



# Marie H. Reed Elementary School

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Newsletter

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## 11/16 Meeting Highlights

- Algunas aulas todavía necesitan padres representantes del salón. What do room parents do? They help organize social events out of class and coordinate parent volunteers for Food Prints, parents coming in to read to or share other talents with the class, refreshments for class events and more. The more support we can provide our teachers the better! Please contact Adam at [amjdisaster@gmail.com](mailto:amjdisaster@gmail.com) or Kessia at [kessia.cruz@gmail.com](mailto:kessia.cruz@gmail.com)
- We are now on Facebook, @PTAMarieReedElementary, and Instagram, marie\_reed\_pta! Please follow us!
- The PTA will work on revamping the Marie Reed website this year. It's a lot of work! We will need parent volunteers to work on suggested content. Please email [fanicruz@yahoo.com](mailto:fanicruz@yahoo.com) to lend a hand.
- We are looking for parents to help write grants that will enable our school to do more for our kids! If you have experience and/or interest writing grants, please contact our Fundraising Chair, Chris at [cmymers2173@gmail.com](mailto:cmymers2173@gmail.com)
- Movie Night on 12/8 will be in the gym. Food sales will start at 5:30 and Disney's "Born in China" will start 6pm. We will need volunteers to set up, sell food and clean up. Please stay tuned.
- Teacher proposals for PTA funds for special projects for the balance of the 2017-2018 school year are due 12/15.

## December Holiday Auction!

Cross everyone off your holiday shopping list and raise money for the 2017-2018 PTA budget priorities by shopping in the PTA online silent auction. Gifts and services are donated for sale by local businesses, Marie Reed parents and friends. The auction starts on Dec. 4 and runs through Dec. 15. The web address will be announced next week. The goal is to raise \$1,500 by auctioning at least 30 items. Your help is needed to solicit donations before 11/30, offer creative auction items of your own before 11/30, and then shop with enthusiasm to make this event a success! Email Katherine ASAP at [kfertakis@gmail.com](mailto:kfertakis@gmail.com) to get involved.



## Mark Your Calendar

- 12/1 – School closed
- 12/6 – Bring a parent to Tech Night 5:30pm
- 12/8 – Movie Night #1 in the Gym:  
"Born in China" 5:30pm
- 12/4- 12/15 – Silent Auction
- 1/12 – Movie Night #2 in the Gym
- 2/TBD – Book Fair
- 3/16 – International Night
- 4/20 – Movie Night #3
- 5/7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week

## Be a Parent Volunteer

Complete your TB test and online application first, then get fingerprinted at DCPS's main office or email [Victoria.hightower@dc.gov](mailto:Victoria.hightower@dc.gov) to be added to the list of 25 required for DCPS to do an onsite fingerprinting session.

- **Please join us at the PTA meetings** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the Living Room from 5:45-6:45pm! Free childcare is provided by our parent volunteers for children who are students at Marie Reed to allow parents to attend the PTA meetings.
- **To join the PTA Google Group**, sign up here: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/marie-reed-pta/join>
- **To make a tax-deductible donation to the PTA**, use this paypal link: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=JAKUSELDHDQC](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=JAKUSELDHDQC)

## 2017-2018 Fundraising & Budget Priority Mini Status Report

Creativity First: \$2,100 of \$2,100 (100%)  
 FoodPrints: \$5,000 to raise (in progress)  
 Story of Our Schools: \$10,000 remaining to raise  
 Teacher Initiatives: TBD (requests due 12/15)  
 Other (field trips, teacher appreciation, etc.)

Harris Teeter VIC cards linked: 54 of 75 goal  
 Amazon Smile: \$184.14 of \$750 goal

## Newsletter submission for next month?

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