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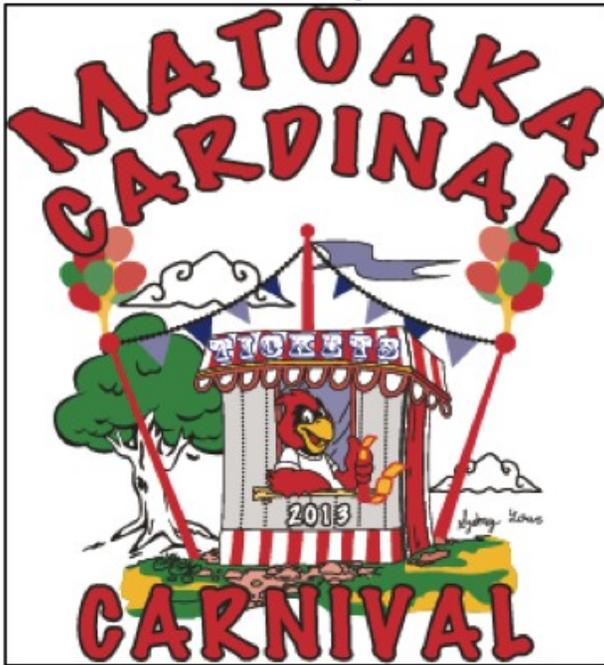
Calendar of Events



MATOAKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Bird's Eye View

MAY

May 2	Th	First grade Show, 1:45 and 6:30 p.m. Matoaka Gymnasium
May 3	F	Kindergarten Registration
May 13	M	4th Grade SOL Reading Test
May 14	T	3rd Grade SOL Reading Test I
May 15	W	3rd Grade SOL Reading Test II
May 16	Th	5th Grade SOL Math Test I
May 17	F	5th Grade SOL Math Test II
May 20	M	3rd Grade SOL Math Test I
May 21	T	3rd Grade SOL Math Test II
May 22	W	5th Grade SOL Reading Test
May 23	Th	4th Grade SOL Math Test I
May 24	F	4th Grade SOL Math Test II
May 27	M	NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
May 28	T	SOL Make-up Tests
May 29	W	3rd Grade SOL Science Test 5th Grade SOL Science Test
May 30	Th	4th Grade SOL History Test
May 31	F	3rd Grade SOL History Test



Cardinal Carnival Huge Success!

The Cardinal Carnival was a ton of fun. The balloon man made balloon hats worn by many while caramel apples and cotton candy sold out!

Some enjoyed petting the baby pig while others took their turn trying to soak Mr. Jacobs or Mrs. Turner amongst other staff, at Pitch Burst.

Whether winning a cake at the cakewalk, dancing at Just Dance or jumping with friends in a bounce house, Matoaka students had smiles on their faces the entire afternoon.

Officer MacDowell let kids sit in his patrol car and James City County fire, ambulance and dive team had their vehicles on hand for kids to climb on, sit in and try on fire gear!

The book walk was filled with books to win and the crafts tables were busy with creative hands. Families enjoyed the cardinal café and parents enjoyed the silent auction.

At the end of day, the Medivac crew made their grand entrance and the kids were able to check out the helicopter before heading home.

Many thanks to the parents who donated cakes for the cake walk and contest, baked goods for our café, books and trinkets, and silent auction items.

Thank you also to parents who volunteered their time.

Without our parents, this PTA would not be able to put on a successful carnival for our kids to enjoy.

Thank you also to the many Matoaka staff that gave their time to the carnival.

Your dedication to our kids is outstanding.

The Matoaka Cardinal Carnival made approximately \$6,600.00.

Thank you for your continued support.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10

IT'S TIME TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS

THE MATOAKA PTA WILL BE COORDINATING SEVERAL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SUN: DECORATE CLASSROOM DOORS-SURPRISE FOR MON MORNING SCHOOL OPEN 2-4 PM SUNDAY (FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL IS ALSO AN OPTION)

MON: BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY PANERA

TUES: SWEET TREATS PROVIDED BY PTA

WED: A FLOWER FROM EACH STUDENT (FROM YOUR GARDEN, THE STORE, OR MADE BY YOUR CHILD.) ROOM MOMS PLEASE PROVIDE A VASE.

THUR: LUNCHEON PROVIDED BY PTA

FRI: CUPCAKES PROVIDED BY PTA. A NOTE OR CARD OF APPRECIATION FROM YOUR CHILD. (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT)

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE DOOR DECORATING.

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Family Fun Ideas

Take a bike ride

Fly a kite.

Play catch or Frisbee.

Visit a local museum.

Go to the airport.

Plant a flower and/or vegetable garden.

Play board games or card games at home.

Invite a family for popcorn.

They may even enjoy playing a board game with you.

Surprise the family on a mystery walk. Only you know the destination. Have something special waiting at the end of the walk.

Have a scavenger hunt either inside or outside.

Visit a nearby playground or park. Pack a lunch and make a day of it.



Take a paddle boat ride.

Visit the library.

Read a book together as a family.

Work on a word puzzle together.

Wash the car together.

Make an indoor tents with blankets draped over tables and/or chairs.

Clean out the garage, basement, or attic.

Have fun making your own pizza.

Find some old family albums and have fun reminiscing .

Crafty Kids...For Moms

FLOWERS FOR MOM

Trace a tulip template onto a piece of sturdy cardboard such as a cereal box. Crease the line down the middle of the tulip template so it can be folded in half. Cut out 4 tulips for each tulip you wish to make.



Glue two tulip sides together so that it looks like this. Then glue the other two tulip halves the same way. If your edges do not perfectly match, that is no problem. Just trim it down with scissors if necessary.



Then glue the two halves together with a skewer end sandwiched about 1-2 centimeters between the halves. Use paper clips to hold it all

together until the glue dries. You can glue a leaf onto the skewer if you'd like.

Repeat these steps for as many tulips as you like. The more, the merrier!

—craftideas.info

GIVE MOM A HAND



Use your hand to show Mom how much you love all she does for you. Trace your handprint and paint a face on it; either yours or your Mom's.

Or if you
Would rather
Dip your hand
In some
Paint, make
A beautiful
Bird sitting in
A nest.

Or maybe you have some better ideas for handprints: elephants? Butterfly? Get creative for Mom!



Earth Corner: Endangered Species Day

10 Easy things you can do at home to protect endangered species, 5-17-13

- 1) Learn about endangered species in your area: Teach your friends & family about the wonderful wildlife, birds, fish and plants that live near you. The first step to protecting endangered species is learning about how interesting & important they are. Our natural world provides us with many indispensable services including clean air and water, food and medicinal sources, commercial, aesthetic & recreational benefits.
- 2) Visit a national wildlife refuge, park or other open space: These protected lands provide habitat to many native wildlife, birds, fish and plants. Scientists tell us the best way to protect endangered species is to protect the places where they live. Get involved by volunteering at your local nature center or wildlife refuge. Go wildlife or bird watching in nearby parks.
- 3) Make your home wildlife friendly: Secure garbage in shelters or cans with locking lids, feed pets indoors and lock pet doors at night to avoid attracting wild animals into your home. Reduce your use of water in your home and garden so that animals that live in or near water can have a better chance of survival. Disinfect bird baths often to avoid disease transmission. Place decals on windows to deter bird collisions.
- 4) Provide habitat for wildlife by planting native vegetation in your yard: Native plants provide food and shelter for native wildlife. Attracting native insects like bees and butterflies can help pollinate your plants. The spread of non-native species has greatly impacted native populations around the world. Invasive species compete with native species for resources and habitat. They can even prey on native species directly, forcing native species towards extinction.
- 5) Minimize use of herbicides and pesticides: Herbicides and pesticides may keep yards looking nice but they are in fact hazardous pollutants that affect wildlife at many levels. Many herbicides and pesticides take a long time to degrade and build up in the soils or throughout the food chain. Predators such as hawks, owls and coyotes can be harmed if they eat poisoned animals. Some groups of animals such as amphibians are particularly vulnerable to these chemical pollutants & suffer greatly.
- 6) Slow down when driving: Many animals live in developed areas and this means they must navigate a landscape full of human hazards. One of the biggest obstacles to wildlife living in developed areas is roads. Roads divide habitat and present a constant hazard to any animal attempting to cross from one side to the other.
- 7) Recycle and buy sustainable products: Buy recycled paper & sustainable products to protect forest species. Never buy furniture made from wood from rainforests. Recycle your cell phones, because a mineral used in cell phones and other electronics is mined in gorilla habitat. Minimize your use of palm oil because forests where tigers live are being cut down to plant palm plantations.
- 8) Never purchase products made from threatened or endangered species: Overseas trips can be exciting and fun, and everyone wants a souvenir. But sometimes the souvenirs are made from species nearing extinction. Avoid supporting the market in illegal wildlife.
- 9) Report any harassment or shooting of threatened and endangered species: Harassing wildlife is cruel and illegal. Shooting, trapping, or forcing a threatened or endangered animal into captivity is also illegal and can lead to their extinction. Don't participate in this activity, and report it as soon as you see it to your local state or federal wildlife enforcement office.
- 10) Protect wildlife habitat: Perhaps the greatest threat that faces many species is the widespread destruction of habitat. Wildlife must have places to find food, shelter and raise their young. Logging, oil and gas drilling, over-grazing and development all result habitat destruction. Endangered species habitat should be protected and these impacts minimized.

—stopextinction.org

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This cat's name is Breeze. She'd love to have a body designed like a car.