

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 1/8/19

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January PTA Meeting** – This month's meeting is this Monday, 1/14 at 6:15pm, and here are the details:
 - **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** will be available starting at 6pm.
 - **Pizza** will be available at 6pm for \$1/slice.
 - **Facebook Live** – We're doing it again, for those who can't make it to school for the meeting. Visit the "Maury PTA" Facebook page (or [click here](#)) and you can view the meeting at 6:15pm that night (or in the future).
 - **No Uniform Swap** – We'll have the uniform swap at next Friday's Family Fun Night (see below) so won't have it at this month's meeting.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon** – This month's luncheon on 1/16 is being provided by the 2nd and 3rd grade families, and the theme is Chili and Salads. Room Parents will send out more info to parents of children in those grades.
- **Maury Family Fun Night** – Please join us for the 4th Annual Family Fun Night at the Charles Houston Rec Center on Friday, 1/18 from 6-9pm! There'll be a moon bounce, games, crafts, dancing, plus free pizza and snacks. [See the flyer by clicking here.](#)
Other info:
 - **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, you can bring them with you to the event.
 - **Book Giveaway** – We'll have a book donations table set up at the event, so please bring along any children's books you're able to donate, and just add them to the table! Board books and preschool books are also welcome. 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 this or next week.
 - **Volunteers Needed** – If you can help out for an hour (or more) during the event, we would be most grateful! [Please sign up here](#) if you're able to assist with games/crafts, refreshments/food, the uniform swap, setting up or cleaning up, etc.
- **Author Visit for Grades 3-5** – Catherine Doyle, author of the chapter book *The Storm Keeper's Island*, will be flying over from England, and our lucky 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders will get to meet with her on 1/22! To order a personalized/signed copy of her

book for your child, please fill out the Hooray for Books order form that will be sent home this week. If you don't get the form, you can download and print it out by [clicking here](#). Note: orders must be in by 1/17 and we'll be unable to take late orders.

- **Dine-Out at Hard Times** – Our next dine-out night will be at Hard Times on 1/30 from 5-11pm. Take a break from cooking and dishes, and support your school! Just mention Maury when you're paying, and Hard Times will generously donate a portion of each check to the Maury PTA. They have excellent chili, burgers and wings as well as healthier options like dinner salads, plus a nice kids' menu. Note: for dine-in only, not takeout orders. Hard Times is at 1404 King St. in Old Town.
- **PTAC Summer Camp Fair** – The PTA Council of Alexandria is holding another fair this year on Tuesday, 2/26, from 5:30-8pm in the TC Williams Cafeteria. Over 40 camp vendors will be there to chat with you about what they can offer your family. Feel free to bring children. Admission is free. Pizza will be available for purchase. All attendees get a free printed camp fair directory. For more info, [click here to see their flyer](#).

REMINDERS & IMPORTANT INFO

- **Special Ed Committee Meeting** – This month's meeting is tomorrow (1/9) in the Principal's Conference Room, at 8am. Mr. Powell will be joining us to provide insight on the ACPS Draft Plan for Students With Disabilities; he served on one of the working committees this past summer. Find the plan by [clicking here](#) and join us for a productive conversation tomorrow! For more info email Kristen Creighton at kristen.s.creighton@gmail.com.
- **Scripps Spelling Bee Update** – Spelling Bee study lists were sent out in Thursday folders before the Winter Break. In case they didn't make it out, they may be in this week's folders instead. In addition, we will be sending out grade appropriate lists via email with the help of Room Parents. After Friday, if you still don't have a list for your child, please email Anita at anita.sachariah@gmail.com with your child's grade and homeroom teacher, and she can email you the grade-appropriate list. More info on the date/location of the bees to come soon.

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

JANUARY DATES

1/09 – Special Ed Committee Meeting (8:00am)

1/14 – PTA Meeting (6:15pm)

1/16 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

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

- 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)
- 1/31 – Candid Club and Team Photos for Yearbook *

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

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