

TUESDAY TIDINGS –1/28/20

This Friday, Jan. 31 is a professional day with no school for students! That means it's the end of quarter two for students. Be on the lookout for parent/teacher conference sign-up forms from class parents and teachers. Conferences are held on or around Feb 13-14 and are a great way to connect with teachers on your child's progress this year. See what's happening this week:

SIX THINGS TO KNOW:

- This fall, your student(s) was asked to report how she or he travels to and from school. The district-wide results showed that 22% of our students walk to school and 1% bike to school. Now that we know how your students are arriving and dismissing, it is helpful for us to understand why. Please take 3-minutes to complete [this survey](#) (available online in English or Spanish) regarding student travel. **What factors affect whether you allow your student(s) to walk or bike to school?** Are there any changes to safety-related conditions along the route that could increase the likelihood that your child walks or bikes to school? Your feedback will inform improvements to infrastructure, traffic, and overall safety near your student's school. Thank you for your time and attention in completing this survey!
- **Tickets to Maury's annual gala, Maury Gras on February 22, are now on sale!** You can buy tickets for yourself, donate a ticket, volunteer to bartend, and MORE! Earn those beads and learn all about Maury Gras [here](#). Questions? Contact [Stephanie Kirby](#).
- It's the final week of prep for the **Class Spelling Bee(s)**. Class written tests will be on Tuesday, 2/4 and Wednesday, 2/5. If you need the study words or rules, there will be copies available in the Maury Library this week. There is also a study book in the library. Access the digital list [here](#).
- **Dine out with us at Lenas, all day Tuesday, February 11!!** Join fellow Maury families and friends of Maury at [Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap](#) to benefit our school! A portion of anything you order ALL DAY [including adult beverages!] will come back to support children, teachers and the Maury community. Dine in at their location (401 E. Braddock Road) or take out—all you have to do is mention the Maury Dine Out when ordering / while you're there. Share broadly!
- Feb. 10 is our **second grade choral performance**. Join us at 6pm in the Cafeteria for a selection of songs prior to the PTA gathering. Then, stay to **hear Mayor Justin Wilson** discuss what's happening in Alexandria City, it's budget, and how the ACPS budget fits in. Take advantage of this time to ask Mayor Wilson all your questions and don't miss the PTA Meeting on Monday, Feb. 10. As always, we will have FREE babysitting for Maury students, \$1 pizza, and uniform swap.
- The **Maury Spirit Wear online store is open!** [Place your Spring order](#) for shirts, shorts and hoodies by Feb. 14. Contact [Elizabeth Turnbull](#) with any questions.

AROUND THE PTA







Winter means colds and flu! Keep your children and family healthy with [these tips](#) on flu prevention. Best defenses: washing hands with soap and water, keeping hands out of noses and mouths, and to stay home when kids (or parents) are sick.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER




1/22/20 – Maury Special Ed Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Conference Room
 1/27/20 – Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 – 9pm, Patrick Henry 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. Second graders sing prior to meeting at 6pm.
 2/11/20 – Dine out at Lena's (all day!)
 2/12/20 – Special Ed Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal's Conference Room
 2/12/20 – Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, fill out this [nomination form](#) and be sure to include a photo!
 2/13-14 – Half Days for students, parent/teacher conference days
 2/14/20 – Maury Spirit Wear store closes. [Place your Spring order.](#)
 2/19/20 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch, hosted by kindergarten families. [Sign up now.](#)
 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

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