

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 12/18/18

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **School Spirit Week** – Please note that uniforms are not required for the rest of this week! Students may participate in the "theme" days if they'd like to, but regardless, each day can be considered "free dress," as if it's a Friday. Remaining themes this week: Wednesday is Holiday Sock Day, Thursday is Twin Day (more than two friends are welcome to dress alike!) and Friday is Pajama Day (but please have students wear regular shoes, not slippers.)
- **Lost and Found!** – There are many items in the Maury lost and found right now — outerwear, hats, gloves, etc. The PTA will have all these items outside by the main doors around pickup time (2:30) tomorrow, Wednesday 12/19. Please stop by to look for any items that might be yours! If you can't make it at pickup tomorrow, please check the lost and found at your convenience (most items are in the cafeteria, plus sometimes a few are outside the gym.)

IMPORTANT INFO

- **School Spirit Week Photos** – We'd love any/all photos you might take of your students this week, for potential use in the yearbook or on our Facebook page! Please send your original (high resolution) photos to: vpcommunications@maurypa.org and thanks in advance!
- **Scholarship Fund of Alexandria** – Rosie Wiedemer spoke at our last PTA meeting about this great fund. For those who weren't at the meeting, I'm attaching here a PDF version of the flyer she handed out. Email her at rosie.wiedemer@acps.k12.va.us if you have any questions.
- **Scripps Spelling Bee Volunteers Needed** – Anita Sachariah will be coordinating the event to take place in mid-February, but she needs some help! We need at least 4 parent or teacher volunteers (3 judges and 1 announcer), as well as some help with general event management. Please contact Anita at anita.sachariah@gmail.com and become a part of our spelling bee action team! There will be a training with the Fairfax Regional Coordinator in mid January. Competition date and details to be announced next year.
- **Spelling Bee Study Lists** – Word lists will be going out in Thursday folders. Kids can get a head start on studying over the break. Each grade will get its own words, plus the next grade up, with the exception of Kindergarten, which only gets 1st grade words. Have fun!
- **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** – Jennifer Kenealy is still collecting gently used books for Cora Kelly kids and other toy distributions in Alexandria. 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.
- **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.

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

DECEMBER DATES

12/21 – Author Visit with Courtney Pippin-Mathur in the morning

12/24-1/2 – Winter Break

JANUARY DATES

1/03 – School Resumes

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

1/14 – PTA Meeting (6:15pm) *

1/16 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon *

1/18 – Charles Houston Family Fun Night (6pm) *

1/21 – No School for Students (MLK holiday)

1/28 – Reflections Awards Ceremony (6:30pm) *

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

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

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