



1/8/18 Meeting Highlights

- Principal Lundgren outlined the 2018-2019 school budget. Priorities and additions include:
 - Additional resources for readers in K-2; English & Spanish
 - Strengthen Marie Reed 's special education capacity by adding a bilingual teacher
 - Expansion of Social-Emotional Learning , SEL, with a "culture dean"
 - Continuing Kindred
 - New part-time bilingual parent communications coordinator; Interested parents please contact Principal Lundgren
 - Afterschool programming
 - Further investment in the arts
- Marie Reed will host its own summer camp as well as a Higher Achievement Program. To register, contact Mr. Castillo at walter.castillo@dc.gov. The PTA is increasing its commitment to camp by \$2,000 and is looking to raise another \$2,000 via a Donor's Choose campaign in order to pay paraprofessionals a living wage. To donate, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/marieredpta-summercampfairwage>
- The new draft PTA bylaws are available on the Google Group or in the main office. Highlights include: new volunteer committees, new criteria for PTA officers, and a new budget approval processes. Open comment period is now through 3/31. A vote will occur at the April meeting on 4/19.
- The PTA Board appointed an interim Family Engagement Chair, Kessia Cruz. Congrats Kessia!
- \$1,700 remains to be raised for the Story of our Schools exhibit that will be installed in the front lobby! Stay tuned for a big reveal event.
- Did you know that Head Start, a federal program, funds the ECE program? Funding requests for next year is underway. Contact our Head Start Policy Council representative, Alia Khan at aliaisasuperstar@yahoo.com to see or provide feedback on the grant.



Mark Your Calendar

- 3/16 – International Night
- 3/17 – Mellow Mushroom fundraiser 11:30-3
- 3/26-30 – Spring Break
- 4/1 – Enrollment blitz 2018-2019 begins - details coming in Panther Post
- 4/5 – Career Day
- 4/9-13 – Bookworm Book Fair/Sale
- 4/19 – Next PTA meeting (vote on by-laws)
- 4/20 – Movie Night #3
- 5/7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/17 – PTA meeting (Board elections)

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To join the PTA Google Group,

an online forum for teachers and families to communicate, sign up here or scan the QR code:



<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/marie-reed-pta/join>

More About Marie Reed's Art Focus...

Did you know that our new art teacher Ms. Monfrini has a passion and an expertise for photography and Ms. Granobles our new music teacher is a talented pianist and frequent performer. In addition, Marie Reed has art partnerships with:

- DC Arts & Humanities Collaborative to facilitate a field trip for students in K-5
- Discovery Theatre to bring performances in house for each grade
- Washington Performing Arts Society

Long term Marie Reed students will have an enhanced art experience.