

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 1/15/19

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PTA Meeting TONIGHT** – Due to school being closed yesterday, the meeting was rescheduled to tonight at 6:15pm. Here are the details again:
 - **A speaker from "Be Smart"** will be giving a presentation. Be Smart's mission is to reduce the amount of suicides and unintentional shootings that result from unsecured firearms in the home. [Click here](#) to visit their website.
 - **Free child care** available starting at 6pm.
 - **Pizza** available at 6pm for \$1/slice.
 - **Facebook Live** – For those who can't make it to school for the meeting, watch it live from home! Visit the "Maury PTA" Facebook page (or [click here](#)) and you can view the meeting live at 6:15pm tonight (or in the future). You can even ask a question from home if you put it in the comments during the live broadcast.
 - **No Uniform Swap** – We'll have the uniform swap at Friday's Family Fun Night (see below) so won't have it at this month's meeting.
- **Maury Open House** – Do you or someone you know have a rising Kindergarten student or possible prospective student of Maury? Join us in the cafeteria on Wednesday, 2/20 at 9am. You'll get an overview of what Kindergarten and grades 1-5 are like at Maury, find out what paperwork is required to register, and get a tour of our school. Registration for Kindergarten will open later in the spring.

REMINDERS

- **Author Visit Forms Due This Thursday 1/17** – Our lucky 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will get to meet with Catherine Doyle, author of the chapter book *The Storm Keeper's Island*, on 1/22! You can get a personalized/signed copy of her book for your child by filling out the Hooray for Books order form that went home in folders. We encourage you to support this great, local bookstore, which generously donated a percentage of our book fair sales earlier this year to the Maury PTA (over \$1,000)! But make sure you get the order form in by this Thursday, 1/17. (We'll be unable to take late orders.) If you don't have the form, you can download and print it out by [clicking here](#).
- **Maury Family Fun Night** – Join us this Friday, 1/18 from 6-9pm! There'll be a moon bounce, games, crafts, dancing, plus free pizza and snacks. [Please sign up here](#) if you're able to assist with any games or activities, or setup/cleanup, etc. We could really use some volunteers to help make the night a success! Also happening at the event:

- **Uniform Swap** – Take what you need, and give what you can! Maury uniform items of all sizes and types will be out and looking for new owners, and are free to all Maury families. And if you have any gently worn items to donate, bring them with you.
- **Book Giveaway** – Please help us out by bringing any children's books you'd like to donate along with you this Friday, and just add them to the donation table! If you can't make it to the event but have books to donate, please drop them off in the bin by the front desk at Maury any time before this Friday at 2:35pm.
- **Dine-Out at Hard Times** – Our next dine-out night will be at Hard Times on 1/30 from 5-11pm. Mark your calendars!

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

IMPORTANT INFO

- **PTA Text Alert Changes for Verizon Customers** – We got a message from Remind, the service that lets us send our text reminders to those of you who subscribe. It sounds like starting on 1/28 they will no longer be able to send texts to those who have Verizon as their wireless carrier, due to a fee Verizon would make them pay for each text. If you use Verizon for your cell phone, you can still get future messages from us by doing one of these things (both are free):
 - 1) Most recommended: download the Remind mobile app on your phone [by clicking here](#) and making sure the "push" notifications are turned on, or
 - 2) change your Remind preferences to receive messages via email – you can [follow the instructions for that here](#).
 If you have any issues doing those things, or feel you're not receiving messages after 1/28, please let me know at vpcommunications@mauryppta.org
- **Spring Enrichment Programs** – The spring after-school programs will run for eight weeks, from 2/25 to 4/29. The catalogue will be sent home in this week's Thursday folders. A dedicated listserv post will go out in the next day or two with detailed info about enrollment days, etc.

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

JANUARY DATES

1/15 – PTA Meeting (6:15pm) rescheduled to TONIGHT

1/16 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon (2nd/3rd grade families)

1/18 – Maury Family Fun Night at Charles Houston Rec Center (6-9pm)

1/18 – Enrollment Opens for Spring Enrichment Programs (Scholarships only) *

- 1/21 – No School for Students (MLK holiday)
- 1/22 – Author Visit for Grades 3-5
- 1/28 – Reflections Awards Ceremony (6:30-7:30pm) *
- 1/30 – Dine-Out Night at Hard Times (5-11pm)
- 1/30 – Online Enrollment Opens for Spring Enrichment Programs *
- 1/31 – Candid Club and Team Photos for Yearbook *

FEBRUARY DATES

- 2/01 – No School for Students (teacher work day)
- 2/07 – Early Dismissal (parent/teacher conferences)
- 2/08 – Early Dismissal (parent/teacher conferences)
- 2/07 – PTA Appreciation Dinner for Teachers/Staff *
- 2/08 – Family Splash Night at Chinquapin (6-9pm) *
- 2/11 – February PTA Meeting (6:15pm) *
- 2/13 – Crossing Guard Appreciation Day *
- 2/13 – Special Ed Committee Meeting (8-9am)
- 2/18 – No School for Students (Presidents' Day)
- 2/20 – Maury Open House (9am)
- 2/21 – 4th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal
- 2/25 – Spring After-School Enrichment Programs Start *
- 2/26 – PTAC Summer Camp Fair at TC Williams (5:30-8pm)

* More info to come in a future Tidings or separate post.

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