

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 10/30/18

REMINDERS

- **10th ANNUAL GALA IS THIS WEEKEND!** – This is it, folks! The Maury Gala is this Saturday, 7-11pm. Make sure your sitter is booked, and **PLEASE BUY TICKETS NOW by going to the link on this page!**
 - If you can't attend, you can buy the \$25 "Designated Driver" ticket or "Sponsor a Teacher" ticket and you'll be able to bid on items from home.
 - Or if you're not interested in the auction, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the PTA (a check to "Maury Elementary PTA" can be left in the PTA mailbox.)
 - Also, **please sign up to volunteer here** as we still need help with Gala set-up, check-in, bartending, and cleanup. We hope to see many of you this Saturday for a fun night in costume or cocktail attire!
- **Book Character Parade** – Don't forget to send students' costumes in with them tomorrow morning, 10/31, along with the book that their character is from. **Please note:** Teachers encourage costumes that children can slip on themselves over their uniforms with **minimal or no assistance**, to avoid parents coming in to the classrooms this year. If you feel your child's outfit needs special help that won't be obvious to the teacher, please reach out to your child's teacher via email today. If you have further questions re: costumes, you can contact Ms. King at cking@acps.k12.va.us. Parents can gather on the playground to view the parade, which starts at 1:45pm.
- **November PTA Meeting** – For our 11/5 meeting, in addition to the 3rd grade concert, the presentation on ACPS emergency procedures, and the uniform swap, we'll also hear from Special Ed teacher Ms. Kertyzak. She'll talk about how we can help our kids be more aware and tolerant of each other's differences, and will give examples and tools for being a supportive, kind and respectful classroom community. Should be great advice for conflict avoidance/resolution, at both school and home!
 - Singing begins at 6:15pm, followed by the speakers.
 - **NEW this month:** we'll be trying to broadcast via Facebook Live at 6:15pm, so that those who can't make it to school can still see the singing and hear the speakers! Make sure to "Like" the Maury PTA page here so you can view the broadcast: facebook.com/mauryppta/
 - Pizza will be available for \$1/slice starting at 6pm, plus we'll have free child care.
- **Maury Veterans Day Celebration** – Maury will celebrate and honor Veterans Day on Friday, 11/9. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who'd like to be part of the morning activities such as giving high fives to students as they come to school, helping with the flag raising, being a mystery reader, etc. please email Josie Beets (josie.beets@gmail.com) for more info.

If you want more info on the above items, you can always [view older Tidings here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TAGAC Meeting** – The Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at Maury at 7pm on Wednesday, 11/7. On the agenda is a Q & A with Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchins, TAG Elementary Coordinator and TAG Local Plan Updates. All are welcome.

IMPORTANT INFO

- **AmazonSmile Special Donation Offer** – Planning to buy part of your Gala costume on Amazon this week? Do you do some Christmas shopping on Amazon? **Between now and Nov. 2,**

AmazonSmile will donate 5% of the price of all eligible Amazon purchases to the Maury Elementary PTA! This is 10 times the usual .5% rate they give. Whether or not you shop this week, if you haven't already set up Maury PTA as your AmazonSmile charity for your everyday purchases, it's VERY EASY:

- Go to smile.amazon.com, sign in to your existing Amazon account, and designate **“Maury Elementary PTA Alexandria”** as your charity. That's it!
 - Be sure to go to smile.amazon.com when you do your future Amazon shopping (you can make a “bookmark” in your browser), and the donation will happen automatically. You'll see the same products and get the same prices as on Amazon.com.
 - Send these instructions to friends and family — anyone can designate Maury PTA as their AmazonSmile charity!
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- **Election Day Bake Sale Volunteers Needed** – If you're voting at Maury on Nov 6th between 6:30am-10:30am, please plan to buy your morning coffee and pastry at the bake sale! And there are still some food, coffee, and cashier slots left to fill, so [please click here to see how you can help!](#)
 - **Art to Remember** – A separate listserv message with more info will be posted when order forms go in your child's folder, in the next week or so.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Dinner** – The PTA will provide dinner for our fabulous teachers on 11/15, after their long day of conferences. We'll have the food catered, so we don't need volunteer help this month. Just remember to thank our teachers for all they do during your conference!

Note: purple dates below are new or revised in this list since the last Tidings.

OCTOBER DATES

10/31 – Annual Book Character Parade (1:45pm)

NOVEMBER DATES

11/03 – MAURY FALL GALA (7-11pm)

11/05 – PTA Meeting (6:15pm)

11/06 – No School for Students (Election Day)

11/06 – PTA Bake Sale during Election Day at Maury (6:30am-10:30am)

11/07 – TAGAC Meeting (7pm)

11/09 – Make-up Picture Day *

11/09 – PBIS Pep Rally for Students (1:15pm)

11/12 – No School for Students (Veterans Day)

11/14 – Special Education Committee Meeting (8:00am)

11/15 – Early Dismissal: Parent/Teacher Conferences *

11/15 – Teacher Appreciation Dinner

11/16 – Early Dismissal: Parent/Teacher Conferences *

11/21-11/23 – No School for Students (Thanksgiving Holiday)

** more info to come in a future Tidings or separate post*