

Maury Elementary FAQ

Q: What is the uniform policy?

A: *Boys:* Navy or khaki pants or walking shorts, powder blue or navy blue polo shirt with collar. Sneakers or shoes. Socks, navy sweater

Girls: Navy or khaki pants, skirt, skort, jumper or walking shorts, powder blue or navy blue collared shirt, sneakers or shoes, navy sweater

Optional clothing for PE day(s) : sweats or walking shorts, Maury logo wear

Students may display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent they are permitted to wear other messages and may wear attire that is part of their religious practice

Every Friday is free dress day.

Don't forget to check out the Maury Uniform Swap at each PTA Meeting to trade in your gently used outgrown uniforms or pick up some gently used new ones free of charge!

Q: How do I put money on my child's lunch account?

A: You can download the school cafe app via the ACPS app, or visit <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>. You will initially need to enter your student's ID number which should be included in the ACPS welcome packet. You can then put a set amount of money on the account-you can set it to alert you when it hits a certain minimum or you can have it automatically recharge when you are below a certain amount. You can also see what your student purchased. If you don't want to or don't have access to the app, you can always send a check or cash in with your student marked lunch money. The teacher will get it to the appropriate staff to ensure it is in the account. No child will be denied a meal at Maury because of lack of funds or an overdrawn account. If you wish to apply for free or reduced lunch, please fill out the forms that were provided in the welcome letters or see the front office.

Q: Can I go eat lunch with my child?

A: Absolutely! Parents are encouraged to periodically come to school and eat lunch with their children. You will get a schedule that tells you the time your student eats lunch and you can just show up at school, sign in with your ACPS volunteer card and head to the cafeteria!

Q: What is Power School and do I need it?

A: The Power School application is new to Maury this year. For Maury students you will be able to log in and complete your first week student forms. From this website you will also be able to view your child's grades and attendance record. Access codes for each student will be mailed from ACPS and should arrive early next week.

Q: How can I volunteer in the school?

A: Parent involvement is highly encouraged! Simply go to the ACPS website and fill out the quick and easy volunteer application at <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/575> . You will receive a card that you simply scan at the front desk upon entry. The volunteer card is good for the entire school year. There are many options to volunteer and something that fits everyone's schedule. You can be a room parent, participate in Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), chaperone field trips, assist in craft parties and field days, be a mystery reader, or just help out in a classroom. The list is endless!

Q: When are PTA meetings?

A: PTA Meetings are generally the 2nd Monday of each month starting at 6:15. (There may be changes due to holidays or school closings). Attendance is encouraged as it is a great way to hear what is going on in the school and to meet other parents and families. PTA Meetings are held in the Cafetorium. **Free babysitting is provided and pizza is available for purchase for \$1/slice** (pizza is free for the first meeting). We hope you will join us! The first PTA Meeting is Monday, September 9th

Q: Why should I join the PTA?

A: The PTA is a member organization that connects parents with the school. Our main goal is to support the staff and teachers at Maury with financial and volunteer resources to enrich the academic experience of **every** student. The PTA at Maury funds all field trips, provides stipends to each classroom for materials, reimburses room parents for craft parties, hosts and fund events such as back to school picnic and end of year field days, supports the Maury Scholars program, supports the learning garden, playground and side yard (in cooperation with ACPS) and reviews and funds various grants from staff and teachers that enrich curriculum or the school experience. State and National PTA advocates on a variety of issues that affect education in general joining also supports those efforts. Finally, joining the PTA gives you a vote for important issues such as budget approval and elected officers. The PTA does not handle issues with administration or staff or anything to do with the academic schedule or decisions made by ACPS on curriculum, etc

Q: How can I volunteer for the PTA?

A: The PTA loves volunteers! There are always one-off events that need extra hands and support, like the Fall Festival and working at the Book Fairs. If you're interested in something ongoing, we have a number of committees that focus on specific areas of interest (see below). And every spring we identify those parents who would like to be on the Executive Committee for the following school year as President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Fundraising, VP of Programs or VP of Communications.

PTA Subcommittees:

PTAC Representative	Community Partners
Legislative Liaison	FUNDRun
Nominations Committee	Spirit Wear
Spring Fling	Eats & Greet
Staff Appreciation	Grocery Points
Room Parent	Box Tops/Labels for Education
Fall Festival	School Supplies
Uniform Swap	Holiday Book Event
Blessings in a Backpack	Spring2Action
Military Family Liaison	After School Programs
Special Programs	Garden/Outdoor learning
Special Education Liaison	Green Team
Community Outreach	Health & Wellness
Spelling Bee	Odyssey of the Mind
Funding Committee	Literacy
Budget Committee	Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students)
Membership	Reflections Art Competition
Spring Gala	Parent Directory
Grants Committee	Yearbook Editors

Q: What is MemberHub?

A: MemberHub is a member management app that was offered to all VA PTA groups from the Virginia State PTA. It can function as an all purpose management system for logging members, paying dues, communicating to parents having an online store, etc. The app was rolled out in mid-August so the Maury PTA Executive Committee is still learning the system. We will be able to provide more information shortly.

Q: How do I get on the Maury ListServ?

A: The Maury PTA maintains a listserv. It is one of the best ways to stay informed about important PTA activities and events. Messages come to you via your email, and you can post messages to other members of the listserv. Please join today by simply sending an email to: maury-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Q: How do I get the Maury texts?

A: Maury parents have a lot to remember. Now you can get timely reminders and important notifications sent right to your phone! To get the alerts, just text the message "@maurypta" to the phone number 81010. You can also join using this link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/maurypta>

Q: What is the ACPS app good for?

A: The ACPS app gives you all of your school apps in one spot. You can get daily menus, the school calendar, Power School, news, and more.

Q: What important things should I have on the calendar?

A: Definitely look at MemberHub and the PTA website for key dates, including the Fall Festival, parent-teacher conferences, the Annual Spring Gala, the Story Character Parade (typically around Halloween), the Fall and Spring book fairs, and monthly PTA Meetings.

Q: What are the after school programs or clubs or enrichment?

A: They all mean the same thing! The PTA provides a wide variety of after-school programs for interested students each fall and spring. Each class meets once a week, from 2:45-3:45pm. Classes typically run for 8 weeks in the fall (Oct-Dec) and 10 weeks in the spring (Feb-May). Snacks are provided for all participants. For those students who normally use ACPS-provided transportation home (or to after-school care programs), it is provided immediately after enrichment. Plus PTA on-site staff are present at enrichment dismissal to ensure that all Campagna Center kids are properly checked in at the cafeteria and walkers are paired with their parent or guardian. A brochure with class info goes home in students' folders prior to the start of registration.

Q: What are the school hours?

A: School hours are from 8am-2:35pm. Students are not to arrive before 7:45. Mr. Powell or other staff are at the door every morning greeting students until the last bell rings at 8am.