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**Together we can
REACH FOR THE STARS!**



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

Please contact us with any suggestions, questions or to volunteer at the school or at one of our fun events.

2011 - 2012 PTA Handbook



**S. Christa McAuliffe and the PTA
Working together for our children!!**

S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School

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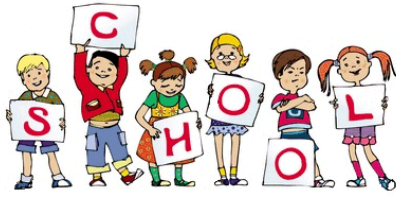
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Where the “Stars” shine bright!



Fun Activities for the Community

- Back to School Picnic
- McAuliffe Night at SVHS Football Game
- Book Fair(s)
- Winter Bounce-Festival
- Movie Night
- International Night
- 5th Grade Promotion
- Dining Out Social Nights
- Reading under the Stars
- Ice Cream Social



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.

Primary fundraisers for the year will be:

- Direct Donation: 100% of your money goes to the school!
- Fall Fundraiser! The perfect way to give!
- Entertainment Coupon Book Sale! Save Money/Make Money
- Scholastic Book Fair: Encourages reading & helps the school!

Secondary “easy” fundraisers:

- Box Tops for Educations, eScrip (Safeway & On-line shopping)
- Dining out/in Nights (Vocelli, Carrabba’s, I-Hop, Chuck-E-Cheese)
- Bonus Money Programs (Giant, Safeway, Target)
- Spirit Wear (Show your spirit with a t-shirt, hat or bracelet)



Opportunities to volunteer!

These are just a few ideas of 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, 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 fall 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, Student Directory, NAACP Rep, Volunteer Coordinator, Phone Calls, Bonus Money & E-Script Coordinator, Spirit Wear, Picture Day, Attend PTA Meetings, Cluster Meetings!

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Day time, Night time or at the school, we will find a fit for you!



7 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 web site:

<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 “Connect Ed” phone messages:

These messages relay news about school events and activities.



What does the PTA do for my child and for the school, and where does my \$10 membership fee go? Good questions! Here are a few things the PTA provides and funds. Thanks to you!

- The PTA provides funding to support academic enrichment in all classrooms.
- The PTA funds programs in Art, Music, P.E., Reading, Math and the Media Center.
- The PTA organizes and funds after school fun clubs, social events and activities for students and families throughout the year, such as: Back to School Events, Annual Bounce Festival Helps with Gold Chip Events, Straight A Cafe, Birthday Books, the Star Program, 5th Grade Promotion, Movie Nights, SVHS Football Night and many more.
- The PTA provides the hardworking staff with appreciation lunches, breakfasts and other surprises during the year.
- The PTA helps organize volunteers & provides support to the teachers and their projects.

Why should you join the PTA?

Joining the PTA shows that you support the good work that our children do and THAT affects every child in this school.

McAuliffe PTA is very diligent that two groups get what they need to feel positive here and succeed: both Students and Teachers.

Our fundraiser profit is spent mainly on cultural arts programs for students and staff appreciation events like lunch for hardworking teachers.

If you agree that Students and Teachers deserve the best that we can do, then join the PTA. The easiest \$10 you will ever spend.

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

2011-2012



August

- 16 - New Principal Meet and Greet Event 6:30-7:30pm
- 25 - PTA Provided Staff Welcome Breakfast
- 25 - Sneak Peek at Teacher List social event at Elevation Burger 5-8pm
- 26 - Open House! 8:30-10:00am
- 29 - 1st day of School! Welcome!

September

- 9 - Back to School Picnic 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 14 - Back to School Night (K, 1st, 2nd)
- 15 - Back to School Night (3, 4, 5th)
- 23 - McAuliffe Night at the SVHS Football game
- Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off

October

- 5 - PTA Welcome Social Meeting 6:45pm Vote on Budget
- 10 - Open House! 9-12 Families are invited to visit classrooms!
- 10-14 - Fall Book Fair (Reader Dude, Reading under the Stars)
- 27 - Dining Out Night at I-Hop 5-8pm
- Watch for after-school clubs. (Volunteers needed!)

November

- 10 & 11 - Parent Conferences & Report Cards
- 22 & 23 - 2 days of Vocelli Pizza! Dine-in at home!

December

- 7 - PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
Special Parent Education Workshop!
- 15 - Chuck-E-Cheese Dining Out Night 5-9pm
- 26 - Jan 2 - Winter Break

January

- 27 - Family Bounce Festival

February

- 1 - PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
Special Parent Education Workshop!
- 3 - Snow Date for Family Bounce Festival
- 22 - Vocelli Pizza Day
- TBD: McAuliffe Night at the Movies!

March

- 7 - PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
- 21 - McAuliffe Night at Carrabba's

April

- 2 - 9 - Spring Break
- 23-27 - Spring Book Fair (Reader Dude, Reading under the Stars)
- 30 - First day of Teacher Appreciation Week
- Watch for After School Clubs (Volunteers needed!)

May

- Teacher Appreciation Week (April 30 - May 4)
- 2 - PTA Meeting Elections, Staff Appreciation Activity, Snacks
- 18 - International Night
- 30 - Vocelli Pizza Day

June

- 7 - Ice Cream Social at Country Cone 6-8
- 12 - Last Day of School - Early Release at 12:35pm

***Please Note: All dates subject to change; check monthly calendar and Thursday folders flyers or the web site for final dates and times and for additional school events.**

McAuliffe has Spirit!

Order your McAuliffe Spirit wear today!

Order forms are located at the PTA Welcome table in front hall.