

From the PTA President



November 2015



Hello Matoaka families!

Coming up in November & December at Matoaka:

- 11/19 Cultural Arts Performance “Hiawatha” for grades K-2
- 11/21 WISC Spirit Night 6-8:30pm \$15 includes indoor playground, laser tag, clip & climb, and indoor turf. Come out and support our school, no drop offs please! Space limited to first 150 guests
- 12/11 Make-up picture day - if anyone wants a retake, we ask that you return your original package
- Look for information coming home soon about the yearbook cover contest
- Ms. Henderson, the art teacher, is collecting PLASTIC bottle caps for a fun project. Please send bottle caps to school in a Ziploc bag with your child.

Here’s a look at what’s been happening at Matoaka during the months of October and November:

- I would like to thank everyone for making our annual Walk-a-thon a success again this year. We reached our goal of \$16,000! Thank you to Stacey Harris for all her hard work and taking on this huge commitment.
- Matoaka’s Morning with Dad was held in October. We had a great turnout for this event, including visits from Congressman Rob Wittman & Delegate Brenda Pogge.
- School directories were sent home via email or paper copies. Thanks to Ally Younica for putting these together. If you didn’t receive a copy and would like one, please contact Ally, allyserio@yahoo.com
- Our Treats for Troops program partnered with Dr. Sebastiana Springman of Newtown Dental to donate leftover Halloween candy to our troops overseas.
- Thank you to our Veterans Day Committee & Mrs. Neeley for hosting wonderful music & a reception on November 11 for our military families.

- The Reflections committee received over 40 entries for the “Let your imagination fly” theme this year. Great job, Cardinals!
- Our first Box Tops collection went well, with Mrs. Freeland’s class receiving the Box Top Trophy! Look for a flyer coming home soon with the next collection date.
- Our Matoaka kids really enjoyed Healthy Lifestyles Week, with a chef demonstration, water tasting, a 5K/Fun Run, scavenger hunt at Bush Neck Farm and posters decorating the cafeteria.
- The PTA, along with Funds2org, finished our first SHOE DRIVE on November 16. We collected hundreds of shoes! Thank you to Sugar & Spice consignment shop, Twice as Nice consignment shop & Kensington School for their generous donations.
- The Membership drive was held in October & we currently have 460 members! We held a contest for the highest percentage of members per class & the winning classes will receive \$50 of school supplies. Winners are: Kindergarten – Mrs. Reeher, 1st –Mrs. Smethurst, 2nd – Mrs. Walls, 3rd – Mrs. Heath, 4th – Mrs. Sydow, 5th- Mrs. Girard. Overall, the 4th grade had the highest percentage of members & they will receive the ZooPro assembly!
- Our Helping Hands committee is busy working with Mrs. Harris, our school guidance counselor, on providing Thanksgiving meals for some of our Matoaka families. We will also work alongside Mrs. Harris to help some families at Christmas. If you haven’t signed up to be a part of Helping Hands & are interested, please contact Stacey Long, staceyannlong@gmail.com
- Don’t forget about our Birthday Book Club! Celebrate your child’s birthday the healthy way! Please contact Gretchen Golub for more information, golub1@cox.net

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! And thanks to all the volunteers that contribute their time to our PTA.

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