

Weekly Update, September 26, 2018

PTA Text Alerts

New this year at MPE, sign up to get important text alerts to your phone.

Text: @mpepta18 to 81010 from your phone

Walk-a-Thon, Today, September 26, 1.45pm

We are so excited to show our spirit at MPE's annual Walk-a-Thon! The Walk-a-Thon will take place today, Wednesday, September 26 at 1:45pm. Please wear MPE apparel or blue and white to show your school spirit. The money raised will be donated to Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors (LNHN).

New Parent Meet and Greet, October 2, 6.30pm, Media Center

New to the school? Come meet MPE Principal, Dr. Sortino, and other staff and parents to learn more about our school. Then please join us in the small gym for our Book Fair Kick-Off!

Scholastic Book Fair, October 2-4, 2018

Mark your calendars for another exciting Book Fair!

Last day to sign up for volunteer opportunities and purchase gift certificates is this Friday, September 28.

Book Fair Kickoff Night: October 2, 6:30-8pm. The class with the most students in attendance will win a pizza party

After school Hours: October 2 and 3, 2:40-3:30pm (with adult supervision)

Bagels and Books: October 4, 7:30-8:00am. Can't make it to the other events? Come join us early in the morning for a bagel and shop!

To volunteer during your child's classroom visit or to purchase gift certificates for your child, a teacher, or a child in need in Newark go to the [PTA Website](#). You can also buy for MPE teachers and children in Newark at the book fair. Please [click here](#) to view the teachers' schedule.

PTA General Meeting, October 16, 7:30pm, Media Center

Please join us for the first PTA General Meeting of the year when fifth grade teacher Dr. Darst will discuss the school's literacy programs and how to support your child's literacy at home.

After School Enrichments, Registration Open through October 3

We're excited for a great Fall ASE session! MPE students who sign up will stay at school until 3:50pm to participate in a choice of activities in sports, art, STEM and more! Please see the attachment for class descriptions and dates. Online Registration is now open until October 3. Classes begin October 10.

*** We added a second section of "Sticky Science." If the class was closed when you tried to register, please return to the PTA website to register ***

The ASE committee needs additional parent volunteers to assist with organizing awesome after school enrichment programs for MPE students. There are lots of jobs, including some that can be done from home on your own schedule. This is a great way to become more involved and connected to your child's school! Please contact Gina Gudofsky, ggudofsky@gmail.com or Abby Levinson, abby.s.levinson@gmail.com for more information.

Kidstuff Books

Save lots of \$\$\$ with hundreds of coupons for shopping, activities and food. Kidstuff books were sent home (one per family) earlier this week. Each book costs \$25 and MPE earns 50% profit per book. To keep the Kidstuff book, pay online through the [PTA website](#) or send \$25 in the enclosed envelope. Please contact Robyn Laveman rlaveman@gmail.com or Susan Shangold sshangold@gmail.com with any questions. If you do not wish to purchase the book, please send it back to school with your child as soon as possible. If you would like to order additional books, please contact Robyn or Susan or use order form on the website.

MPE Apparel, Purchase through October 1

Don't miss out on purchasing a new MPE t-shirt, sweatshirt, or cozy pants for your MPE students! Order in person or online from Likewear (www.likewear.com/MPE). Sale ends October 1. Don't miss out! Please contact Alli Kwiat (allison_kwiat@yahoo.com), Rebecca Diamond (rdiamond77@gmail.com), or Dana Amsterdam (dana.amsterdam@yahoo.com) with any questions.

MPE's BoxTops Contest Through October 29

Our first BoxTops contest has officially begun! BoxTops are found on everyday products including Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, Kleenex, Green Giant, Scott, Annie's, Fiber One, and many others. Each BoxTop you clip is worth 10 cents and last year MPE raised over \$1000 with your help! However, we estimate that only 5-10% of our school clips BoxTops so start clipping! The grade that collects the most BoxTops will win a Pajama Day!

Please submit BoxTops by attaching them to the BoxTops collection paper attached to this email and send into school to your child's teacher. You may also send in your BoxTops in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and grade written across the front. Deadline for submission of all BoxTops is October 29. (There will be additional collections throughout the year so please clip all year long!)

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Ollins @ jbhorwitz@yahoo.com or Jennifer Ventola @ jenniferventola@comcast.net

Art Appreciation

We still need Art Appreciation volunteers for the following classes: **Fiore, Raje, Cognetti, Monaco, Mount, Cherichello, Triana, Darst, Nikirk and Perry**. This is a one time per year commitment that allows you to enjoy fun time with your child and their class. Sample materials are available. Please sign up on the [PTA Website](#) through September 29. Contact Laurie Fischer, Lauriejfischer@gmail.com, or Lauren Cohen, shelikessports@yahoo.com, with questions.

Yearbook

Please share all your MPE photos for consideration for the yearbook!

*ALL PHOTOS MUST BE IN LARGE/ACTUAL SIZE WHEN EMAILED, or they are too blurry to print.

First day, school picnic, or just playing on the playground - all photos welcome! Photos should include at least two students or staff, be on MPE property and don't forget to include the children's grade. Please send photos to mindyperlstein@verizon.net. Thank you!

Fifth grade Visiting Author, October 3, Order by Midnight Tonight

Mount Pleasant's Fifth Grade will host *New York Times* best-selling authors Ally Condie and Brendan Reich on October 3. They are the bestselling co-authors of *The Darkdeep*.

Pre-ordered books will be signed prior to the visit. Books cost \$13.50 and can be ordered on the [PTA website](#) until midnight tonight.

5th Grade Committee Donut Sale

Krispy Kreme donuts will be for sale this Friday, September 28th on the blacktop after school for \$2 each while supplies last (small bills preferred). Pick up is also available for those who ordered them by the dozen.

Register now for the PTA

PTA Registration for 2018-2019 is here! Available on the [PTA Website](#), your PTA membership allows you to

- Join the PTA
- Volunteer for events and committees
- Get the latest PTA updates
- Sign up for ASEs and Club Day, picnics and fairs, fun evening events, etc.

Go to the [PTA Website](#) and click the **RED** button on the homepage to purchase your PTA membership (Paypal, credit cards, and debit cards accepted). Please also update your child's teacher in the family information section.

Don't miss out! Please join the PTA today!

PTA Access through Genesis

Please log on to [Genesis](#). In the Student Data tab, in the Forms tab, click on Parent Acknowledgements/Authorizations and scroll down to Permission to Share Rosters and Email Address and click "**Yes**" when it asks you:

"Do you wish to grant permission for the district to share class rosters and your primary email address with the Home and School Association (HSA) and/or Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in my child(ren)'s school(s)? The purpose of sharing this information is for HSA/PTA sponsored activities and the distribution of class-specific information and supplies."

Upcoming Events:

9.26 – Last day to order *The Darkdeep*

9.26 – Walk-a-thon/ Spirit Day 1.45 (Raindate: 9.27)

9.28 – Last day to order Book Fair gift certificates

9.28 – Last day to sign up to volunteer at Book Fair

9.29 – Last day to sign up for Art Appreciation

10.1 – Last day to order MPE Apparel

10.2-4 – Book Fair

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- 10.2 – New Parent Meet and Greet, 6.30
- 10.3 – Fifth Grade author visit
- 10.3 – Last day to register for ASE
- 10.10 – ASE classes begin
- 10.16 – PTA General meeting, 7.30
- 10.25 – Stuff the Bus
- 10.29 – Last day of BoxTops Contest