



Bird's Eye View

October
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Newsletter of Matoaka Elementary School PTA

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President's Notes!

Welcome back to all our Matoaka friends, especially the new ones! We are already into October, and with Walk-a-thon on the horizon, we are ready to gear-up our students to support our school.

Walk-a-thon is our home-grown fundraiser - we rely solely on the creative talents of our PTA team each year. Slated for **October 12th**, Walk-a-thon will literally be a 30 minute walk in the bus loop (fingers-crossed for good weather!). All students participate as a fun way to be out and about with friends and teachers.

Leading up to the event, students will collect supporting donations from friends/families and log this on their donation sheets. **As a parent/guardian, please help your child understand how the money they collect helps our school purchase things they need. No amount is ever too small!**

From food/bedding for our beloved Wedge critters to STEM supplies to events, your child's Walk-a-thon donations have a big impact on our school.

If you want to get involved in any aspect of PTA or have questions, I welcome hearing from you.

Thanks for your support! Ally Younica (allyserio@yahoo.com)

October Events

- **10/6: Matoaka Day – Tribe Football Game @ 3:30pm**
- **10/10: PTA Meeting @ 7pm**
- **10/12: Walk-a-thon**
- **10/15: Reflections Submissions Due**
- **10/21: Spirit Day at Holly Fork Farm, 12-6pm**
- **10/26: Breakfast with Dad @ 8:30am**

THANK YOU to Our Walk-a-thon Gold and Silver Sponsors!



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Coming Soon...

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

Matoaka PTA Executive Officers 2018-19

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VP Programs – Alisa Smith

VP Fundraising – Kristy Wall

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Entries for Reflections Due October 15!

Calling all artists and writers! It's time for your creative children to express themselves in the annual PTA Reflections Arts contest. This year's theme is **Heroes Around Me**. Students are encouraged to submit a piece in one or more of the following categories: **Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts**. Entries will be evaluated based on interpretation of the theme, creativity, and technique. Representatives in each category and grade division will be chosen to move on to the WJCC division-wide contest. All participants and families will be invited to attend a special reception in March 2019. Official rules and entry forms can be picked up at the Matoaka office or from Mrs. Henderson, art teacher. Contact: rachel.sleeth12@gmail.com



MES Garden Update and Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to Dee and Bill Cox and family for donating a much needed wheelbarrow to the MES Garden. Thank you also to Ms. Bell and the other volunteers that worked in the Garden this last month to help get ready for the Garden Club's first meeting on October 9th. The Garden club will be meeting in October to plant fall crops and harvest sweet potatoes. Garden volunteers can join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5pm as there is always a need for your help, no experience necessary. We will meet October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (no meeting on October 31st). For more information, please check out the MES Garden website at <http://www.matoaka-pta.org/matoaka-garden/> or contact Angela: angelahennessey24@yahoo.com

Breakfast with Dad is October 26!

Fathers & Father Figures, join The Matoaka Dad's Club for a fun morning with your child to encourage male role involvement at our school. Come out to spend time with your child, learn about the Matoaka Dad's Club, and discuss opportunities to strengthen the Matoaka community over breakfast treats. Dads are also encouraged to accompany their student to his/her classroom to participate in a classroom activity starting at 9:10am.

Student Directory Info Requested from Families

Attention MES parents! We are putting together the 2018-19 Matoaka Elementary Directory, which is tailored to connect Matoaka families throughout the year. To be included, please complete the survey for your children using this link: <https://bit.ly/matoakadirectory> before **Friday, October 19**. Please **ONLY** provide information you would like included in the directory. The directory will be distributed via email in PDF form. Contact Katherine Dabney at hoograd02@gmail.com with questions.