couldn't complete their artwork on time, do not despair...SQ1 Art takes individual parent orders...I can get you a form and you can send it in yourself.) You can order online ALL year long if you want to purchase more after our fundraiser is over. I REALLY appreciate all of your support for this fundraiser over the years-here's to another successful year!

www.square1art.com/



MES Garden Update and Volunteer Thank You

Ms. Bell and the Garden Club boys and girls planted cabbage, broccoli, and spinach this month. The club also made radish and carrot seed tapes and harvested all the sweet potatoes students will enjoy in the cafeteria this month. Special thanks to our AWESOME garden volunteers: Mike Congrove for building our back gate, the Erlich family for donating a bird house and bird seed, the Prather family for filling the garden beds with fresh soil, and the Hennessey boys for painting the pinwheels and planting spring bulbs. More opportunities to join us in the garden are on Wednesday, November 7th and 28th from 4-5pm. We will need help painting the benches, caring for the winter crops, and spreading new soil and mulch. For more info, visit <http://www.matoaka-pta.org/matoaka-garden/> or contact Angela at angelahennessey24@yahoo.com.

Veterans Invited to Family Reception Nov 12th



Veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to join their Matoaka student(s) at a dessert reception in the cafeteria immediately following the 2:00 pm Veterans Day show. This reception is a special time for veterans to share their experiences with younger generations.

Healthy Lifestyles Week

Monday - Chef Demo

Tuesday - Healthy Homework

Wednesday - Sampling – Sweet Peppers

Thursday - **Family Fitness Night 5:30-7pm**

Friday - Shake it off active breaks!