



PTA Tuesday Tidings

June 15, 2021

Hello Mariners! **ICYMI, the 5th grade promotion ceremony will be held on Friday, June 18. We will miss our students and families moving on to middle school. Kindergarten promotion** will take place on **June 22**. THANK YOU to all of our parent volunteers and sponsors who provided support to Maury students, faculty and staff this year.

Today is the last day to vote on the new mascot and color submissions. [Survey link](#). If school uniforms are influencing your student's (or your) vote on new colors, Ms. Hess sent out a [note yesterday](#) stating that the coming school year will bring a flexible policy on uniforms -- students may wear existing uniforms, opt not to wear uniforms or wear shirts in new school colors. The choice is yours, which may be good news to those of you who were not ready to return to the days of asking your kids how they are already out of clean uniforms by [insert day of the week].

Yearbooks and popsicles, anyone? On **Wednesday and Thursday between 2pm and 3pm**, the PTA will have representatives at school handing out popsicles for students to grab and go as they head home, and **yearbooks for students attending school VIRTUALLY. HYBRID students will receive yearbooks in class during the school day on Wednesday and Thursday**. Can't make it to school this week? Scroll down for other options. Thank you to this year's **Yearbook Editor, [Andrea Klores](#)**! You have done a beautiful job with the yearbook!!

Does your child have any medication in the nurse's office? Make sure to pick it up by the last day of school on **June 23**. Please contact [Ms. Harper](#) with questions.

If your child or children will not be returning to school this Fall (2021-2022), **please let [Ms. Sophia Greene](#), the school registrar, know as soon as possible so that she**

can assist you with the next steps. If you have questions call the main office at 703-706-4440 or email sophia.greene@acps.k12.va.us.

Mark your calendars. New student orientation will be held in person on August 20. The 2021-2022 school year will start BEFORE Labor Day on August 24, 2021 (this is because of a change in state law).

Know a family that is new to Maury/Brooks? Forward them this email so they can stay connected by [subscribing](#) to Ms. Hess'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](#)

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

Upcoming events

- **June 15. Deadline to vote for the new mascot and school colors for Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School.** [Survey link](#).
- **June 18 at 9am. Fifth grade promotion celebration.** Mr. Ramirez will be in touch with families with details.
- **June 22. Kindergarten promotion celebration.** Ms. Langley will be in touch with families with details.
- **June 23. Last day of school** and the last day to pick up medication from the nurse's office before it is discarded.

Last Day to Vote on New Mascot and Colors

- A committee of current Maury students and staff, parents and ACPS staff met on June 4 to discuss the submissions. They have narrowed the selection down to 4 mascots and 4 sets of colors.
- ACPS sent out an email with a [link to a poll](#) where community members vote for their favorite among the mascots and colors selected by the committee.
- **[The poll will be open from June 8-June 15.](#) Please vote for your favorite mascot and colors to represent Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School.**

- Once the results are announced, the entire ACPS community will be invited to submit logo designs.

Yearbooks and Popsicles - Wed 6/16, Thurs 6/17

- Hybrid students will receive yearbooks during the school day on Wednesday (6/16) and Thursday (6/17) of this week.
- Virtual students may pick up yearbooks between 2pm and 3pm on Wednesday (6/16) and Thursday (6/17) of this week. Can't make it to school? Beginning Thursday, June 17, you can stop by 206 E. Oak Street and pick up your child's yearbook from a bin located on the front porch.
- **PTA representatives will be at school on Wednesday (6/16) and Thursday (6/17) of this week from 2pm - 3pm with popsicles for students to grab and go as hybrid students leave school and virtual students pick up yearbooks.**
- Thank you to this year's **Yearbook Editor, [Andrea Klores](#)**! You have done a beautiful job with the yearbook!!

Step Up to School is Coming on August 20

- This year ACPS will be hosting half-day orientation for kindergartners and first graders on the morning of August 20, 2021 at your local elementary school.
- New students to ACPS in grades 2-5 will also have an orientation that same afternoon.
- Here's what the schedule will look like:
 - 8:00 a.m. to noon: Brooks Kindergarten and grade 1 students will be visiting our school! More details to come this summer!
 - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. New students in grades 2-5 will visit their teachers!
- The goal is to simulate the school day for kindergarten and first grade (bus transportation, grab and go meal, shortened schedule)
- The school will also provide orientation for new students (school tour, schedule, expectations) and allow staff to interact with new students.

Looking for Summer Camps?

- The PTAC has compiled its annual [summer camp directory](#), which lists over 40 different local camps.
- The YMCA will be hosting summer camp on-site at Naomi L. Brooks Elementary (the Y's website lists the location as Maury Elementary School). [The YMCA website has more details.](#)

Campagna Update: Summer Camp and Fall After Care

- **Summer Camp Update.** Campagna has opened [registration](#) for summer camp.
- **Fall Aftercare Waitlist Update.** Campagna has opened a [waitlist](#) for aftercare, which will likely be offered onsite at school as it has in year's past. Campagna will use the waitlist to register students for fall aftercare, and anticipates registering students off the waitlist in the coming weeks. If you are not receiving email updates from Campagna and would like to, please email ckregistration@campagnacenter.org.

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 9am-11am to get free meals for children aged 2-18. This is open to everyone and no registration is needed.

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 Maury Giving Day Committee, Community Partners, or the Spelling Bee, **or in serving as the PTA's next President-Elect, contact [Fran Boller](#).**

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). Please take a minute to subscribe to the [new list](#) by emailing (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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 21-23. Early Release Days.**
- **June 23. Last day of school 2020-2021 school year.**
- **August 20, 8am to 12pm. In person orientation for K-1 students.**
- **August 20, 12:30 to 2:30pm. New students in grades 2-5.**
- **August 24. First day of school 2021-2022 school year.**

[Import our calendar](#)

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 Hess'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 to receive emails. Like our [Facebook](#) page.
 - Miss a [Tidings email](#)? Looking for [PTA meeting minutes](#)? Catch up on [our website](#).

- If you are interested in receiving updates from the TAG AC, find ACPS Friends of TAG in [Google Groups](#), click “apply for membership” and “apply to join this group.” If you have trouble joining the group, contact [Laura Rose](#).
- Have you signed up for [Amazon Smile](#)? You can designate the Maury PTA to receive a percentage of every order from Amazon. We also earn rewards for [Box Tops](#) -- which you can now scan in [via a handy app](#).
- 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

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