

MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BELL TIMES:

8:53AM-3:13PM

2022—2023
PTO EVENT DATES
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:

1/18/23 PTO MEETING

1/21/23 URI
BASKETBALL
NIGHT—
SK ELEMENTARY

1/24/23 3rd ANNUAL
STEAM FAIR

AND MORE!

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JANUARY 13, 2023

The first MES PTO meeting of 2023 is
scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Matunuck Elementary School Library
7 p.m.

(Rescheduled from the original date of 1/11/2023)

~ALL ARE WELCOME!~

MINI ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY Sew Your Own Stuffy Doll!

This is a two week after school program being held on
Tuesday, January 24th and Tuesday, January 31st

Classes will meet from 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Students will sew their own stuffy doll!

- Materials are included
- No experience needed
- All levels welcome
- You will take home everything you make

The cost is \$20/student—this covers all supplies provided
during class.

Instructor: Mariana Davis (Matunuck parent!)

Registration opens tonight, Friday 1/13 at 8 p.m.

Please register by Friday 1/20—registration will close on
Friday 1/20 and availability is on a first come first serve ba-
sis. To register please click [HERE](https://www.matunuckpto.org).

SCIENCE CLUB

This is a 5-week after school program with two different age group offerings:
Openings are still available for grades 3-4

Starting Wednesday, February 1, 2023

This is for students in grades 3-4

All dates will be on the following Wednesdays:
February 1, 8, 15 & March 1, 8 from 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE INFORMATION



[CLICK HERE](#)

to access the link to view information on the
School Building Committee



- View agendas, minutes, and recording of meetings which are livestreamed.
- View general project information, important documents, and FAQs.
- Communicate with Chairpersons Kate Macinanti and Luke Murray at sbc@southkingstownri.com.

Please download the **[SBC Master Schedule](#)** to get a better understanding of upcoming meeting topics and event details. Prior to each meeting you should log on to the **[RI Secretary of State Open Government SBC Site](#)** to download the latest to agenda to ensure meeting details have not changed.

IDEAS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are planning some great events for the MES community for the remainder of the school year. We are seeking parent volunteers to help with the activities.

Here are ways you can help:

- ***Sign out students at the end of each session***
- ***Assist enrichment instructor during sessions***
- ***Enrichment Coordinator— work with the PTO to schedule and coordinate activities with instructors***
- ***Enrichment Activity Communications***
- ***Enrichment Instructor—run a session of your own in an area of interest of expertise you have***

WE WELCOME ANY TIME AND IDEAS YOU CAN OFFER!

**South Kingstown Elementary Schools
and Broad Rock Middle School Night at
URI Rams Basketball**

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 12:00 p.m.



The Ryan Center
University of Rhode Island, Kingston
URI vs. George Mason



MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY FAMILY DAY
AT THE RYAN CENTER!

RHODE ISLAND VS GEORGE MASON

SAT. JAN. 21ST | 11 AM DOORS | 12 PM TIP-OFF



MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS! JOIN US FOR A FAMILY EVENT AT THE RYAN CENTER WHEN RHODY MEN'S BASKETBALL TAKES ON GEORGE MASON
SATURDAY JANUARY, 21ST AT 12 PM

STUDENTS FROM MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO ONTO THE COURT AND TAKE PART IN THE **BASELINE BUDDIES** FAN EXPERIENCE PRE-GAME!

PURCHASE YOUR TUCKETS ASAP TO BE SEATED WITH THE MATUNUCK GROUP!

CONTACT EMILY CLAPHAM FROM THE PTO WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
ECLAPHAM@URI.EDU

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA THE PTO WEBSITE

**SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE!**



****DISCOUNTED GROUP TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME****



Use the QR code or go to the MES PTO website at:
URI Basketball

MATUNUCK 3RD ANNUAL STEAM FAIR

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6 p.m.

Matunuck's STEAM Fair is an opportunity for all our inventors, scientists and engineers to share their ideas with our school community.

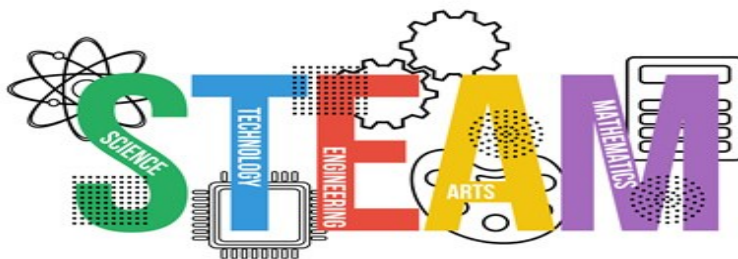
The STEAM Fair is an opportunity for students to explore topics within the STEAM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Art - Math) fields.

Participation is completely optional and voluntary. The STEAM Fair is not a competition, it is an opportunity for children to make meaningful connections to the real world as they develop the skills, behaviors, and dispositions necessary for college, career, and life readiness.

Students will present their projects in during the day and in the evening they will present for family and friends.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Matunuck PTO website ,

[Click here](#) to register your child.



If any students need help with their STEAM fair presentation please reach out to Mrs. Shaw (Matunuck's Math Interventionist & Instructional Coach), ashaw@sksd-ri.net. Or, you can contact the PTO STEAM fair coordinator, Nicole Mulanaphy (NMulanaphy@yahoo.com).

We are also seeking volunteers to help with preparing for the STEAM fair and day of setup. If you can help please reach out to Nicole Mulanaphy (NMulanaphy@yahoo.com).

RHODE ISLAND BLACK STORYTELLERS PRESENTS:

FUNDA FEST 25

**JANUARY
14-29, 2023**

A SANKOFA CELEBRATION OF BLACK STORYTELLING

HARRIET TUBMAN

A one-woman presentation by

JANICE CURTIS GREENE

**Wednesday, January 25
South Kingstown High School
215 Columbia St, Wakefield, RI 02879
6 - 7:30 p.m.**

In anticipation of
the PBS documentary

**HARRIET TUBMAN
VISIONS OF FREEDOM**

**Airing February 12 at 9 p.m.
on WSBE Rhode Island PBS**

fundafest.org



In collaboration with
Beloved Community Advisory Board of South Kingstown

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT

If you are able to volunteer please sign up

[HERE](#)



POPCORN FRIDAYS

\$20.00/student for the remainder of the year



Every Friday for the rest of the school year students will receive freshly popped popcorn (salt and canola oil only). Students who order popcorn will be given this as their snack on Fridays.

The cost per student for popcorn for the remainder of the year is \$20.00.

Information regarding the ingredients and nutrition can be found on the MES PTO website.

Registration will remain open throughout the year.

[Click here](#) to review the information and sign up!

We are looking for volunteers to help out Friday mornings to pop and pass out the popcorn.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER BCI REMINDER

If you want to volunteer at the any of the PTO school events you must have a current BCI on file with the South Kingstown School Department at the School Administration Building at 307 Curtis Corner Road, South Kingstown.

Information and guidance on the BCI process can be found at:

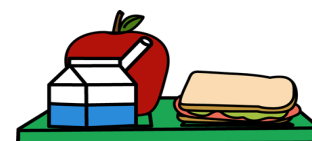
[BCI Information](#)

Submit your BCI soon so you can volunteer at any of MES PTO events throughout the year!



LOOKING FOR WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

- ♦ [Click here for the January Menu](#)
- ♦ PRE-PAY FOR LUNCH: myschoolbucks.com
- ♦ Call the office if you need your student ID to register





IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal: Elizabeth McGuire (emcguire@sksd-ri.net)

Administrative Specialist: Jennifer DelMastro (jdelmastro@sksd-ri.net)

Nurse Teacher: Rachel Cruz (rachelcruz@sksd-ri.net) (401) 360-1259

Phone: (401) 360-1234 / Fax: (401) 360-1235

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Matunuck Elementary School PTO

2022-2023 OPEN Officer Positions

We are currently taking nominations for: President Elect.. We also have several open coordinator and committee positions, these positions do not require nomination.

PRESIDENT ELECT

Description of position: Shadow the current President for one year prior to term as President the following school year. Assist the President with the collection, review and submission of Friday Folder documents. Perform other tasks as required from time-to-time. In the event of President's absence (due to illness, vacation, etc.), the President-Elect will fulfill the President's duties during this time.

Terms: 2022-2024 school year (shadow for 1 year school year (2022-2023) and become President for 1-year term (2023-2024)

Time Commitment: attend monthly executive and PTO meetings, corresponding with other officers and committee members, school staff throughout the year

How to make a nomination E-mail your nomination to: matunuckpto@gmail.com. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

2022-2023 MES PTO Board Members

President—Laura Roebuck (President@mes-pto.org)

President Elect—Position open

Co-Recording Secretaries—Melanie Reppucci & Kerrie Calabro-Pepin

Treasurer—Jess Dembro (Treasurer@mes-pto.org)

Corresponding Secretary—Maura Gazerro (Secretary@mes-pto.org)

PTO Consultant—Nicole Mulanaphy

Matunuck PTO Website <https://www.matunuckpto.org/>

Join our Facebook community at Matunuck Elementary PTO ~ Email us at MatunuckPTO@mes-pto.org



PTO MEETING DATES 2022-2023

- January 18, 2023
- February 8, 2023
- March 8, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 7, 2023