

TUESDAY TIDINGS –12/17/19

Still have holiday shopping to do? Shop [Barnes & Noble online](#) (use code 12569844) through Dec. 20 and support Maury. There will be no Tuesday Tidings until January 2020. We hope you have a warm, safe and happy holiday break! See what's happening this week:

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW:

- **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.
- Hey everyone, happy holidays! We still need a few **volunteers for the PBIS prize cart** on Friday, December 20. Since it is such a busy time of year Ms. Koss is looking for extra hands to assist with handing out prizes. I hear it's a lot of fun and what a great way to kick off winter break. Please sign up if you're able to! [December Prize Cart](#)
- **Fourth Grade Mariner Families!** Dec 18 is the teacher appreciation lunch, hosted by fourth grade. 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.
- Practice your spelling over the holiday break! **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). Bee competitions are coming up in February.
- **Save the Date for the Maury Gala!** February 22 at 7pm will be your most fun night of the year. Mix and Mingle with Maury parents, bid on fun auction items, eat great food and raise a glass—all in support of Maury! This year's event will have a Mardi Gras theme at a NEW LOCATION!: [The Garden at Building Momentum](#). Mark your 2020 calendars and get your babysitters lined up!

AROUND THE PTA

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reminisce. Alexandria City Public Schools have been in the news for academics, athletics and everything in between. Watch some [ACPS highlights](#) from 2019.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 See you on January 6, 2020!
- 1/8/20 – Special Education Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Conference Room
- 1/9/20 – Maury PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Conference Room
- 1/13/20 – Maury PTA Meeting, 6:15pm, Maury Cafeteria
- 1/15/20 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch hosted by first grade families. [Sign up now.](#)
- 1/20/20 – No school for students, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 2/20/20 – [PTAC Summer Camp Fair](#), 5:30-8pm, TC Williams Cafeteria. More info to come!
- 2/22/20 – Maury Gala, 7pm, The Garden at Building Momentum


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