

## MPE PTA Weekly Update - September 10, 2019

**Good news!** Phase 2 of the playground was delivered and will be installed at the end of September. We are excited for everyone to play on it soon!

### Pretzel Sale, September 13

Need a yummy after school snack? The 5th Grade Committee will be selling Philly Pretzels for \$2 each on the blacktop this Friday at dismissal.

### Car Wash, Sunday September 15 (Rain date, September 22)

For \$10, our MPE 5th Graders would love to clean your car! Come out on September 15 10am-2pm at the YMCA ([321 S. Livingston Ave.](#)) for our first car wash. Prepay [online](#) by tomorrow, September 11, or pay cash on site. Contact Risa Baskies ([rtbaskies@gmail.com](mailto:rtbaskies@gmail.com)) or Mariem Attia ([attiamariem@yahoo.com](mailto:attiamariem@yahoo.com)), with questions.

### Sign up to Volunteer for PTA Committees. Deadline September 15

The PTA Volunteer Interest Sheets are available again! Sign up on the [PTA Website](#) to volunteer for committees and activities throughout the school year.

\*\* Kindergarten families: Even if you signed up on paper during orientation, please fill out the online form to volunteer for committees.\*\*

### Class Parent Sign Up and Informational Meeting. Deadline September 17

Class Parents work with teachers on holiday and year-end parties, volunteer at the School Fair, and solicit donations for our annual Basket Bash fundraiser. Your kids will love to see you in school! To be a Class Parent, you must chair a PTA committee or be on the PTA Executive Board. There will be 3 Class Parents in each class. VPs are given the option, and then additional Class Parents will be chosen out of a hat and notified by September 19. Class Parents should plan to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 2pm or 7pm. You can fill out the Class Parent application on the [PTA Website](#).

### Sign up for Fall After School Enrichment Classes (ASE).

[PTA Website](https://mpepta.membershiptoolkit.com) (<https://mpepta.membershiptoolkit.com>).

### Register September 10 at 9pm - September 24

We are SO excited for an awesome Fall ASE session! We have some great new classes as well as old favorites. Classes start right after school until 3:50pm, Monday through Thursday. Register September 10-24, and classes begin October 2.

Mondays - Tiger Tennis, Jr Robotics, Fashion Fleece, Mathlete Olympiads  
8 sessions (10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16)

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Please see the attachment for class descriptions. Contact Abby Levinson ([Abby.s.levinson@gmail.com](mailto:Abby.s.levinson@gmail.com)) with questions.

### **Birthday Book Club. Deadline September 20**

Celebrate your child's birthday and grow the newly renovated MPE media center. A \$10 donation purchases a new book for the MPE library with your child's name and birthday inscribed on a bookplate. Children select their own special book and then borrow it first. Sign up on the [PTA website](#) through September 20.

### **Back to School Picnic, September 20, 5:30pm**

Celebrate the start of school, meet new families, and hang out with old friends at MPE's Back to School Picnic. Kids can dance to the DJ, do craft projects, and of course, eat! Pizza will be sold for \$2 a slice, and beverages and snacks available for \$1 each. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Contact Donna Ellenbogen ([familywellness1@aol.com](mailto:familywellness1@aol.com)) with questions.

### **Clothing Drive, September 20-21**

Clean out your closets to donate to the 5th Grade Clothing Drive! Bring donations to the MPE Picnic on September 20 or to Kara Baltuch's house (8 Mohawk Dr.) on September 21. All donations will go to: [njclothingdrive.com](http://njclothingdrive.com). We can accept:

- Clothes & Shoes: Men's, Women's, Children's, Infant's
- Accessories: Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Hats
- Toys: Soft or Hard Toys, below 14 inches
- Linens: Bedsheets, Blankets, Curtains, Towels
- CDs/DVDs: In appropriate cases, no copies or loose discs

### **Donut Sale Fundraiser. Deadline Sept 25**

Ready for the SWEETEST fundraiser of the year?? DONUT forget to order your dozen Krispy Kreme glazed donuts and raise money for the 5th grade. Order donuts by September 25 on the PTA website. You must pick up your donuts on October 4 on the blacktop after school. Donuts will not be delivered to classrooms - they must be picked up after school at 2:40pm. Donuts will also be sold individually on the blacktop on October 4. Contact Jennifer Ventola ([jenniferventola@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferventola@comcast.net)) with questions.

### **Used Book Sale, September 27. Donate books through September 25**

The Used Book Sale is coming and is always a huge hit with our kids! Donate your gently used books now. All types of books are welcome and all books will be sold for \$1. Please bring your books to the donation boxes outside the MPE main office. All classes will attend the book fair during school hours on Sept. 27. Purchase gift certificates on the [PTA website](#), or send your child with cash the day of the sale. Contact Meredith Cagan ([mcagan@gmail.com](mailto:mcagan@gmail.com)) with questions.

Join the PTA and update your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in the Toolkit!

[PTA Website \(https://mpepta.membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://mpepta.membershiptoolkit.com).

### **Big News for Box Tops – It is going digital!**

It's easier than ever to raise money for our school! Download the app (from the app store): Box Tops for Education and choose Mt. Pleasant Elementary in Livingston as your designated school. Every time you shop, scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase, and the app automatically tracks and credits your box tops.

The paper box tops will be phased out in the next few months, so if you do see them on products, we will still collect them on the attached sheet. Contact Jamie Ollins ([jbhorwitz@yahoo.com](mailto:jbhorwitz@yahoo.com)) or Jen Ventola ([Jenniferventola@comcast.net](mailto:Jenniferventola@comcast.net)) with questions.

### **Yearbook Pictures**

We need your photos to make a great yearbook, so please share throughout the year!! Please send pictures taken on MPE property that include 2 or more MPE students or faculty. Please choose "Actual size" when you email them and include student names and their grade. Send pictures to yearbook chair Kim Ratner ([kratner4@gmail.com](mailto:kratner4@gmail.com)) or ([preciouskim@att.net](mailto:preciouskim@att.net)).

### **Upcoming Events**

- 9.10 – ASE Registration begins, 9pm
- 9.11 – Last day to prepay for the Car Wash
- 9.13 – Blacktop sale after school – Pretzels
- 9.15 – 5th Grade Car Wash at the YMCA, 10am-2pm (Rain date: 10.22)
- 9.17 – Last day to sign up to be a Class Parent
- 9.20 – Last day to participate in Birthday Book Club
- 9.20 – Spirit Day – wear MPE gear or blue/white
- 9.20 – Family Picnic at 5:30pm (bring Used Clothing Donations)
- 9.21 – Deliver Used Clothing Donations, 8 Mohawk Dr.
- 9.24 – Last day to register for ASE
- 9.24 – Class Parent Meetings at 2pm or 7pm
- 9.25 – Last day to order Krispy Kreme donuts
- 9.25 – Last day to donate to the Used Book Sale
- 9.26 – Back to School Night
- 9.27 – Used Book Sale
- 10.2 – ASEs begin
- 10.4 – Blacktop Sale after school – donuts and pick-up pre-ordered donuts

## ASE FALL 2019 Class Descriptions

**Registration September 10th @ 9pm - September 24th  
Session begins Wednesday 10/2 and runs until Thursday 12/19**

**Monday -** Tiger Tennis, Jr Robotics, Fashion Fleece, Mathlete Olympiads  
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**Most classes have a maximum of 15 spaces**

\*You must create a login and password for the PTA Toolkit in order to sign up for ASE.\*  
<https://mpepta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

### **Mondays (8 sessions):**

#### **Tiger Tennis**

**Cost: \$185**

Ace! Love, tie, set! Get ready to learn the language and exciting rules of tennis. This program is designed for the beginner player. Taught by the Elite Tennis Academy instructors, Students will be taught the basic strokes and techniques and learn through tennis related games. Game on!!

#### **Jr Robotics**

**Cost: \$195**

Ready, Set, Code!! By entering into our "TinkerLab", young children will be exposed to robotics in a fun, hands-on way. Children will be introduced and progress in the coding and programming of age-appropriate robots, understanding the basics of algorithms while building language and math skills as we work with sequencing, estimation and problem solving -- all while having fun! With robotics as the wave of the future, children who understand robotics will be at an advantage and able to operate the world around them. Brought to you by Kiddies Kaleidoscope, this course features: Code and Go Mouse, Botley, Bit Bots, Sphero, Cozmo, Cubetto, Bee Bot, and Dash and Dot.

#### **Fashion Fleece**

**Cost: \$195**

Are you a trendsetter? If so, our fashion class is for you! You can make your design dreams a reality and create one-of-a-kind wearable garments of your very own. We'll teach you everything about garment design and creation, from choosing a design and sketching to final fitting. You will proudly display your new, unique designs in a fashion show for friends and family and all designs are yours to keep at the end of class. It's Fashionable! Design it! Create it! Keep It !!

### **Mathlete Olympiads (Grades 3-5)**

**Cost:\$185**

Teacher Tutors will help students improve their problem solving and critical thinking skills in this challenging math enrichment. Mathlete Olympiads is perfect for students who desire an extra challenge!

**Tuesdays (9 sessions) :**

### **Football and More**

**Cost: \$215**

Ready, Set, Hike! A-Money is back again for another fun season of football! The A-Money program focuses on learning the proper techniques and core values of how to play football. Children will learn how to throw, catch, and follow the rules of the game through drills, contests and fun games! A-Money will also teach sportsmanship, teamwork, and the value of fair play. The outstanding coaches take an individual interest in each child regardless of his or her ability and encourage them to improve each week.

### **Artistic Exploration**

**Cost: \$215**

Come create while learning about amazing artists!! Children will have fun exploring the wonderful world of art through the eyes of masters in their field. Each week, they will learn about a well renowned artist and movement, their vision, material and techniques. Children will use their new found knowledge to create their own masterpieces. Students will have the chance to use acrylic paints, polymer clay, pastels, watercolors and more!

### **Slimeology**

**Cost: \$215**

What could be more fun than exploring science while creating slime?! Each week, students will learn how to create a new type of slime, as well as cover a new area of science – from learning about polymers, to observing physical changes versus chemical changes, to exploring biology and natural places, we can find slimy substances! Students will take home the slime they create each week.

### **Mock Trial (Grades 2-5)**

**Cost: \$215**

This class will develop and improve public speaking and critical- thinking skills. Students will prepare and deliver speeches as well as participate in several in--class debates and forums on current topics. Techniques will be taught to control speech anxiety and structure and organize information to present to a variety of audiences.

**Wednesdays (8 sessions):**

**Karate:**

**Cost:\$195**

Students will learn confidence, self-discipline, and control as they learn how to act and react to the world around them. They will also learn the physical skills of self-defense, while gaining coordination and athletic conditioning. Our young students are treated with respect and are taught to return the same respect to others.

**Create U**

**Cost: \$185**

Come hang with Create U after school! Each week there will be creative arts and crafts projects We'll paint canvas, create collages, amazing slime, paper mache and more! This class will keep your creative minds growing!

**Music:**

**Cost: \$185**

MusicStart® is a patented progressive music learning system that balances fun and development of skills. Using familiar songs, we teach all the necessary basics to get started playing music. The MusicStart® Keyboard is especially designed for learning. It uses 4 instructive attachments that vary the challenge from colors to letters to note matching and reading standard musical notation. MusicStart® is great preparation for or a supplement to playing any instrument and teaches step-by-step problem solving. All materials are provided.

**Fall Food Fun:**

**Cost:\$185**

In this delicious food class, we teach the children that cooking can be fun when you make your food in fun, silly ways! From pumpkin pie parfaits to candy apples, from fresh farfalle pasta to pizza pillows, and from zucchini boats to fresh squeezed drinks, children will love cooking and enjoying the yummy treats!

**Thursdays (8 sessions):**

**Science Exploration:**

**Cost: \$195**

Is your child constantly getting into things and love to explore? Fostering curiosity and experimentation, your child will have a blast exploring age-appropriate scientific concepts with a focus on S.T.E.A.M and performing hands-on experiments using child-friendly science tools. Some projects your scientist may do: Lava Lamps, Snow that doesn't melt, Crystals, Slime, Dinosaur Fossils, Solar System Model, and more!

**Parteaz:**

**Cost: \$195**

Each week, students will make a craft (slime, jewelry, sewing) or spa product (lip gloss, shower gel, bath salts) incorporating some of our best party themes! Mermaids, Unicorns, Spa, Emojis, Rock Star, PJ, and Rainbow are all part of the mix! We will also play group games and do individual activities that promote self esteem, help others and let each child feel unique and creative!

**Chocolate Works:**

**Cost: \$195**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! We will teach our young Chocolatiers how to create chocolate and candy treats. We will work with melting chocolates to create and decorate lollipops and also create candy bars with fillings of each child's choice. Other candy creations may include candy kabobs, Marshmallow bouquets and our popular candy sushi. You won't want to miss this yummy class!

**Speed!:**

**Cost: \$185**

Tyler is back for another fun session!! Speed! is designed to improve a child's overall athleticism via strength, speed and coordination activities. During this awesome program, children will participate in motor skill drills, games and fun filled activities intended to nurture a lifelong commitment to fitness and physical activity! Come have fun with Coach Tyler Daniel who was a 3 year varsity basketball starter, an all league player at Morris Knolls High School, and a collegiate basketball player at New England College. He has coached former collegiate players and is the head coach of the girls varsity basketball team at Kushner Academy!



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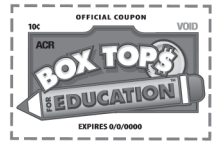
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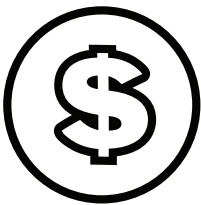
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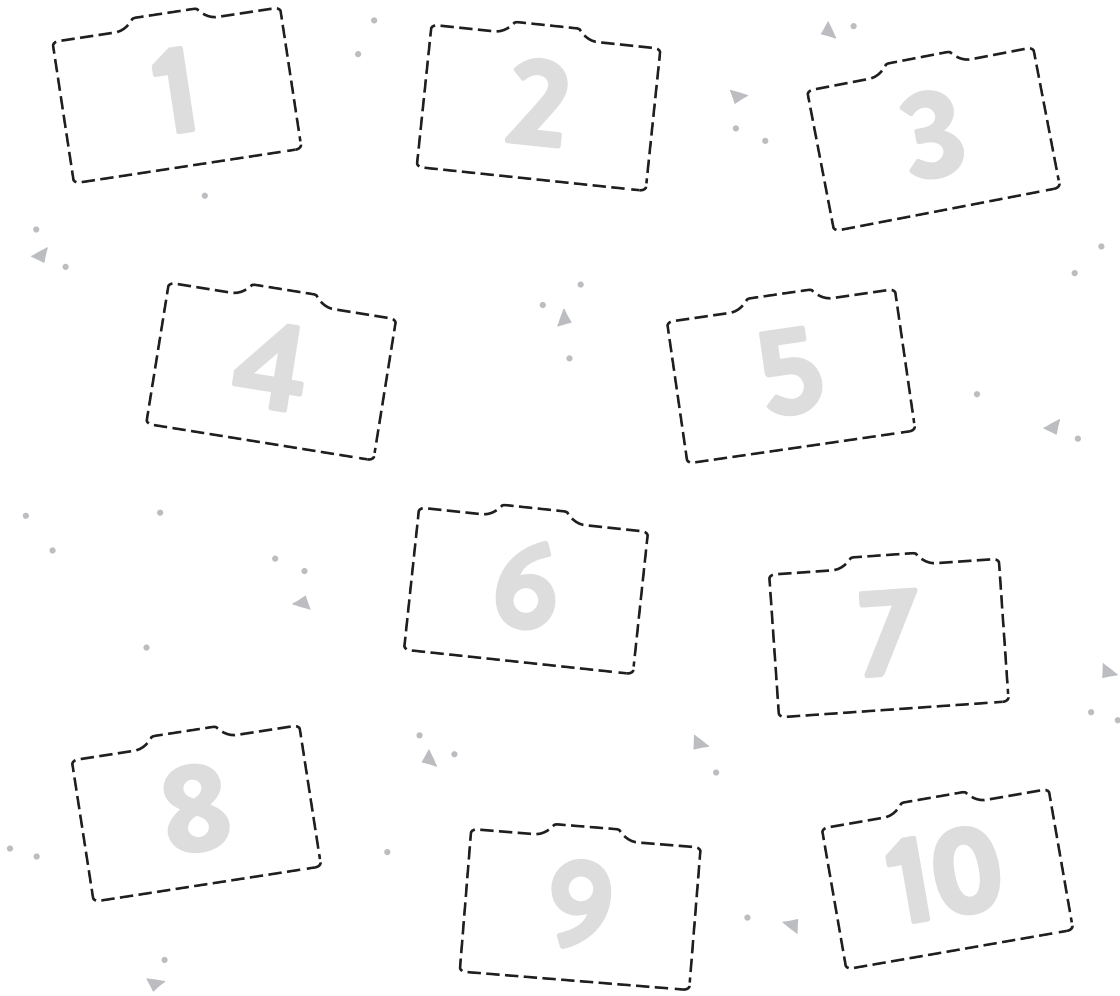
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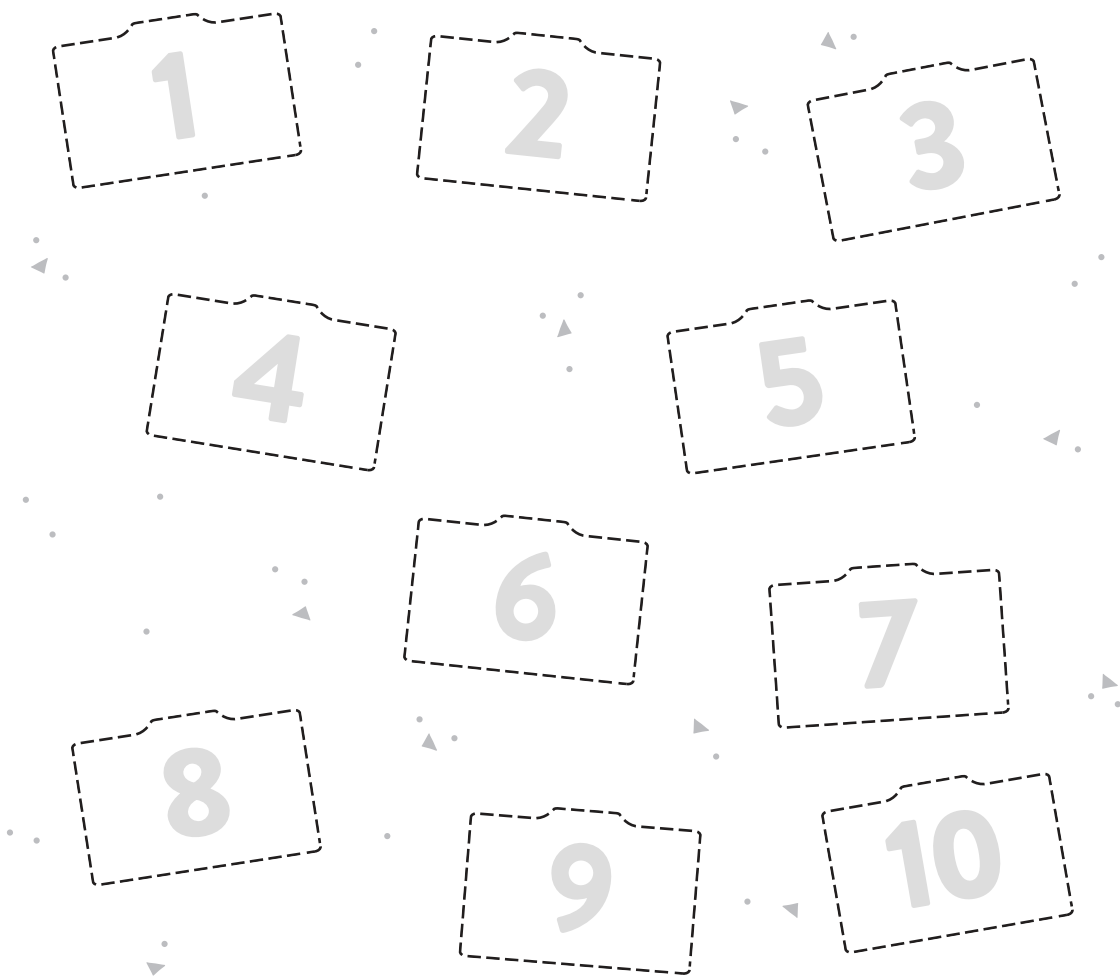
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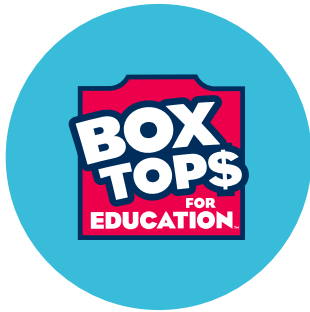
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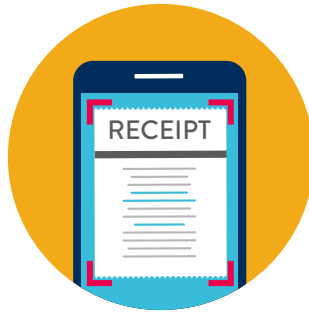


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