

Maury Tidings 9/7

Good afternoon, Mariners! I'll be sending an email weekly, usually on Tuesdays, with a rundown of things going on at Maury, PTA news, volunteer opportunities, etc. My predecessor, the inimitable Jess Wehrman, had such a way with words and sharp sense of humor that I don't dare try to live up to her witty missives. I hope you find it useful.

1. Events for Your Calendar:

- a. Back to School Picnic: Come and greet old friends and make new ones at the Back to School Picnic tomorrow, September 8th, at Maury from 5:00 to 7:00. Bring a picnic dinner for your family or buy from the Rocklands truck. There will be a dj and snow cones too. It's a lot of fun!
- b. Registration for After School Programs begins Sunday, September 10th at 7:00 pm. Paper catalogs will go home in today's Thursday folders. An email version will follow. There are some really interesting offerings! Sign up at <https://mauryprograms.jumbula.com/#/home>
- c. First PTA Meeting of the year: Come to the cafetorium September 11th. There will be free pizza for you and the kids if you choose to bring them starting at 6:15. The meeting begins at 6:30. Around 7:00 the guest speaker, Amy Lehman, will talk about helping your family transition back to the school routine. Extra bonus: A representative from the FACE office will be there to help issue/renew volunteer badges.
- d. Back to School Night will be September 19th from 6:00 to 7:00. This is a night for parents to come and meet the teachers.
- e. Save the Date! Maury Gala 2017 is NOVEMBER 11th! Book your sitter, save your money (to bid on auction gems, of course), and get ready for the social and fundraising event of the Maury school year. More details to follow but mark your calendars!

2. Ways to Get Involved:

- a. The PTA has many opportunities for you to get involved. Some time commitments are short and some can even be done from home at your leisure. Please check out the attached Volunteer Opportunities sheet and consider signing up for something.
- b. For instance...Save the Date Part Two: Gala Boogaloo!
Someone(s) has to plan this soirée, besides the chairpeople :) There will be a Gala planning meeting Wednesday, September 13 at 8pm at my house, 703 Russell Road. We need volunteers to do all sorts of things: solicit donations, write pithy auction descriptions, enter things in Excel, set up, decorate, bring snacks and wine the week before. Come hear more!!! Or email Teresa at teresa.schofield@gmail.com.
- c. If you are a military family, the PTA has a subcommittee to provide support. Please reach out to Josie Beets at Josie.beets@gmail.com to get on her list.

3. Resources:

- a. If you have any questions about the ins and outs of how Maury works, have no fear. The PTA has created a Maury dictionary. It's attached below for those times when you just don't feel like calling your neighbor with a question.
- b. Courtney Schleieter, PTA President, has written a welcome letter with lots of information on how to stay connected. It's attached.