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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.

S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) 2010 – 2011 PTA Handbook



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Fun Activities for the Community

- Back to School “Hawaiian Luau” Picnic
- McAuliffe Night at SVHS Football Game
- Winter Bounce-Festival
- Movie Night
- International Night
- 5th Grade Promotion
- Dining Out Social Nights
- Reading under the Stars



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 above.

Primary fundraisers for the year will be:

- Direct Donation: 100% of your money goes to the school!
- Fall Yankee Candle 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, Escript (Giant, Safeway & On-line shopping)
- Dining out/in nights (Vocelli, Red Robin, Chuck-E-Cheese)
- Bonus Money Programs (Giant, Safeway, Target)
- Spirit Wear (Show your spirit with a t-shirt, bag or bracelet)



Opportunities to volunteer!

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

Fun School Events! Back to School Picnic, Book Fair, International Night, Staff Appreciation, School Clubs, Day or Evening Shifts available!! Sign up Now!

Thursday Folder Team! We meet every Thursday at 9:00am 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 for the fall!

Publicity and Promotion!

Help copy flyers, create handouts, and make posters and signs for school events. Perfect for evenings at home or 30 mins 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, Star Program, Student Directory, NAACP Rep, Volunteer Coordinator, Phone Calls, Bonus Money & E-Script Coordinator, Spirit Wear, Picture Day, Attend PTA Meetings, School Planning Meetings!

Please contact Courtney Midlam
301-528-7290 or McAuliffePTA@hotmail.com
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 Club, Birthday Books and 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!

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August

- 8/26/10: PTA Provided Staff Welcome Breakfast
- 8/26/10: Dining Out at Pandini's 5-8pm - Sneak Peak at Class Lists!
- 8/27/10: Open House! 8:30-11:00am
- 8/30/10: 1st day of School! Welcome!

September

- 9/13/10: Back to School Hawaiian Luau Picnic 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 9/15/10: Individual School Pictures (volunteers needed)
- 9/22/10: Back to School Night (3, 4, 5th)
- 9/23/10: Back to School Night (K, 1st, 2nd)
- 9/27/10: Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off

October

- 10/5/10: 1st PTA Welcome Social Meeting 6:45pm Vote on Budget
- 10/11/10: Open House! 9-12 Families are invited to visit classrooms!
- 10/18-10/22: Fall Book Fair (Reader Dude, Reading under the Stars)
- 10/22/10: McAuliffe Night at the SVHS Football game
- 10/27/10: Dining Out Night @ Red Robin 5-8pm
- Watch for after-school clubs. Volunteers needed!

November

- 11/8/10: Coupon Book Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 11/11 - 11/12: Parent Conferences & Report Cards
- 11/24/10: Vocelli Pizza Day. Dine-in at home!

December

- 12/7/10: PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
Special Parent Education Workshop!
- 12/16/10: Dining Out Night at Chuck-E-Cheese 5-9pm



12/24/10 through 1/2/11

January

- 12/19/11: Vocelli Pizza Day. Dine-in at home!
- 12/28/11: Family Bounce Festival

February


- 2/1/11: PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
Special Parent Education Workshop!
- 2/23/11: Dining Out Night (location TBD)
- Watch for other fun events this month!

March

- 3/1/11: PTA Meeting 6:45pm (childcare, refreshments)
Special Parent Education Workshop
- 3/30/11: Dining Out Night @ Red Robin 5-8pm
- TBD: McAuliffe Night at the Movies!
- MSA Testing!

April

- 4/14/11: Vocelli Pizza Day. Dine-in at home!
- MSA & TN/2 Testing

**SPRING
BREAK 4/18 through 4/25**

May

- 5/2 - 5/6: Staff Appreciation Week!
- 5/3/11: PTA Meeting Elections, Staff Appreciation Activity, Snacks
- TBD: International Night
- TBD: Spring Book Fair
- TBD: Watch for a fun dining out event!

June

- 6/16/11: Last Day of School - Early Release at 12:35pm

***Please Note: All dates subject to change; check monthly calendar and flyers in Thursday folders or on web site for final dates/times.**

Every Friday is McAuliffe Spirit Day!
Please wear your Spirit Wear Shirt or something blue and white to
show your McAuliffe Spirit on Fridays!