

TUESDAY TIDINGS –2/18/20

Maury Gras is this Saturday! The Spelling Bee is this Saturday! See what's happening this week:

FOUR THINGS TO KNOW:

- The **Maury Gala is Saturday!** Get excited! [Buy your tickets!](#) Great food, open bar, and lots of auction items to support Maury. Parking is available on-site at no charge (but please consider using rideshare services). **Bid and win auction items even if you don't attend the gala-->** Download the [Handbid app](#). Search for "Maury Gras Gala 2020" and register for the event without buying a ticket. Be sure to fill out your credit card information or you won't be able to bid. Bidding will start in the next 24 hours and close at ~9:40pm on Saturday night. Bid early and bid often! Don't forget you can set it and forget it by picking a max bid amount (like eBay!). If you would like to place a proxy bid for a Live auction item, please contact [Stephanie Kirby](#).

We also **still need day-of volunteers**. [Sign-up](#) to help with check-in, bartending, clean-up.

- 🐝🐝🐝 **Tomorrow, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19, is a free dress day** to support our finalists in the 2020 Maury Spelling Bee. Students should wear **yellow** and **black** to show their support. The Spelling Bee is this Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Maury Gymnasium, beginning at 9am. Come support your classmates! We are still in need of some volunteers on Saturday. Please [email](#) if you can lend a hand. 🐝🐝🐝
- Please encourage dads, grandpas, uncles, and other male role models in your children's lives to attend **Donuts with Dads on Friday, Feb. 21, 8-8:30am in the Maury Library!** Dads invite their kid(s) to share a donut while we present a short program about the Watch DOGS. The Watch DOGS program is in its sixth year at Maury, and success depends on awareness and committed volunteers. So far this year we've had 15 men helping teachers and students for a day in the school since the program kicked off in late October. [RSVP](#) so we have an accurate headcount. Get more [general info](#) about the Watch DOGS.
- **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

The [Scholarship Fund of Alexandria](#) (SFA) provides scholarships and college and financial aid advising to make college graduation a reality for students in need at TC Williams. Each year, the SFA awards over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to TC Williams high school graduates with financial need. And importantly, the SFA provides financial assistance to students throughout all four years of college. What they do is extremely impressive and is making a big difference!

The SFA needs help "Reading Day." **Reading Day is the weekend of March 6-8** and can be done from your home. Reading Day is very interesting and rewarding because you get to read the students' essays and many have very tough and moving stories. Reviewers rate each application and ultimately help decide which students are awarded scholarships through SFA.

If you do want to participate, [go online to register](#), get a username and password. You will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement, take a 15-minute online tutorial to get “certified” before March 1.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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.
- 3/5/20 – PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal’s Conference Room
- 3/6/20 – Fourth Grade Talent Show, 6pm doors open, 6:30 showtime, Maury Cafeteria
- 3/9/20 – PTA Meeting, 6:15pm, Maury Cafeteria
- 3/11/20 – SPecial Education Committee Meeting, 8am, Principal’s Conference Room

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