



## Maury PTA Tuesday Tidings

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October 6

Happy October everyone! **Please save the date and plan to attend our next [general meeting on 10/13 at 7:15pm](#)**. The PTA's Executive Board and subcommittee volunteers have been working on ways to bring the community together this fall in a socially distant way. We have a number of updates below, and please stay tuned for more information next week. If you have ideas in the meantime, please email [any one of us](#) and let us know.

In November, the Maury community listserv is moving to Google Groups. If you would like to send an email to the Maury community, for now send it to both the old, [maury@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:maury@yahoogleroups.com), AND new, [maury-mariners@googlegroups.com](mailto:maury-mariners@googlegroups.com), lists. Please take a minute to **subscribe to the [new list](#) by emailing** ([maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com)).

Know a family that is new to Maury? Forward them this email so they can stay connected by [subscribing](#) to Mr. Powell's weekly emails, ACPS updates and this [listserv](#). Get text alerts by sending "@maurypta" to 81010). Like social media? Follow the school on Twitter ([@MauryMariners](#)) and like the [PTA Facebook](#) page.

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

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THIS WEEK'S  
TOP STORIES

**Come on 4th Grade! We need just TWO MORE  
[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.
- **We are still looking for 1 parent for:**
  - **4th Grade: Houston, Chung**
- If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#). Feel free to contact this year's room parent coordinator, [Bryanne Cordeiro Reynolds](#), with questions.

## Wed. 10/7 is National Walk to School Day

- Join fellow Maury families and take a socially distant walk around the block (or to and from school) before starting the school day and work day. [Walk anyway you can!](#) Flyers:
  - [National Walk to School Day - English](#)
  - [National Walk to School Day - Spanish](#)

## Enter the [Virtual] Reflections Art Competition

- Each year, students from across the country in pre-K through grade 12 create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts. The 2020-2021 theme for this [national contest](#) is **I Matter Because...**
- Entries are due on **Tuesday, October 20.**
  - **To complete an entry form (one per submission)** - in English or Español - use our [new Google Form](#).
  - We look forward to receiving your child's submission(s), **preferably electronically, or if not, via contactless drop off.** For more information and contest rules please go to our new [website](#)
- Do you want to participate but need supplies? You can pick them up on
  - **Wed., Oct. 7 from 4:45-5:30pm:** In front of [Charles Houston Rec Center](#)
  - **Thurs., Oct. 8 from 3:00-4:00pm:** In front of [Maury](#).
  - If those times don't work for you but you need supplies, [email Cindy Zmijewski Demers](#).

- For more information, visit the [Maury Reflections website!](#) For questions, please [email Cindy Zmijewski Demers](mailto:Cindy.Zmijewski.Demers@MauryReflections@gmail.com) at [MauryReflections@gmail.com](mailto:MauryReflections@gmail.com).

## We need YOUR contact info for the directory

- You've asked for help connecting with other families and we think a comprehensive school directory will help. [Join the Maury 2020-2021 Community Directory by October 10.](#)
- Maybe you are planning a [virtual] birthday party, class [Zoom] get-together, a socially distanced playground meetup. Or maybe you are looking for the names of kids you hear your child repeat each night at dinner. Last year's needs are the same as this year's needs, just with 2020 adjustments.
- **Click on [this link](#)** for the sign-up form, fill it out (since you're already in the habit of writing your address over and over), and get added to the directory. **Please note! You need to fill out 1 form PER CHILD**

## Calling all [Potential] Yearbook Photos

- Andrea Klores has stepped up to create the Maury yearbook this year. Please send her photos as she works to fill the talented Nancy Ho Foster's shoes.
- She's looking for any photos related to school or at home learning:
  - first day of school pics
  - distanced meet and greets with teachers at parks, etc.
  - your child on a school zoom call or at their desk working
  - playing at the Maury playground on a lunch break
- Send them to [yearbookmaurypta@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookmaurypta@gmail.com) at a high resolution, along with your child's first and last name, grade, homeroom teacher and description.

## Next week is Bullying Prevention Week

- Maury's Bullying Prevention week will be the week of Oct 12-16 in honor of Bullying Prevention Month.
- Ms. Koss has organized a Spirit Week to focus on bullying prevention:
  - Monday (on their own since it is a staff PD day): Wear fun sneakers/socks to "Kick Out" bullying
  - Tuesday: Wear sunglasses to zoom classes to "Shade Out" bullying
  - Wednesday: Wear a fun hat to zoom classes to "Put a Cap On" bullying
  - Thursday: Wear a favorite athletic team shirt or jersey to zoom classes to "Team Up Against" bullying

Friday: Wear all black to zoom classes to "Black Out" bullying.

## Save the Date: October PTA Meetings

- October 8 at 7:15pm - [Executive Committee meeting](#)
- October 13 at 7:15pm - [General Membership Meeting](#)

## Save the Date: ACPS Family Forum on Maury Renaming Proposal

- ACPS is considering renaming Matthew Maury Elementary and is seeking public engagement. The [ACPS website](#) has information about the process.
- On **October 26 from 6:30-7:30pm**, ACPS will be hosting a [virtual forum](#) where interested families (including students) can learn about who Matthew Maury was and discuss the possibility of renaming the school.

## Nominate our teachers to win!

- [Stomping Ground](#) is honoring local teachers by delivering a free hot biscuit sandwich and coffee to a nominated teacher each week through November 1.
- [Click here](#) to nominate a teacher today.

## ACPS is providing FREE meals for EVERYONE

- **Take a break from meal prep and pick up lunch from ACPS. Meals are FREE for ALL CHILDREN** thanks to funding from the USDA. Stop by [ACPS food distribution sites](#) (including TC Williams, Mt. Vernon and Jefferson Houston) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30am-12pm to get free meals for children aged 2-18. This is open to everyone and no registration is needed..

## Donate your math manipulatives

- Do you still have those math manipulatives that ACPS sent families last spring or for summer school? They are likely not being sent out again this fall

and Mr. Powell is collecting them for younger students to use for math lessons.

- Those circles and block shapes are great for our new Kindergarteners and 1st graders. If you have questions about whether your student will need them this year, please ask your teacher.
- Drop off in a bin on the front porch of 27 E. Walnut. Thank you in advance!

## Did someone say spirit wear??

- You asked to show [virtual] spirit, so [spirit wear](#) is here! And this year, it will be available all year long and will be delivered to your home.
- T-shirts are [on sale now](#) and every purchase sends 15% of your purchase price to the PTA to support essential programs.
- Fundraising is more complicated this year, so every dollar you spend will help. Show your Mariner pride and purchase today! Need that link again? [Click here to start shopping!](#)

## Volunteer

- You can view minutes from past PTA meetings [here](#).
- The Maury PTA is a group of parent volunteers who are juggling work, life and virtual learning like you, while also taking time to help foster and support our community. Click [here](#) for a list of volunteer opportunities.
- We need volunteers to head PTA subcommittees! If you are interested in working on the [maybe virtual] Gala, Community Partners, or Watch Dogs committees, contact [Fran Boller](#).
- The Alexandria PTA Council just got a request from Volunteer Alexandria to help bag groceries for ALIVE!. All volunteers must register online and be healthy. To sign up, click [here](#) and be sure to review the [COVID-19 volunteer guidelines](#).

## Stay Connected

- Make sure you have subscribed to the [Maury community listserv](#) and to [PTA text alerts](#) (it's easy to unsubscribe if you decide you don't want helpful reminders, like log-in on Monday's to avoid being marked absent).
- Feel free to email the Maury listserv about community related events and questions only (no commercial emails per listserv rules). For now, while we

transition to Google Groups, please send emails to both the old, [maury@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maury@yahoogroups.com), AND new, [maury-mariners@googlegroups.com](mailto:maury-mariners@googlegroups.com), lists. Please take a minute to **subscribe to the [new list](mailto:maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com) by emailing** ([maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com)).

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 7** - National Walk to School Day
- **October 8** - Pickup supplies for the [Reflections Art Competition](#)
- **October 8** - [Executive Committee meeting](#) at 7:15pm
- **October 12** - NO SCHOOL
- **October 12-16** - Bullying Prevention Week
- **October 13** - [PTA Meeting](#) at 7:15pm
- **October 15** - [School Board meeting](#)
- **October 20** - Deadline for [Reflections](#) competition submissions
- **October 26 from 6:30-7:30pm** - ACPS [virtual family forum](#) to discuss the possibility of renaming Matthew Maury Elementary.
- **November 3** - NO SCHOOL
- **November 11 - 13** - EARLY RELEASE days for teacher conferences

[Import our calendar](#)

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## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED LINKS

- Please [join or renew your membership to the PTA](#) today! This year, more than ever, we need as many voices as possible weighing in as we navigate this school year. Together we can make things happen for our school.
- Stay connected:
  - Make sure you've [subscribed](#) to Mr. Powell's weekly emails and ACPS updates. Follow the school on Twitter ([@MauryMariners](#))
  - Get PTA updates: Text "@maurypta" to 81010 to receive text alerts. Email [maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:maury-mariners+subscribe@googlegroups.com) to receive emails. Like our [Facebook](#) page.
- Miss a [Tidings email](#)? Looking for [PTA meeting minutes](#)? Catch up on [our website](#).

- Did someone say SPIRIT WEAR?? You asked to show [virtual] spirit, so [spirit wear](#) is here! And this year, it will be available all year long and will be [delivered to your home](#).
- Need to add school closings to your calendar? Import the [Maury PTA calendar](#).
- Need help with [PowerSchool?](#)
- 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