



MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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Dear Maury Families,

On behalf of your PTA Executive Board, we would love to start the year with a roaring GO COUGARS! The executive board and supporting committees have been working throughout the summer to ensure a year filled with magnificent experiences for our children, goals to support academic excellence, and opportunities for all of our parents to make a real impact.

For all new families, don't worry, there is so much more to do and we need your help. We rely heavily on all families – to support all our work.

Please feel encouraged as you walk into the doors in August because you have joined a community of hard-working, dedicated, and fun-loving people.

Our first PTA meeting is the third Thursday of September, 9/18/14 (always on the third Thursday unless a holiday or school event affects the meeting date). We begin promptly at 6:00 pm, we sell food to support our PTA, and we offer childcare by Polite Piggy's staff and ask only for a donation to cover it. We try hard to simplify on our end so that you can come, learn, share and enjoy time together with families you may not get to see on a daily basis. Think of it as a working Maury date night!

This is your welcome packet:

1. Welcome letter
2. SOS Fundraising information sheet
3. PTA Membership form – *Return to the PTA*
4. Volunteer opportunities that won't steal too much of your time—*Return to the PTA*
5. Fundraising Committee
6. School Calendar of Events – *Keep one copy and return the other to PTA.*
7. RU Connected?: ways to keep in touch with Maury

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at maurypta@yahoo.com.

Best,
Your PTA Exec Board

STAFF OUR SCHOOL (S.O.S.)
Fundraising Campaign Information Letter

The Maury PTA funds an annual campaign to support specific efforts or programming each year. In the past, this campaign, called “Support Our School”, or “SOS”, has been used to help pay for classroom aides in the upper grades, support literacy programs, and programs such as dance.

This year, the campaign is being called “Staff Our School”, and the funds raised will be used solely to help to cover the over \$50,000 the PTA needs to pay for aides.

Some history on this work: years ago, the parents of younger children realized that while DCPS covers aides for the early childhood programs, students in the upper grades (1-5) were in just as much need of an extra adult in the classroom. The PTA voted to raise the funds and hire aides for those grades.

This year, the PTA-employed aides are:

- Tiera Lawrence, 1st Grade
- Iris Jefferson, 2nd Grade
- Robin Paul, 3rd Grade
- Angela Caudle, 4th and 5th Grades
- Jalen McLendon, 4th and 5th Grades, Recess Monitor

Popular programs, such as the Literacy Lab, will continue to be supported by the PTA, but the concentration of this campaign will be on covering these salaries. We love our aides, and you can expect to see more about each of them in promotional materials for S.O.S. over the coming weeks!

The requested amount for support for S.O.S. is \$200 per Maury student. The payment can be made with PTA dues on the attached form, or separately. Not all of our families are able to support at this level, but every amount helps and if you are able to contribute more, please do so for this important effort.

If you have any questions on the S.O.S. campaign, contact Amy Weedon at amyweedon@verizon.net.



Maury Elementary Parent Teacher Association

Membership Form - 2014 – 2015 School Year

1. NAME AND ADDRESS

2. STUDENT(S) NAME(S)

3. TEACHER(S)

4. TELEPHONE - HOME

5. TELEPHONE – WORK

6. TELEPHONE - CELL

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7. E-MAIL ADDRESS

MEMBER 1: _____	MEMBER 2: _____
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8. MEMBERSHIP TYPE

<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> FACULTY	<input type="checkbox"/> ALUMNI	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY MEMBER
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9. METHOD OF PAYMENT

YEARLY PTA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$15 PER ADULT. YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO VOTE ON ISSUES AND IN ELECTIONS. MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM SEPT TO SEPT OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR.

MAURY’S SOS CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED LETTER FOR INFORMATION.

Cash *Check# _____ RCVD BY: _____

VISA OR MASTERCARD **CARD #** _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
SECURITY CODE _____ **EXPIRES** ____ / ____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____

- PTA Membership Dues for 2014-2015: \$15 x _____ (number of adults) \$ _____
- SOS Donation
 - Full Share for Maury SOS Campaign \$200 x _____ (number of children) \$ _____
 - Contribution above our commitment \$ _____
 - Other, Give what you can \$ _____

Total \$ _____

***Checks are to be made payable to Maury PTA. Maury PTA cannot accept responsibility for returned checks. All financial fees for returned checks will become issuer’s responsibility.**

Please return the completed form with your dues or donations to the PTA lockbox across from the main office. All information obtained will remain confidential and is collected for membership verification purposes only.

Volunteer Opportunities

that won't steal too much of your time

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Maury is fortunate to be supported by staff, parents and community members that offer their time and abilities. **We ask that each family contribute to Maury in some way by volunteering for one of the tasks below.** Our goal is to 1) match volunteer tasks with interests and time availability, 2) promote community and 100% parent involvement and 3) distribute the workload. Please choose your top three and rank in order of preference—with 1 being most desired. Someone from the PTA will then contact you to confirm your task and support you in your efforts.

A. Do you know how to “get it done”?

- _____ 1. Coordinate the Maury Store of t-shirts, bags and other goodies
- _____ 2. Manage/maintain Maury loyalty programs (e-scripts, labels for education)
- _____ 3. Catalogue items for Maury Yard Sale (Oct)
- _____ 4. Catalogue Maury at the Market donations (March)
- _____ 5. Provide baked goods to the Bake Sale group
- _____ 6. Coordinate Maury volunteer assignments
- _____ 7. Become a Room Parent
- _____ 8. Organize the lost and found

B. Are you connected?

- _____ 1. Secure items for the Maury auction (October—March)
- _____ 2. Organize the in-school auction for Maury at the Market (March)
- _____ 3. Research grant opportunities
- _____ 4. Outreach to potential corporate partners

C. Are you a communicator?

- _____ 1. Update the Maury website
- _____ 2. Coordinate the weekly announcements in the Tuesday folder
- _____ 3. Write articles for the PTA newsletter
- _____ 4. Write community grants over the course of the year
- _____ 5. Promote Maury events and fundraisers

D. Do you know technology or design programs?

- _____ 1. Help maintain Maury computers/technology
- _____ 3. Develop promotional materials for fundraising events
- _____ 4. Create support materials for Maury at the Market (Jan-March)
- _____ 5. Create the Maury at the Market auction program (March)

E. Can you help out during the school day?

- _____ 1. Assist with Librarian's Reading Lunch one hour a week
- _____ 2. Help with the Fall and Spring Book Fairs
- _____ 3. Tutor math or reading in the classroom
- _____ 4. Assist with Think Tank/Science projects
- _____ 5. Help during lunch/recess time
- _____ 6. Assist in the office during peak times

F. Do you like to give back to your community?

- _____ 1. Coordinate Thanksgiving baskets and coat drive for Maury families (November)
- _____ 2. Give Tours at Open Houses (4 dates—3 mornings, one evening)
- _____ 3. Coordinate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May)

G. Are you an event planner?

- _____ 1. Identify and setup field trips
- _____ 2. Help coordinate the Maury yard sale(September)
- _____ 3. Coordinate the Nationals ticket sales (Sept and/or May)
- _____ 4. Coordinate one of our academic enrichment events
- _____ 5. Coordinate the games at the Fall Festival (October)
- _____ 6. Arrange for volunteers for school photo day (October)
- _____ 7. Arrange for Black History Month assembly/events (February)
- _____ 8. Organize Maury Loves Disco (February)
- _____ 9. Help organize Maury at the Market (Jan - March)
- _____ 10. Promote Maury's involvement at 4th of July Parade

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H. Are you green?

- _____ 1. Provide teacher support for integrating the garden into the curriculum
- _____ 2. Help organize spring and fall garden cleanup days
- _____ 3. Coordinate garden team in ongoing maintenance & planting
- _____ 4. Coordinate student-driven recycling program
- _____ 5. Manage DC Farm to School week
- _____ 6. Organize Spring Strawberry and Salad Greens event

Tell us how else you would like to help!

Please contact me about being involved in one of the following PTA committee(s):

- _____ **Academic Events:** Working with the principal, teachers and PTA to organize academic enrichment events and support classroom efforts as needed.
- _____ **Communications:** Focuses on internal and external communications at Maury and with the community.
- _____ **Community Events:** Supporting year-round school activities including the Fall Festival and Winter Dance Event (Maury Loves Disco)
- _____ **Diversity:** Works to ensure that all members of the Maury community have a voice and opportunities to work with the school and PTA.
- _____ **Fundraising:** Coordinates and implements events to raise funds for the PTA.
- _____ **Grants:** Working with the PTA and committee chairs identify funding needs and research, coordinate and secure appropriate funding from outside sources.
- _____ **Hospitality:** Help Maury families in need, assist with food at Maury hospitality events and set up teacher/staff appreciation events.
- _____ **Middle Schools:** Develop relationships within Maury's feeder middle school to create a smooth transition for Ward 6 students.
- _____ **Room Parents:** Be the communication link between teacher and parents. Coordinate class parties and class participation in school-wide events.
- _____ **School Improvement:** Supports physical school improvement efforts such as greening and the playground as well as promoting student health and safety.

Maury Elementary School PTA Fundraising Committee

Who We Are

The money that we've raised over the last several years has paid for classroom teacher's aides for grades 1 – 5, classroom libraries and instructional materials, including the pilot of the Singapore Math program, among other important enriching aspects of the educational and extracurricular offerings at our school.

Committee chair is Maury parent, Wendy Putnam (Bryce, 1st grade and Hadley, Kindergarten). We work hard but we have fun. Everyone is busy, we try to keep meetings at a minimum and accomplish a lot with the time we have.

What We Do

We work on several different fundraising events throughout the year, but we're always looking for more help and new ideas so we can do more. Here's a list of our current initiatives, please look them over and let us know where you'd like to help.

Wednesday Weekly Bake Sales

Lead: Antonia Herzog (avherzog@gmail.com) and Elizabeth Nelson (elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com)

When: Every Wednesday in the lobby and at special Maury events

Needs: People to bake and sell!

Maury Yard Sale

Lead: Wendy Putnam (wendy.putnam@me.com)

When: Saturday, 9/27/14

Needs: Volunteers to sort prior to sale, and day of sale from 7am until 4pm to help set-up, continue to sort, check-out and clean up!

Maury's Online Customizable card and calendar website A fabulous opportunity to create affordable, customizable holiday cards and calendars. Those fun cards you make and send at the holidays can now benefit our school.

Lead: Aaron Chaletzky (adchaletzky@gmail.com)

Where: www.brightdoc.com/mauryelementary

Needs: Let Aaron or Wendy know if you can help publicize this on MoTH, Maury listserv, making posters, etc.

Maury's Logo Store

T-Shirts, mugs, magnets, bags and more - all with the Maury logo! Profits benefit our school.

Lead: Chris Pascuzzo (cpascuzzo@gmail.com)

Where: <http://www.cafepress.com/mauryschool>

Maury TShirt Sales - now ONLINE!

Lead: Chris Pascuzzo (cpascuzzo@gmail.com)

When: Fall and Spring we will have a large T Shirt campaign and the shirts will be sold for less than normal online prices.

Maury at the Market – Our flagship fundraiser, an evening adults-only reception and silent and live auction held in Eastern Market’s North Hall. We raised over \$60k in one evening at each of the last three auctions! This fundraiser comes together with many, many volunteers. Please plan on contributing in at least one way.

Leads: When: M@M will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, but solicitations for sponsorships and item donations begins in October 2014.

Maury Local Loyalty Programs

Lead: Jessica Gardner (jgardner@washingtonanalysis.com)

When: Year round - programs need to be re-linked each fall.

Tea Brand Clothing 15% Off Day

Lead: Jessica Gardner (jgardner@washingtonanalysis.com)

When: Late Winter/Early Spring 2015

Monthly Tuesdays at Tunnis

Lead: Wendy Putnam (wendy.putnam@me.com)

First Tuesday of each month, join the Maury community for a lively and fun dinner at Tunncliff’s Tavern at 222 Seventh Avenue, SE. 15% of ALL dinner tabs rung up between 5:30 and 9:00 pm are donated to Maury’s PTA.

Monthly Argonaut Nights and Treasure box Fundraiser

Lead:

Whenever you (or anyone you know) dines at Argonaut, you can collect gems to help raise funds for Maury. Stop by the host stand before you leave and show them your receipt and they will give you 1 gem for every \$25 spent. Bring them to the school office to be deposited in a special treasure box. Argonaut will donate \$5 to Maury’s PTA for every gem collected.

A couple other fundraising ideas are currently in development, expect to hear more soon. If you have any connections or leads or new ideas we are always looking for new initiatives to support the important efforts of our PTA - get in touch!

How to Join Our Committee

We’d *love* to have you on the committee! Please e-mail Wendy Putnam (wendy.putnam@me.com) and let us know you’ll be willing to help and we’ll add you to our email list and invite you to our meetings. Thanks so much for helping us to continue to build on the Fundraising Committee’s past successes!

2013-2014 Maury School Calendar – *Please circle events you will volunteer for and return to PTA.*

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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August

28 Back to School Night 6:30

September

1 Labor Day Holiday – school closed

9 Room Parent Orientation 7:50-8:30 am

18 New Family meet and greet with PTA Exec Board 5:30

18 PTA meeting 6:00

27 Maury Yard Sale

October

8 National Walk to School Day

10 Professional Development Day – no school for students

13 Columbus Day Holiday – school closed

16 PTA meeting 6:00

18 Fall Fair

23 Family Fitness Night 6:00

31 Book Character Parade 10:30

31 End of Term 1 – Students dismissed at 12:15pm

November

4 Picture Day

6 Literacy Night 6:00

10-14 Fall Book Fair

10 Parent-teacher Conference Day - no school for students

11 Veterans Day Holiday – school closed

20 PTA meeting 6:00

27-28 Thanksgiving Day Holiday - no school for students

December

2 Open House 9:00-10:30

4 Parent/Staff basketball game

5 Professional Development Day – no school for students

11 Musical event 6:00

15 Picture Day Make Up Date

22-31 Winter Break

January

1-2 Winter Break

15 PTA meeting 6:00

16 School Spelling Bee (Grades 3-4-5)

19 MLK Jr. Day – school closed
20 Open House - 9:00am-10:30am and 6:30pm-7:30pm
23 End of Term 2 – Students dismissed at 12:15pm

February

6 A Journey Through Time – African American History Gallery (daytime)
10 Open House - 9:00am-10:30am
12 Maury Loves Disco 6:00
13 Professional Development Day – no school for students
16 President's Day – school closed
19 PTA meeting 6:00
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26 PARCC Info Night Grades 3-4-5 5:30
27 Black History Program 9:30am

March

12 Think Tank Night 6:00
19 PTA meeting 6:00
28 Maury @ The Market 7:00-10:00

April

2 Mathademics (grades 3-4-5) 6:00
3 End of Term 3 – Students dismissed at 12:15pm
6 School closed
13-17 Spring Break
23 PTA meeting 6:00
24 Sneak Peek Kindergarten
TBD PARCC Grades 3-4-5

May

1 Professional Development Day – no school for students
4-8 Staff Appreciation Week
15 School Play 6:00
16 School Play noon
21 PTA meeting 6:00
22 Sneak Peek Grades 1-5 and PK3-PK4
25 Memorial Day – school closed
28 Spring Concert

June

4 Volunteer Breakfast 8:30-9:20
5 Career Day
5 Talent Show 6:00
11 PTA meeting 6:00
12 Field Day
15 Grade 5 Promotion 10:00
16 Kindergarten promotion 9:30
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R U CONNECTED?

WEBSITE: www.mauryelementary.com

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/MauryElementary

TWITTER: @MauryElementary

LISTSERV:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/maury_elementary/

Q. What is a listserv?

A. It's a message board, a problem-solver, a place to ask questions and get answers.


- Post photos from a class trip, or see photos from the trip you missed.
- Don't know if the kids need to wear their uniforms on the field trip? Post the question, get the answer.
- A teacher requests egg cartons - you happen to have them.

Q. How do I sign up?

A. Go to the web address above, click Join This Group.

Q. Is this going to flood my inbox with unwanted email?

A. Not if you don't want it. Go to **Edit Membership** (see it right over the title bar?), and under Option #2, you have the choice of individual emails (a lot), a daily digest (manageable), or no email (you'll have to check the group site to get any information).

heysassy · heysassy@yahoo.com Group Owner - Edit Membership	Start a Group My Groups
maury_elementary · Maury Elementary	Search for other groups... <input type="text"/> Search
Home Messages	 Click here for the latest updates on Groups Message search

Q. Can anyone join?

A. No, the listserv is limited to parents, guardians, teachers, staff, community members, etc. with a current and direct link to the school. The community can stay connected with the school through the website, Facebook, and other means.

Listserv etiquette is standard – keep it clean and civil.

Don't post anything that you wouldn't say to someone face-to-face.

Be careful about replying to everyone on list instead of to an individual.

(Defaults to Replies to Sender.)