

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 12/4/18

REMINDERS

- **Maury Dine-Out Tomorrow** – Tomorrow (12/5) is the dine-out at Nando's Peri-Peri of Old Town, from 5-8pm. Their location is at 702 King Street. Don't forget to mention Maury when paying the bill at your table or picking up your online order, so that a portion of your check is donated! [Click here](#) for their website, and their phone is (571) 858 9945.
- **Kindergarten Concert at Barnes & Noble** – This Saturday, 12/8, Ms. Koss and the Kindergartners will be singing at 11am at the Potomac Yard B&N. In case of bad weather, please check the ACPS website that morning to see if school-related activities are canceled for the day—we'll follow their decision. (If the show is canceled, the snow make-up date will be on 12/10 at the PTA meeting at 6:15pm.) Shop at B&N any time that day and mention Maury, and a portion of the sale will go to the PTA! From 9:30am-12:30pm we'll be doing free gift wrapping for customers who in exchange will mention Maury when making their purchase. Please encourage friends and neighbors to come too! If you're able to volunteer to wrap presents (or to help direct customers to the wrapping table) please [please sign up here](#).
- **4th and 5th Grade Winter Concert** – The 4th and 5th grade students will perform for us in the Maury Gymnasium next Wednesday, 12/12. Ms. Koss will lead the chorus, plus the band and orchestra students will perform with Ms. Bridges. There will be a two performances: a shorter show for students at 1:30pm (roughly 30 mins), plus a 6:30pm show featuring all songs (roughly 1 hour) for parents and families — all are invited to attend!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December PTA Meeting** – Our next meeting will be this Monday, 12/10 at 6:15pm. We'll be doing another "Facebook Live" for those who can't make it in that night. Just click on this link to [our Facebook page](#) at 6:15 that night to watch the meeting live, and if you put a question in the comments we can ask it for you. Rosie Wiedemer will be speaking about the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria that night. They help students at TC Williams by granting scholarships to those with financial need, as well as helping all students find scholarships that they can apply for.
- **Special Education Meeting** – The next monthly meeting will be at 8am on Wednesday, 12/12 in the Principal's Conference Room. For more info email Kristen Creighton at kristen.s.creighton@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT INFO

- **Year-End Donations to Maury PTA** – As you consider year-end charitable giving, please think of Maury. Just [click here](#) to make a quick donation via PayPal (credit cards also accepted). You may also write a check and leave it in the PTA mailbox at school, made out to "Maury Elementary PTA." Additionally, does your employer match charitable donations? Check with your employer's HR department, or click on this link to a list of [corporate-match donors](#), or try this [online searchable database](#). If you donated to the Gala, you may even be able to still attain a match if available! Donations are tax-deductible, and Maury PTA's tax ID is 541991273.
- **Book Donations Wanted** – Jennifer Kenealy is collecting gently used books for Cora Kelly kids and other toy distributions in Alexandria. Also, Mrs. Lusk will be setting up a book table for families in need, when they come to pick up the Maury Elves donations. Book donations can go in the bin in the Maury lobby or on Jennifer's front porch at 23 West Myrtle St. Board books and preschool are welcomed too! If questions, email jenniferkenealy@yahoo.com.
- **Maury Elves** – We could still use some help spreading cheer to 10 of our Maury families in need this year. Please [click here](#) to see donation options and sign up to help! The deadline is next Thursday 12/13. More details are in the link, or you can email kathrynhd@gmail.com with questions.
- **Gift Pool for Encore Teachers** – The encore room parents decided to set up a gift pool to make recognizing our encore teachers easier at the holidays. Contributions will go to coaches Ashley Lienau & Scott Allan, music teacher Laura Koss, art teacher Luisa Tio, band and orchestra director Laura Bridges, and our librarian Michelle Arnold. If you wish to contribute please do so by Friday 12/14. [Just click here](#) to go to our HipChip page. This service helps to pool the money, which we'll use to purchase Amazon Gift Cards for each of the teachers.
- **Gift Pool for Ms. Carrico** – Courtney Schlieter is organizing a holiday gift pool for Ms. Carrico, who teaches 5th Grade TAG writing and provides General Aptitude (GIA) services to our K-3 students. If you wish to contribute please do so by Friday 12/14 by [clicking on this Paypal link](#).
- **AmazonSmiles** – Just another reminder that a portion of your Amazon purchases can go to the Maury PTA! Don't forget to encourage family members to set up Maury PTA as their charity, too — anyone can do it. Please [click here](#) and you'll see a quick link to set it up and instructions, plus other simple ways your everyday purchases can help our school.

(No new dates since the last Tidings.)

DECEMBER DATES

- 12/05 – Dine-Out at Nando's Peri-Peri (5-8pm)
- 12/08 – Barnes & Noble Kindergarten Concert (11am) & Maury Fundraiser (all day)
- 12/10 – PTA Meeting (6:15pm)
- 12/12 – Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- 12/12 – Special Ed Committee Meeting (8:00am)
- 12/12 – 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert (1:30pm for students / 6:30pm for families)
- 12/14 – PBIS Prize Cart for Students (1pm)
- 12/24-1/2 – Winter Break

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