TUESDAY TIDINGS –10/22/19

The Maury PTA will be migrating our email system from Yahoo Groups to our new PTA software system, MemberHub. Yahoo is discontinuing Yahoo Groups functionality and will permanently remove all previously posted content by mid-December. Stay tuned over the next few weeks for for more information and instructions on how to access MemberHub and be included in future communications. See what's happening this week!

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Dine out TODAY for Taco Tuesday at Los Tios!** All proceeds from dinner purchases, starting at 4:30pm and available until closing time will benefit our school– just mention that you're supporting the Maury dine-out. Check out the big menu at Los Tios.

- **The third annual Matthew Maury Multicultural Night** is TOMORROW, Oct. 23, from 6 to 7:30pm! Annual Multicultural Night! This Wednesday, October 23rd is the big event. So far, we have more than 20 countries represented. Students will visit each country's table and receive a "stamp" in their passport. Thank you! Gracias! Amesegenalehu! Tashakor! Grazie! Merci! Contact Katie Knowles for more information.

- The **Maury Book Fair** is open through Friday (with evening hours on 10/23 during Multicultural Night). There is an amazing selection of books, brought to us by the help of Hooray for Books, for all grade levels. Chapter books, graphic novels, nonfiction, and great ideas for early holiday gift giving. Be sure to stop by, as proceeds support Maury and the children. If you are interested in helping, sign up here to volunteer for the couple slots still available.

- **WE WANT YOUR CANDY!** Your leftover Halloween candy can help put smiles on the faces of our Troops, Veterans and First Responders! The Military Family Subcommittee is collecting candy November 5 and 6 before school for Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Give-Back Campaign. For more info, email josie.beets@gmail.com.

- We are excited to announce the **Second Annual Maury Spelling Bee**. Students in grades 2 through 5 may sign up for the Class Spelling Bee beginning in November. The class Bee(s) will be the week of February 3rd, 2020. Winners in each grade will continue on to the school-wide Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 22, 2020. More information regarding Sign-Ups, Volunteer Opportunities, Spelling Word lists and activities for participation in the Bee to come!

AROUND THE PTA

Virginia Board of Education prioritizes equity in funding recommendations. Virginia's state Board of Education unanimously approved some significant changes to how they want the state to allocate money to public schools during their meeting this past week. Read more about it here.

We are still accepting **PTA memberships**! PTA membership is an easy way to support Maury and all its children. Individual, teacher/faculty and family memberships are available. Sign up now!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

10/22 – DINE OUT from 4:30pm until close at Los Tios. Mention you're with Maury!

10/23 – Multicultural Night, 6 - 7:30pm in the cafeteria.
10/23 – Submissions due for Reflections Art Contest, to the bin the Maury Library.
10/23 – Author Visit with local author, Sue Fliess. Pre-order signed copies with this form (checks payable to Maury Elementary) or order online, and include your child's name/teacher in the order comments.
10/25 – Maury Book Fair ends. Sign up here if you'd like to help out.
10/25 – Forms for Odyssey of the Mind participation are due. Please use this FORM.
10/30 – ACPS Safety Forum, a more in-depth discussion on school safety, 7-9pm, at Minnie Howard. Childcare will be provided. Pizza will be served at 6:45pm. No tickets necessary, but a headcount will be helpful for pizza. Link for RSVP is here.
10/31 – Maury Book Character Parade, 1:45pm. Details can be found here.
11/2 – Equity Book Club meeting, St. Elmo's in Del Ray at 2:30 pm on Nov 2. Please email kconlanbaron@me.com with questions.
11/4 – TAG Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 – 9:pm, Francis C. Hammond Middle School
11/5 – Teacher Work Day, NO SCHOOL. Swing by the Blessings in a Backpack bake sale and/or donate Halloween Candy for Operation Gratitude's Give Back Campaign.
11/7 – PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15 – 9:15am
11/7 – ACPS School Board Meeting, 7pm, 1340 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314.

Still need an ACPS Volunteer Card? Click here to apply. If you are a current or past volunteer you are not required to complete a new application. Instead, please click here to complete a renewal.

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