

TUESDAY TIDINGS – 5/7/19

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bike to School Day** – Get your bike, put on your helmet and join students around the country for National Bike to School Day tomorrow (Wednesday, 5/8.) There will be also be a raffle with prizes! National Bike to School Day is a great way to encourage bicycling to school, educate students about bicycle safety, and highlight bicycling issues. ACPS and Virginia's Safe Routes to School encourages more students and parents to walk and bike to school where it is safe to do so, and to address safety concerns where they exist.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** – We're celebrating our teachers and staff all this week. Please don't forget to have your kids bring in some thankful notes and/or drawings on "Thankful Thursday." Even a quick email note from parents would be nice for teachers to get. ** PLUS, AR Workshops in Alexandria is doing a giveaway for Teacher Appreciation Week. The school that gets the most mentions will win gift cards for the teachers! Just simply go to [this post](#) and comment "Matthew Maury" to help us win! Please share with others too.
- **Special Ed Committee Meeting** – The next meeting is tomorrow, 5/8 from 8-9am in the Principal's Conference Room. For more info, email Kristen Creighton at kristen.s.creighton@gmail.com.
- **Willy Wonka** – Maury students have been working hard to put on a great show for you, and it's this week! Students will all get to see it at 1:30pm this Thursday (Grades 1, 3 and 5) or Friday (Grades K, 2 and 4). Plus there are two evening shows for friends and family, both Thursday and Friday at 7pm. Be sure to "oompa loompa" on over to the gymnasium to see it!
- **May PTA Meeting** – This Monday, 5/13 our meeting will start at 6:15pm. The details:
 - **Speaker:** Brooke Curran of RunningBrooke will be speaking to us about the mission of the nonprofit and the importance of physical activity as it relates to academic achievement. Through RunningBrooke, Maury has benefited from being a Move2Learn site (1st place), has been awarded a grant to help us make the K/1 space a safe place for activity, and has also had two teachers awarded grants (Powell and Ficco).
 - **Free Child Care** starting at 6pm.
 - **Pizza** available at 6pm for \$1/slice.
 - **Uniform Swap** – We've got tons of items in all sizes and styles in our bins – free to all Maury families. Some have never been worn! Please come take what you need. If you have any gently worn items to donate, please just hand them to a swap volunteer.

- **Facebook Live** – For those who can't make it to the meeting, watch it from home by visiting the [Maury PTA Facebook page](#), either live around 6:15pm Monday or any time in the future. Ask a question from home by putting it in the comments during the live broadcast. (And be sure to "like/follow" our page if you haven't already, to see future posts and photos of events in your Facebook feed.)
- **Coffee on the Patio** – Please join us for another "coffee on the patio" (at the school front doors) on Friday, 5/24 from 7:30-8:15am. Chat with Mr. Powell and Ms. Hess, talk to other parents, sign up for a PTA committee for next year, or just get your morning caffeine!

IMPORTANT INFO

- **CORRECTION for Cedar Knoll Dine-Out Night** – NOTE: Last week's Tidings had a typo. The date of 5/19 was correct, but the day of the week was not. It's Sunday May 19th, not Monday. Please note in your calendars! Their dinner hours are 5-9pm. Also please note that reservations are recommended. Bring the kids, or enjoy a special date night! Cedar Knoll is generously donating 20% of all sales that night to the Maury PTA! They're just minutes from Old Town, at 9030 Lucia Lane, and they have complimentary parking. [Visit their website](#) to make a reservation or see the menu.
- **Maury Water Run Featured on the News** – [Click here](#) to see a news segment that aired on Local DVM about the Maury Water Run! Yay Maury!
- **PBIS Prize Cart Volunteers Needed** – Maury students can earn tickets for positive behavior (the Positive Behavior Incentive System) and at regular intervals they can redeem tickets for prizes. The last prize cart of the year will go around the halls on Friday, 6/7. We could use a few volunteers to help Ms. Koss from 12:30-2:30pm. You get to push around the cart and watch the kids' excitement as they redeem their tickets! [To sign up please click here.](#)
- **Alexandria Kinderchoir Auditions** – Our music teacher, Ms. Koss, asked if we could spread the word to any students who love to sing that this local choir group is looking for rising K-7th graders. Their casual auditions will be held this Thursday at Convergence Church, from 4:30-5:30pm. [For info click here.](#)
- **SOL May Testing Dates** – In case you missed it, you can view the schedule for Standards of Learning testing this and next month by [clicking here.](#)

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

MAY DATES

5/08 – Special Ed Committee Meeting (8am)

5/08 – Bike to School Day

5/09 – Thankful Thursday (please bring in notes/drawings!)

5/09 – Willy Wonka Musical (1:30 students / 7:00 families)

5/10 – Willy Wonka Musical (1:30 students / 7:00 families)

5/13 – May PTA Meeting (6:15pm)

5/19 – Dine-Out Night at Cedar Knoll (5-9pm)

5/24 – Coffee on the Patio (7:30-8:15am)

5/27 – No School (Memorial Day)

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