

## TUESDAY TIDINGS –2/11/20

**Wednesday is Crossing Guard Appreciation Day!** Give our crossing guards a high five, a special note, a Valentine or even some goodies. They deserve it as they keep our kids safe during school transition times. Rising Kindergarten and any prospective families are welcome to join us on Feb. 20 at 9am at the Maury Open House for an overview of student life at Maury. And, ICYMI, Ms. Arnold, our beloved Librarian, passed away last Thursday evening. When we receive word regarding support for the family and funeral arrangements, it will be shared with you. See what's happening this week:

### FIVE THINGS TO KNOW:

- **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!
  
- **Maury Spirit Wear is available online until Feb. 14!** [Place your Spring order](#) for shirts, shorts and hoodies for all your Valentines. Contact [Elizabeth Turnbull](#) with any questions.
  
- **Maury School Spelling Bee is Feb. 22!** Check out all our finalists who will be competing below! The School Bee will be held in the Maury Gymnasium. Spellers should plan to arrive by 8:30am and the event will begin at 9am. Send your questions/comments [here](#). All students can help create excitement by wearing yellow and black to school on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Finalists:

<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>
Ezra Carr Olivia Coleman Scarlett Meazell Liya Teklu	Jamie Hank Kolby Keating Cooper Vasilic Seamus Geffroy	Jimmy Zambuto Sylvia Scott George Pica Rohan Vyas Garret Wright Max Pierek Sophia Coleman Kaelyn Stewart Charlie Corbin Priya Munipalla Elizabeth Yuda Winston Jefferiss Henok Hailye Ava Kirby Elanor Wolf Nessie Boampong Ella Salerno Genevieve Dalton Will Riddle	James Wazorko Melinda Foldi Maxwell Parga Peter Jay John Monroe Marie McKenzie Emily Williams

- **Tickets to Maury's annual gala, Maury Gras, are on sale!** It really Helps us out to have tickets bought in advance. Buy tickets for yourself, donate a ticket, volunteer to bartend, and MORE for our Feb. 22 event [here](#). Questions? Contact [Stephanie Kirby](#).

Plus, the **Maury Gala has an incredible silent auction** and we need your help with class baskets. Each grade will create a basket to send to the auction. The profits from these baskets will play a big role in our fundraising efforts. Please take the time to donate to your basket. Any amount helps! See your grade below with a contact for your donation. Thank you!!!

**Kindergarten**- DC World Championship Basket: contact [Amy Mathis](#)

**1st Grade** - Date Night on the Town: contact [Lina Lipke](#)

**2nd Grade** - Grab Basket of Gift Cards: contact [Samantha Strauss](#) or [Pamela Vetrini](#)

**3rd Grade** - Family Game Night: contact [Pam Townsend](#)

**4th Grade** - Beach Basket: contact [Missy Estabrook](#)

**5th Grade** - All about Wine: contact [Nancy Ho Foster](#) to arrange dropoff or pick-up; Monetary donations via PayPal to [Courtney Schlieter](#)

- **Save the Date for the Fourth Grade Talent Show!** Our fourth graders are hard at work planning for their big talent show on Friday, March 6. This is the main fundraiser for the Jamestown Field Trip in the spring, so please join us for a fun night filled with song, dance, comedy and skits! Grab dinner from our pizza and bake sale table before the show. Tickets available at the door. Find more information [here](#). Or contact [Missy Estabrook](#) or [Emily Jones](#) with questions.

## AROUND THE PTA

Electric School buses are coming to Alexandria as part of a Virginia state-wide pilot program. [Here's an article](#) about electric buses that National PTA highlighted in their weekend email. ACPS will be purchasing five electric school buses thanks to a recent grant from Dominion Energy. And the goal is to have buses ready for the start of the 2020-2021 school year in September.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

2/13-14 – Half Days for students, parent/teacher conference days

2/14/20 – Maury Spirit Wear store closes. [Place your Spring order](#).

2/17/20 – Presidents Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL

2/19/20 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch, hosted by kindergarten families. [Sign up now](#).

2/19/20 – Wear yellow and black day to school to support our Maury School Spelling Bee!

2/20/20 – Maury Open House for Rising Kindergarten families, 9am. (Snow date, 2/27)

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 School Spelling Bee

2/24/20 – Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting, 7pm, John Adams Elementary School

2/27/20 – Family Math Night, 5:30-7:30pm, TC Williams, Contact [Julia Neuffer](#) with questions

3/3/20 – Professional Development Day for teachers, NO SCHOOL.

**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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