



From the PTA President



March 2016

Hello Matoaka families,

Here's what going on at Matoaka:

- 3/7 - 3/11 Fine Arts Week (In the past, the school has done a Fine Arts Night. We are now transitioning to the event being all week during school hours.)
- 3/16 PTA General Membership meeting 7pm, Media Center at Matoaka

-March 2 was Read Across America Day. The school hosted many "guest readers" which included parents, grandparents, and several school board members!

-The PTA held a "Kiss the Pig" coin drive the last week of February. We collected \$851.00! The teacher that collected the most money and got to kiss Penelope the pig was...Mrs. Ferrara! Ask your kids about it! Thank you to the Bryce family for letting us borrow Penelope, their pet pig.

-Watch for information coming home soon about our annual CARDINAL CARNIVAL - Saturday April 30, 2-5pm!

-Congratulations to the following students for winning the Yearbook cover contest. Pictures from our Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade winners will be featured on the inside of yearbooks. The deadline for ordering yearbooks is April 8. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

- Front cover winner - Isabel Cantor (5<sup>th</sup> grade-Freeland)
- Back cover winner - Rachel Yu (5<sup>th</sup> grade-Freeland)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade winner - Hailey Diggs (Pesola)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade winner - Bear Redfern (Heath)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade winner - Allyson Williams (Harmon)
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade winner - Landry Kailian (Smethurst)
- Kindergarten - Erica Foster (Falcone)

-A note from Ms. Henderson: A HUGE thank you to all the parents who matted and labeled over 700 pieces of artwork currently on display throughout Matoaka's hallways. This would not have happened without your help and time and I greatly appreciate it! Also, Square 1 Art Fundraiser order forms should be coming home in mid-March and are due back to the office before Spring Break.

-Our PTA is currently looking for people to serve on the board for the 2016-2017 school year . If you are interested, please contact our nominating committee: Karen Talley- [ketalley4@gmail.com](mailto:ketalley4@gmail.com), Michelle Alexander- [chele.alexander@gmail.com](mailto:chele.alexander@gmail.com), Tanya Tremps- [trempsdt@aol.com](mailto:trempsdt@aol.com), or Andy Jacobs- [andrew.jacobs@wjccschools.org](mailto:andrew.jacobs@wjccschools.org)

If you have any PTA related questions, please feel free to contact me at [robin\\_bennett@cox.net](mailto:robin_bennett@cox.net)

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