

S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

One School

One Community



One Purpose

**Supporting each ONE
of our children**

2009-2010 PTA Handbook

McAuliffe PTA's Many Actions Support ONE School Community

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Academic and Curriculum Enrichment & Support

- Provides funding to support academic enrichment in all classrooms
- Funds Art, Music, Media Center and P.E. programs
- Finances Cultural Arts assemblies to enhance learning experiences for all students
- Organizes volunteers for Kindergarten registration
- Coordinates after-school enrichment activities and finances activity bus service

Parent Support and Education

- Funds Reading and Math Parent Education Programs
- Arranges for Parent Education Workshops
- Provides grade-level Student Directories to support communication between families

Staff Appreciation Funding

- Provides Staff Welcome-Back Breakfast
- Arranges Holiday Staff Appreciation Meals and Gifts
- Organizes May Staff Appreciation Week Activities

“Showing our children that we value learning and education is important and will pay off in the long run as they mature. When you're involved in your child's education, your child achieves more.”

-- PTA.org

Fun Activities for the School Community - Coordinated by the PTA

- Back-to-School Picnic
- McAuliffe Night at Seneca Valley High School Football Game
- Welcome-Back PTA Social
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Family Bounce Festival
- International Night
- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- Dining Out Events (Chuck E. Cheese, Roy Rogers, Greene Turtle and more!)

Fundraising

The programs outlined above are possible when McAuliffe families support the following fundraisers:

Primary Fundraisers

- Sally Foster Fall Fundraiser
- Direct Donation (You may choose to make a tax-deductible donation to support PTA programs.)
- Scholastic Book Fairs

Secondary Fundraisers

- Box Tops and Campbell's Labels Programs
- Bonus Money Programs (Giant/Safeway/Target)
- Spirit Shop
- Dining Out Events

2009-2010 Calendar of Events

The following dates show a tentative plan for the school year. Watch for the monthly calendar in Thursday folders for confirmed dates and times.

August

- 8/27/09: PTA Provides Staff Welcome Breakfast
- 8/27/09: Dining Out at California Tortilla (Germantown)
- 8/28/09: Open House 8:30 – 10:30am

September

- 9/9/09: 7:00pm Back-to-School Night (K, 1st, 2nd)
- 9/10/09: Sally Foster Fall Fundraiser begins.
- 9/11/09: 5:30 to 7:30pm Back-to-School Picnic
 - Wear red, white and blue!
- 9/17/09: 7:00pm Back-to-School Night (3rd, 4th, 5th)
- 9/30/09: Sally Foster Fall Fundraiser orders due.

October

- 10/6/09: PTA Meeting: Welcome Back Social
(Babysitting Provided)
- 10/12/09: Open House: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Families are invited to visit classrooms!
- 10/16/09: McAuliffe Night at the
Seneca Valley High School Football Game
- 10/19/09 – 10/23/09: Scholastic Book Fair

November

- 11/3/09: PTA Meeting: Parent Education Workshop
(Babysitting Provided)
- Watch for a Chuck E. Cheese Dining Out Night in November!*

December

- 12/1/09: PTA Meeting: Parent Education Workshop
(Babysitting Provided)

January

- 1/15/10: Family Bounce Festival
- 1/28/10: Dining Out at Roy Rogers (*on Route 355*)

February

- 2/2/10: PTA Meeting: Parent Education Workshop
(Babysitting Provided)

March

- 3/2/10: PTA Meeting: Parent Education Workshop
(Babysitting Provided)
- Watch for a Dining Out Night in March!*

Spring Break: 3/29/10 through 4/6/10

April

- 4/23/10: International Night
- Watch for a Spring Book Fair in April or May!*

May

- 5/3/10 through 5/7/10: Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/4/10: PTA Meeting:
Officer Elections for 2010-2011 &
Family Activity for Staff Appreciation Week
(Babysitting Provided)
- Watch for a Greene Turtle Dining Out Night in May or June!*

June

- 6/16/10: Last Day of School – *Early Release at 12:35pm*

Every Friday is McAuliffe Spirit Day! Please wear your spirit wear shirt or something blue and/or white to show your McAuliffe spirit on Fridays!

Volunteer Opportunities

Just ONE contribution of your time & energy makes a difference!

Help at School (Daytime)

- ➡ Copy Publicity Flyers
- ➡ Kindergarten Registration Helpers
- ➡ Library Helpers
- ➡ Picture Day Helpers
- ➡ Scholastic Book Fair Helpers
- ➡ Thursday Folder Assembly
- ➡ Vision and Hearing Helpers

Help from Home (Anytime)

- ➡ After-School Activity Coordinator
- ➡ Box Tops and Campbell Fundraisers
- ➡ Make Phone Calls
- ➡ PTA Membership Data Entry
- ➡ Student Directory Printing and Copying
- ➡ Star Program Assistance

Help Plan Events (at Home) or Volunteer at the Event

- ➡ Back-to-School Picnic
- ➡ Family Bounce Festival
- ➡ International Night
- ➡ Fifth Grade Promotion

Help a bit from home and a bit at school

- ➡ Fundraising Helpers (Sally Foster)
- ➡ Spirit Shop Helpers
- ➡ Staff Appreciation Planners and Helpers
- ➡ Volunteer Coordination

Monthly Meetings

- ➡ MCCPTA Delegate or PTA Cluster Liaison (Weeknights)
- ➡ NAACP Representative (Saturday)

**Please contact Courtney Midlam at 301-528-7290 or
McAuliffePTA@hotmail.com to find the best fit for you.**

Communication is the key! Stay Connected

JOIN THE PTA: Enjoy PTA programs and share your ideas for supporting our school community. Sign up at any PTA event or use the membership registration form that will be sent home in the Thursday folders.

VOLUNTEER: Contact Courtney Midlam at 301-528-7290 or McAuliffePTA@hotmail.com to help with activities and events.

CONTACT THE PTA BOARD MEMBERS WITH QUESTIONS AND IDEAS: We welcome your input. You will find our contact information on the back cover of this handbook.

CHECK THE WEB SITE: Click on the **PTA** link at the McAuliffe web site.
(<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/mcauliffes/>)

JOIN OUR E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENT LIST: Keep informed of upcoming school events, activities and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. E-mail McAuliffePTA@hotmail.com to request weekly school announcements.

THURSDAY FOLDERS: Read the flyers every week to stay informed!

2009-2010 PTA Board of Directors

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We look forward to working with all McAuliffe families to make this an exciting, fun school year. Please contact us with suggestions, questions or to volunteer.

***Making every child's potential a reality.
(National PTA Vision Statement)***