



Maury PTA Tuesday Tidings

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Welcome Back!

It's been too long...

September 08

It's a whole new kind of school year and the Maury PTA is here to support you through this crazy time. Every Tuesday, the PTA will send a newsletter filled with information about goings-ons at Maury. Up front, you'll find what's new this week (with embedded links to save space), in the middle, a look at what lies ahead, and at the end, frequently asked questions and requested links. Miss a week? You can catch up on [our website](#), or by following the [Maury PTA calendar](#).

BIG NEWS: Yahoo has stopped supporting our listserv so **our email list is changing**. There will be a transition period until we can move everyone over to the new list. **You can help us by sending an email to our [new list](#) (maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com) to subscribe today.**

The PTA wants to support you and help maintain open lines of communication. If there's something you'd like to see in Tidings, send our [VP of Communications](#) a note and we'll see what we can do. If you have ideas about how the PTA can help support the community this year, attend virtual PTA meetings, [contact us](#), [join](#) the PTA, or contact Mr. Powell or Ms. Hess. Make sure to sign-up for email and text alerts, follow [@MauryMariners](#) on Twitter and like the [PTA Facebook](#) page to stay current. We are all in this together!

Warmly, your [PTA Executive Board for 2020-2021](#)

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THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

Stay Connected

- [Create your PowerSchool account and login to Canvas](#). This is how your child's teacher will communicate with you. Setup notifications so you get an email or text when there is a new message. Update your contact information. Get help with virtual learning technology.
- Make sure you've [subscribed](#) to Mr. Powell's weekly emails and ACPS updates.
- Get PTA updates: Text "@maurypta" to 81010 to receive text alerts. Email maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com to receive emails. Like our [Facebook](#) page. It's easy to unsubscribe if you change your mind.
- Attend virtual [PTA meetings](#). The first one is [September 14 at 7pm](#).
- Feel free to post pictures from "school" on our [Facebook](#) page. If there's interest in a more private photo sharing option, let us know!

Join the PTA (or renew your membership)

- It's easy. [Click here](#)! Read more about the PTA on our [website](#).

Walk the Block

- ACPS, RunningBrooke, Alexandria Moves and others have organized a "Walk the Block" event before school on September 8. If you're up for it, take a walk and say hi to neighbors and classmates before signing on for the day.
- Learn more (including where to share photos) [here](#).

Looking for virtual after-school programs?

- Our VP of Programs is looking into options for virtual after-school programming. We need to hear what would work best for you. Complete this [survey](#) by September 18.

We need [Virtual] room parent volunteers

- We are searching for two room parents to support each homeroom teacher. Room parents will work closely with teachers to support their needs. This could include organizing virtual events and classroom Mystery Readers, helping find needed resources or materials, and/or facilitating communication among families and creating a sense of community.
- If you are interested in or have already spoken with your child's teacher about being a Room Parent, please fill out this [form](#). Feel free to contact this year's room parent coordinator, [Bryanne Cordeiro Reynolds](#), with questions.

Volunteer

- The PTA is a group of parent volunteers who are juggling work, life and virtual learning like you. Click [here](#) for a list of volunteer opportunities.
- We need volunteers to head PTA subcommittees! If you are interested in working on the Gala, Community Partners, Watch Dogs, or the Spelling Bee committees, contact [Fran Boller](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 10 at 8pm - PTA Executive Board Meeting ([Zoom](#))
- September 14 at 7pm - PTA Meeting ([Zoom](#))
- September 22 at 6pm - Back to School Night (Zoom)

[Import our calendar](#)

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED LINKS

- Virtual PLUS+ technology [help](#)
- Need [internet](#) access?
- Food access and grab and go meal [sites](#)
- [Child care](#) support (ACPS collected information)
- [Apply](#) for or [renew](#) your ACPS volunteer card