



Marie H. Reed Elementary School

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Newsletter

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10/19 Meeting Highlights

- A few classrooms still need room parents. For more information or to sign up please contact Adam at amjdisaster@gmail.com or Kessia at kessia.cruz@gmail.com
- We are now on Facebook, @PTAMarieReedElementary, and Instagram, marie_reed_pta! Please follow us!
- Stay tuned as the PTA works to update the Marie Reed website!
- 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
- Our 2017-2018 PTA budget priorities include:
 - Teacher initiative: We are encouraging teachers to submit requests for PTA support for projects that will enhance educational opportunities for all Marie Reed students; requests due for the 2017/2018 year on 12/1.
 - Story of our Schools – SOOS is an opportunity to showcase the research of Marie Reed students that focuses on the history of our school. The final product will be a museum-quality exhibit in the front hall of the school. The cost of the program is \$50-60,000; corporate donations are being sought and money is being raised by SOOS.
 - FRESHFARM Markets FoodPrints has started! This school-wide program offers food/cooking education mixed with science! We are the first school in Ward 1 to host FoodPrints! The PTA contribution goal is \$5,000. Learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUCAiJwQQAk>
 - Creativity First – This program will serve all 60 ECE students in after care, one day a week. The cost of this program is \$2,100 and it has been fully funded with fundraisers and donations! <http://www.creativityfirstcompany.com/creative-kids-drama.html>
 - The PTA also supports food for special events, gift cards for teacher recognition, teacher appreciation breakfast, 5th grade promotion and field trips.

Great ideas for the PTA from the 10/19 meeting:

- Can we help offer child care on non-holidays that school is closed? **For now, please refer to the Google Group for ideas for No School days.**
- Can we help make international trips possible for 5th grade students to use their dual language skills?

These will take some time to evaluate, but keep the ideas coming and keep thinking big!

Other PTA Reminders



- Our Box Tops for Education collection contest ended on 10/26, but please keep collecting them for our spring campaign.
- Sign up for www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the Marie Reed PTA. We have made \$161.40 toward our \$750 goal so far this year!
- Link up your VIC card to earn cash for the Marie Reed PTA at www.harristeeter.com or at the customer service desk. We currently have 51 cards linked, and a goal of 85 cards.
- Please send any newsletter submissions for next month to terrablodnikar@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar



- 11/3 - No school, APTT
- 11/10 - No school, Veterans Day
- 11/23-24 - No school, Thanksgiving
- 12/6 – Bring a parent to Tech Night 5:30pm
- 12/8 – Movie Night #1 in the Gym
- 12/TBD – 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

Please join us at the PTA meetings every 3rd 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=JJKUSELDHDQC

Bring your parent to Tech Night

12/6 at 5:30pm

Students from 1st - 5th grade will compete using design, engineering and coding skills with their parents being the team. An Open House will be held showcasing a variety of computer science and engineering organizations. If any parent would like to showcase their computer science or engineering organization or college program please reach out to Sara Akbar at sara.akbar@oracle.com.