

## TUESDAY TIDINGS –12/10/19

As you consider year-end charitable giving, please think of Maury. Just [click here](#) to donate via PayPal or write a check and leave it in the PTA mailbox at school, made out to "Maury Elementary PTA." Does your employer match charitable donations? Check with your employer's HR department, or [click here](#) to see a list of corporate-match donors, or try this [online searchable database](#). Donations are tax-deductible, and Maury PTA's tax ID is 541991273. See what's happening this week (there's a bunch!):

### SEVEN THINGS TO KNOW:

- Baroody **Afterschool classes** will be holding a winter session at Maury this school year! Registration is open now and closes Dec. 15 at 11:59pm. Flyers and catalogs were sent home in Thursday folders. Register and see the courses offered [here](#). Please contact [Courtney Pippin-Mathur](#) with any questions.
- Help spread cheer to some of our Maury families with the **Maury Elves!** You can provide something to wear, something to read, something they want or something they need. Gifts are based on forms a parent or caregiver has filled out. [Sign up to make someone's holiday a little bit brighter](#). Email questions to [Courtney Pippin-Mathur](#). Donations due by Friday, December 13.
- **Gift Pool for Special Ed Teachers.** Brandy Reber and Jessica Arons are working on a gift pool for Maury's wonderful special ed teachers and paraprofessionals. Contributions will be divided among nine teachers and each will get a Target gift card: Kertyzak, Freeman & Gergs (special ed); Smith, Spratt & Abdelghany (special ed paraprofessionals); Monsheimer (PT); Rath (OT); and Corso (speech). Please send your donations by Tuesday, Dec. 17 by [Paypal](#) or [Venmo](#). Send questions to [Brandy Reber](#) or [Jessica Arons](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- Finish (or start) your holiday shopping and support Maury from 12-4pm THIS SATURDAY December 15 at the Barnes and Noble Potomac Yard store! **Cheer on the Kindergarten singers at 1pm**, mention Maury when making a purchase (or [use this slip](#)), and spread holiday cheer by [signing up](#) to gift wrap packages (and make more money to support Maury programs)!
- This month's **Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee (TAGAC) meeting** has been moved to Ferdinand T. Day. Join us Monday, Dec. 16, 7-8:30pm to hear from Mr. William Knudsen, Director Government and Affiliate Relations, National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). He works at both the Federal and local levels with NAGC's advocacy partners to break the impediments obstructing services for our gifted and talented students. Prior to NAGC, Bill held positions at the U.S. Senate, Committee for Economic Development and the Department of Education. Topics to be Covered: Federal Policy and Gifted Learners, Addressing Equity in Gifted Education. Translation services will be provided
- The Maury 4th grade Troop 60008 is **collecting gently used books** this week in the Maury lobby. They decorated a box to collect the books. Mrs. Lusk will give the books to Maury kids who need them and the other books will go to the Cora Kelly book distribution and Samuel Tucker Recreation Center toy and book distribution. with Fire Fighters and Friends to Rescue. Books can also be dropped by the porch at 23 West Myrtle street (Jen Kenealy/InspireLit). Please label them GS book drive.

- Fourth Grade Mariner Families! Dec 18 is the teacher appreciation lunch that is hosted by fourth graders. Our theme this month is soup and sandwiches. Help our teachers warm up with your favorite soups. Please [sign up](#) to help make this last lunch before the holidays warm and cozy.

## AROUND THE PTA

Does the idea of your child entering middle school fill you with dread? Are you anticipating an increase in eye-rolling, friendship drama and awkward conversations? Or are you already dealing with the changes middle school brings and need H-E-L-P?! Check out [this great article](#) (and podcast episode) about making the most of middle school and the preteen/teen years.

And a little bit of pop culture for the holidays: if you're still singing the tunes of Frozen 2 (🎵 Ah-ah-ah-ahhhh), check out this [list of favorite books](#) from Anna herself, Kristen Bell. She and husband Dax Shepard share what they enjoy reading to their two young children.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

12/10 – Maury Gala Meeting, Grape + Bean Rosemont, 7:30pm. RSVP to [Stephanie Kirby](#).  
 12/11 – Winter Concert-All 4th and 5th graders 1:30 (students only) and 6:30pm, Maury Gym.  
 12/15 – Barnes and Noble Holiday Fundraiser-12-4, Banned and Noble Potomac Yard.  
 12/16 – TAG Advisory Committee-7-9pm, Patrick Henry Elementary.  
 12/18 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon presented by fourth grade. [Sign up](#) now.  
 12/20 – PBIS Prize Cart. [Sign up!](#)  
 12/23-1/3/20 – Holiday Break-No School!!!!

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