

2012 - 2013 PTA Board of Directors

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2012 – 2013 PTA Handbook



Be Extraordinary. Meet The Future



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF
REACHING FOR THE STARS!**



We look forward to working with all McAuliffe families to make this an exciting and fun-filled school year!

Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions, questions or for information on volunteer opportunities at the school or at one of our fun events.

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What is the PTA?

The McAuliffe PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a non-profit organization, separate from the school, that works under the larger PTA structure of Montgomery County PTA (MCCPTA) and then the National PTA.

What is the PTA's Mission?

PTA is a volunteer child advocacy association that strives to provide children, parents and teachers a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing tools to help their children be successful students.

Why Join the McAuliffe PTA?

Numerous studies have shown that parental membership and involvement in school fuels academic success in children. What better way to do that than by joining the PTA? Join now and demonstrate to your child that school matters!

What are McAuliffe PTA's Goals for 2012-2013?

- To continue to provide an environment of growth and communication between students, teachers and parents such that all are benefited.
- To increase diversity in PTA membership and participation.
- To increase PTA membership by at least 10%.

Where Do the PTA Funds Go?

- Student incentive and rewards programs
- Cultural arts assemblies
- Academic enrichment programs
- Fun, family-friendly events year-round
- Staff appreciation events
- Staff / classroom support

Thank you for joining McAuliffe PTA! It's a small way to make a big difference! Membership forms are available in the front hall or on-line!



Fun Activities for the Community

- Back to School Picnic
- McAuliffe Night at SVHS Football Game
- Book Fairs
- Winter Bounce-Festival
- International Night
- 5th Grade Promotion
- Dining Out Social Nights
- Reading under the Stars
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Bring Your Family to School Week



There is no way around it - the PTA needs fundraisers so we can continue providing your child and the school with all the wonderful things outlined in this handbook and more.

Primary fundraisers for the year will be:

- Direct Donation: 100% of your money goes to the school!
 - Fall Fundraiser: "Mixed Bags" sale!
 - Scholastic Book Fair: Encourages reading & helps the school
- Secondary "easy" fundraisers:**
- Box Tops for Educations, eScrip, Labels for Education, etc.
 - Dining-out/in Nights (Vocelli, Chuck-E-Cheese, Chik-Fil-A, etc.)
 - Bonus Money Programs (Giant, Safeway, Target)
 - Spirit Wear (Show your spirit with a t-shirt, hat or bag)



8 Easy ways to stay informed!

- 1. Join our E-mail Announcement List:** Keep informed of school events, activities and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. E-mail McAuliffePTA@hotmail.com to join and start receiving important school messages today!
- 2. Read the Flyers in the Thursday Folders:** Every Thursday, your child is sent home with a special “Thursday Folder” filled with information! Read it!
- 3. Check the Christa McAuliffe Website:**
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/mcauliffees/>
- 4. Read the School Sign on Wisteria:** It is updated with the latest!
- 5. Look at the Front Hall Bulletin Board:** You can pick up forms for spirit-wear, volunteer opportunities and PTA membership. You can check the school calendar and look at pictures from recent school activities.
- 5. Volunteer:** When you volunteer, you stay connected!
- 6. Contact the PTA Board Members with questions and ideas:** We welcome your input! You can find our contact information on the back of your PTA Handbook. Or you can find us on the McAuliffe PTA Website. We will be happy to get you connected!
- 7. Listen to the Principal's Phone Message Every Sunday Evening:** These messages relay up-to-date news about school events and activities.
- 8. Read the Newsletter:** Full of news, important information and event dates. Look for the “PTA Corner”!



Opportunities to Volunteer!

These are just a few ideas for the wonderful things you can do to get involved with the school! Just 30 minutes can make a difference!

Fun School Events! Back to School Picnic, Book Fair, International Night, Winter Fun Fest, Staff Appreciation, School Clubs, PTA Hospitality, 5th Grade Promotion... Sign up Now! Day or Evening!! We need you!

Thursday Folder Team! We meet every Thursday at 8:50AM in the Cafeteria for about 1½ hours. Younger siblings are welcome!!

Join our Fundraising Team! Help assist with our fundraisers!

After School Clubs! Join our organizers and help plan the after school clubs!

Publicity and Promotion!

Help copy flyers, create handouts, and make posters and signs for school events. Perfect for evenings at home or 30 min. during the day.

Your Child's Classroom! Teachers love to have parents help in the classroom or work on small tasks and projects! Ask what you can do!

The Media Center needs you! If you have free time during school hours stop by the library to help. It's easy, they will show you how!

Help the PTA: There are lots of ways to use your talents! Data Entry, Membership, NAACP Rep, Volunteer Coordinator, Phone Calls, Bonus Money & eScrip Coordinator, Spirit Wear, Picture Day, Attend PTA Meetings, Cluster Meetings!

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AUGUST

- 23 - PTA Provided Staff Welcome Breakfast
- 24 - Open House! 8:30-11:00AM
- 27 - 1st day of School! Welcome!

SEPTEMBER

- 5 - PTA Meeting - Vote on Budget 6:30PM
- 11 - Back to School Night (1st & 2nd Grades)
- 12 - Back to School Night (3rd, 4th & 5th Grades)
- 14 - Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 21 - Back to School Picnic Celebrating 25th Anniversary! 6-8PM
- 28 - McAuliffe Night at the SVHS Football Game

OCTOBER

- 3 - PTA Meeting – Explanation of MCPS Curriculum 2.0 6:30PM
 - 8 - Open House! 9-11AM Families are invited to visit classrooms!
 - 8-12 - Fall Book Fair (Reader Dude, Reading under the Stars)
 - 12 - Halloween Costume Exchange
 - 23 - Dining Out Night
- Watch for After-School Clubs (Volunteers needed!)

NOVEMBER

- 14 - Vocelli Pizza! Dine-in at home!

DECEMBER

- 5 - PTA Meeting (Staff Appreciation Holiday Crafts) 6:30PM
- 13 - Chuck-E-Cheese Dining Out Night 3-9PM
- 24 - Jan 1 - Winter Break

JANUARY

- 7 & 15 – 2 days of Ledo Pizza

FEBRUARY

- 6 - PTA Meeting 6:30PM Special Parent Education Workshop!
- 11-15 - Take Your Family to School Week
- 15 - Winter Bounce-Festival
- 22 - Snow Date for Winter Bounce-Festival

MARCH

- 4-8 - Spring Book Fair
- 12 - McAuliffe Parents' Night Out
- 25-Apr 1 - Spring Break

APRIL

- 10 - PTA Meeting 6:30PM
 - 20 - Earth Day
 - 24 - Dining Out Night at Chik-Fil-A
- Watch for After-School Clubs (Volunteers needed!)

MAY

- 1 - PTA Meeting / Elections 6:30PM
- 6-10 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 17 - International Night 6:30-8:30PM
- 23 - Dining Out at Baja Fresh

JUNE

- 14 - Last Day of School! Enjoy the Summer!

Please Note: All dates subject to change; check Monthly Calendar and Thursday Folders flyers or the school website for final dates and times and for additional school events. *Childcare & light refreshments available at all PTA Meetings!

McAuliffe has Spirit!

Order your McAuliffe Spirit wear today! Order forms are located at the PTA Welcome table in front hall.