

TUESDAY TIDINGS –11/26/19

Today is ACPS Transportation Staff Appreciation Day. Celebrate your bus driver with a high five for safely getting our kids from A to B and back again. The Maury PTA showed some extra thanks with a Starbucks gift card and handwritten notes this morning. Thanksgiving is this week and I'm thankful for the TC Williams Titans and their [taters](#). See what's happening this week:

SIX THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Dine-Out for Maury on Tuesday, December 3.** Let your kids burn off some post-Thanksgiving energy at [Scramble](#) (5412 Eisenhower Avenue) on **Tuesday, December 3** between **4pm and 8pm!** All guests who mention Maury Elementary will get **50% off entry** and **20% of all food and drink** (excluding alcohol), as well as book purchases will be donated to our school (so you can dine out and get some holiday shopping done! :)
- **Spelling Bee** sign ups are available in classrooms for all students in grades 2 - 5. Study lists are available in the classrooms, or email MaurySpellingBee@gmail.com for a digital link to all lists (Bee One, Bee Two, Bee three + definitions). The in-class written tests will be held February 4, 5 and 6 and the school-wide oral Bee will be held on Saturday, February 22. It's never too early to start studying, so get your study lists before the Thanksgiving break!
- Please join the **SPED Committee** on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm for a **holiday gathering**. Meet us at Cheesetique – 2411 Mount Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301 for some festive merriment. Please RSVP to [Brandy Reber](#). Please note: we will not meet on Dec. 11 at 8am.
- Save the date! We will be hosting a **holiday appreciation event** for all our fabulous volunteers to show our thanks for supporting the Maury PTA, its programs and the children. **Mark your calendars for Monday, December 9 at 6:15pm.** Per our usual PTA meetings, there will be free childcare for Maury students, \$1 pizza slices, and uniform swap. But we will spend the evening enjoying cookies, snacks and festive fun in celebration of all we've done.
- Save the date! The **kindergarten sing and holiday shop and wrap event** at [Barnes and Noble Potomac Yard](#) is December 15. The amazing kindergartners will perform at 1pm and families can shop and enjoy gift wrapping from 12-4pm. [Sign up](#) to staff our gift wrap stand for an hour on December 15—it's a great volunteer opportunity to do with your kids. And don't forget to say "I'm with Maury" when you purchase your amazing finds.
- Happy holidays, Maury parents! The **PBIS prize cart** will be making its way around the school on Friday, December 20 at 12:30pm and Ms. Koss needs your help to distribute prizes! Please [sign up here](#) if you're able to. This is a fun way to meet lots of happy kiddos.

AROUND THE PTA

ACPS Superintendent Hutchings released his proposed FY 2021-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget on November 7. The CIP funds all capital improvements, modernization projects, and textbooks. This is separate from the Operating Budget, which funds the annual operating costs for the school division, and includes things like staff salaries, healthcare costs, benefits, and school and department operating costs. The CIP will go through several add/delete sessions in the coming weeks and then be adopted during the regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Thursday, December 19.

Prior to that, a Public Hearing on the CIP Budget will be held on Monday, November 25 at 7pm in the School Board Meeting Room at 1340 Braddock Place. If you'd like to sign up to speak at that hearing, you may do so [here](#). If you'd like to submit written comments on the budget, you may do so [here](#). Any questions, please let [Missy Estabrook](#) know.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER




- 11/26 – Celebrate our ACPS transportation staff with a high five!
- 11/27-29 – Thanksgiving holiday break, no school. Have a safe and happy holiday. We are thankful for you, your family, your children, and your support for Maury.
- 12/3 – Dine out at [Scramble](#), 4-8pm.
- 12/5 – SPED Committee Holiday Gathering, Cheesetique, 7:30pm.
- 12/9 – PTA Holiday Appreciation Event and December Meeting.
- 12/11 – Winter Concert (all fourth and fifth grade students) 1:30pm (students only) and 6:30pm performances. Students are to wear uniforms with a holiday accessory.
- 12/15 – Barnes and Noble Fundraiser and Kindergarten sing, 12-4pm (sing performance at 1pm).
- 12/18 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon presented by fourth grade. [Sign up](#) to participate in the Soup, Salad, Sandwich themed-affair.
- 12/20 – PBIS Prize Cart.

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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