

TUESDAY TIDINGS –1/14/20

Please support our fabulous Teacher of the Year candidate, Nikki Kertyzak by writing a letter of support for her by **Wednesday, January 15**. Teacher of the year is a wonderful honor and it's always lovely to hear stories from families that have been inspired by our Maury teachers. Letters can be from a parent or student and can reference a personal story or just overall praise. Submit letters to [Ms. Katie Knowles](#) via email or to her mailbox. See what's happening this week:

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW:

- With the Holiday break over, now is a great time to remember to check your child's head for lice. The best thing to do is to check your entire family for lice and nits regularly and especially after sleepovers. A sign of lice is intense head scratching. Please let school nurse, [Wendy Harper](#), know if you find lice. She is available to check heads and discuss treatment information.
- Celebrate **Maury Day at George Mason U** with free tickets to the ladies basketball game!! Our partnership with the George Mason University Women's Basketball Team affords us to have a Matthew Maury Elementary School Day on Sunday, January 19 at 4pm! We are trying to get over 200 students, parents, community members, etc. to attend the game to represent our school and to support the ladies in a victory! **Tickets are FREE** to all who sign up with us! Please [email](#) if you want to attend **by Friday, Jan. 17**. Transportation not provided.
- If your child submitted an entry to the **PTA Reflections Art Competition**, your family is invited to come and celebrate January 30 at 6:30 in the cafetorium. Light refreshments will be served and everyone's work will be honored.
- **Spelling Bee Needs YOU!** Please [sign up to volunteer](#) for the Maury Spelling Bee the morning of February 22. Helping is easy and there are lots of different opportunities. We need volunteers for set-up, breakdown, signage and lots more. Class "bees" will take place during Encore hours on Feb. 4, 5, and 6 (word lists are available from teachers). Questions? Contact [Amy Pica](#).
- **You are invited to Maury Gras on February 22** at 7pm! It's our Mardi Gras-themed gala, all in tribute to the children, faculty and community of Maury Elementary! Join fellow Mariner parents for a night out at [The Garden at Building Momentum](#) with delicious live food stations, adult drinks, a silent and live auction, mardi gras-themed decor and dress, and more. Tickets will be available soon, stay tuned. We need your help! If anyone can help secure donations, assist with set up/take down, event registration, or bartend at the event, contact [Stephanie Kirby](#).

AROUND THE PTA

Chef Ruffin spoke to PTAC about some of the exciting initiatives he is bringing to ACPS cafeteria kitchens and cafeterias, including "Around the World Wednesday," phasing out styrofoam, and reducing overall food waste. Read about Chef Ruffin's feature in [The Washington Post!](#)

As part of Virginia' PTA's commitment to our children's healthy eating habits, Virginia PTA and Chef Ruffin are supporting a **student recipe competition**, Virginia PTA's Power Plates, to encourage students to create healthy meals. Students (all grades!) can enter their original, healthy recipes in three easy steps: write down the recipe, fill out the Student Entry Form, and take a picture of the dish - then submit! Entries are due on Feb. 3. Learn more and enter [here](#).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 1/27/20 – Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 – 9pm, Ferdinand T. Day Elementary
- 1/30/20 – Reflections Art Recognition Event, 6:30pm, Maury Cafeteria
- 1/31/20 – No school for students, Teacher Professional Day.
- 2/4/20 – Club and Candid School Photos
- 2/4-6/20 – Class Spelling Bees
- 2/6/20 – PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Office
- 2/10/20 – February PTA Meeting, 6:15pm, Maury Cafeteria
- 2/11/20 – Dine out at Lena's (all day!)
- 2/12/20 – Special Ed Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Conference Room
- 2/13-14 – Half Days for students, parent/teacher conference days
- 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
- 2/22/20 – Maury Spelling Bee

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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