

TUESDAY TIDINGS –11/5/19

Happy November! As we head into the holiday season, we are thankful for such an amazing Maury community. If you're starting your holiday shopping with Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#) and choose Matthew Maury Elementary as your charity. It's an easy way to help raise funds that will support our children. Mark your calendars for the Holiday Sing event at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 15 and, coming up on Feb. 22, we will have our amazing Maury Gala. See what's happening this week:

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Picture Retake Day** will be Friday, Nov. 8 for those who missed the original picture day or want to have the photo retaken. If you'd like a retake, please have your child return the original photo package. You can still order online at: mylifetouch.com, Picture ID: HJ279061Q1.
- **There's still time to donate 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 Nov. 6 before school at the front entrance for Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Give-Back Campaign. For more info, email [Josie Beets](#).
- The **November PTA meeting (11/11) has the theme, "How Maury Gives Back"**, and will kick off with several musical numbers from the third grade class. Third grade performers should arrive by 6:05pm, wearing their school uniform. Stick around to hear featured speaker, Rosie Wiedemer, who will discuss the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Then, we will hear about [InspireLit](#) from Maury alum, Jen Kenealy, which is an Alexandria, VA nonprofit started by local moms and teachers who share a love of books and children. InspireLit is dedicated to helping all children experience the joy of literacy. We may have additional speakers who will demonstrate the amazing giving nature of Maury as well. Pizza will be available for \$1 a slice and we'll have free childcare for Maury students, uniform swap, and a raffle for PTA members! **We will be raffling off THREE \$25 gift certificates for Fairlington Pizza** for all PTA members. Individual, teacher/faculty and family memberships are available. [Sign up!](#)
- ****Taco Tuesday at Chipotle!**** Come join fellow Mariners on **Tuesday, November 12, from 5-9 pm** at Chipotle Potomac Yard for delicious tacos, burritos, hot sauce and school spirit! Every order should include [this flyer](#) (so share broadly!) and mention you're with Maury to get us 33% on all purchases!
- Be on the look-out for sign-up sheets for **parent/teacher conferences!** Conferences will be held Wednesday-Friday (November 13-15). Conferences are a great opportunity to meet one-on-one with our wonderful Maury teachers, get feedback, and provide input into your child's learning experience.

AROUND THE PTA

National PTA is conducting a membership marketing survey to better understand current perceptions, how they can improve the member experience and better articulate the value of PTA. Your input is critical. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Please [click here](#) to participate. The survey will be available until Nov. 12.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11/7 – PTA Executive Committee meeting, 8-9am in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

11/7 – [ACPS School Board Meeting](#), 7pm, 1340 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314.
11/8 – School make-up picture day.
11/11 – How Maury Gives Back PTA Meeting with performances by third graders, 6:15pm in the Cafeteria.
11/2 – Dine out at [Chipotle](#) (Potomac Yard location). Dine in or take out 5-9pm and mention Maury!
11/13 – Maury Special Education Committee meeting, 8am in the Conference Room.
11/13-11/15 – Early dismissal for students, 12:35pm, to accommodate parent/teacher conferences.
11/19 – Dine at out [Scramble](#), 4:30-8pm.
11/20 – Teacher Appreciation luncheon, hosted by the second grade families. Thank you to everyone who signed up!

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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