



MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE I

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2023—2024 PTO EVENT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9/13/23 **FIRST PTO
MEETING FOR
2023-2024**

9/22/23 **WELCOME
BACK PICNIC**

9/29/23 **20TH ANNUAL
MES
JOG-A-THON**

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!!

We are finalizing the schedule of events for the year and look forward to seeing all of our new and returning families! More information to follow on all, but mark your calendars for these upcoming events—and see below for the monthly PTO meeting schedule.

All are welcome!

PTO MEETING DATES 2023 - 2024

- * September 13, 2023
- * October 11, 2023
- * November 8, 2023
- * January 10, 2024
- * February 7, 2024
- * March 6, 2024
- * April 3, 2024
- * May 8, 2024
- * June 12, 2024



Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the MES Library

We hope you can join!



How wonderful it is to see students returning to school from summer vacation! We are so excited to kick off a new school year with students and families. The Matunuck Elementary School (MES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff who are dedicated to the success in education for all our children.

The MES PTO works hard throughout the year to provide fun and enriching events to make the school year enjoyable and exciting for students, teachers, and parents.

Our main goals are to help students and staff by providing:

- Support for educational and recreational needs
- Promotion of open communication between administration, teachers, and parents/guardians
- Encouragement of school spirit and pride

Every parent/guardian is already a member of the PTO and we encourage involvement in any way, no matter how big or small—every bit helps! Whether its attending meetings to offer ideas, making a donation, or volunteering to set up at any of the many events sponsored by the PTO. You will find it is very fulfilling to see how much our students and families enjoy these events, and how these greatly contribute to building a wonderful community for our school. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WELCOME BACK PICNIC & MOVIE NIGHT!!!

Friday, September 22, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Join us for the annual welcome back picnic at Matunuck Elementary School. Bring a picnic, beach chairs and a blanket. Pizza, desserts, and water will be for sale. We will be showing an outdoor movie as well—it's a great way to meet new families and reconnect with returning ones. All are welcome!

If you would like to bring a baked good to the event

PLEASE SIGN UP HERE

2023-2024 PTO Board

Matunuck Elementary School PTO 2023—2024 Officer Positions and Board Members

President—President@mes-pto.org

◇ Melanie Reppucci

President Elect

◇ VACANT

Recording Secretary

◇ Kristin Golia

Co-Treasurers—Treasurer@mes-pto.org

◇ Jess Dembro

◇ Patty Ryan

Co-Corresponding Secretaries—Secretary@mes-pto.org

◇ Maura Gazerro

◇ Elizabeth Hoy

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

Join our Facebook community at Matunuck Elementary PTO ~

Email us at MatunuckPTO@mes-pto.org

MES PTO BOARD POSITION OPENING!!!

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 newsletter. 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: 2023-2025 school year (shadow for 1 year school year (2023-2024) and become President for 1-year term (2024-2025))

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.



POPCORN FRIDAYS

Starting Friday, September 15th
\$35.00/student for the entire year



We are firing up the popcorn machine to provide freshly-popped popcorn for the students. Every Friday students will receive fresh- ly popped popcorn (salt and canola oil only). Students who order popcorn will be given this as their snack on Fridays.

Starts next Friday, September 15th through the last Friday of the school year. The cost per student for popcorn for the year is \$35.00 - pay once for the entire year of Popcorn Fridays! 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. (All volunteers must have current BCI on file with the district)

Please consider signing up for one or a few Fridays to help out with this throughout the year.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

20th ANNUAL JOG-A-THON

Friday, September 29, 2023

Fundraising for the event starts this Friday, September 8th!

Please register your students(s) on mybooster.com and share with friends and family to help support your student(s) and school.

Our goal is to have 80%+ students registered on the fundraising site and raise \$25,000. These funds will directly benefit all of our students, providing them with enhanced learning experiences including outdoor classroom maintenance, field trips, after school enrichment programs, and yearbooks.

Not only is this our one big fundraiser of the year, it is also one of the students' most anticipated school events! They get to spend time outside in the field in front of our school, running laps to music with their friends. Families are invited to come cheer on their runners and we will also be looking for volunteers to help set up, take pictures, and track laps.

Class running times and a volunteer sign up genius will be available next week so please be on the lookout. In the meantime, please encourage your children to prepare for some running fun and be sure to register them on mybooster.com to begin collecting pledges starting September 8.

Questions? Please contact Kate Hames (klav281@gmail.com)



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED!

WHAT IS A ROOM PARENT?

Room Parents are a contact point between the PTO and the families in the your student's classroom. The PTO will ask you to pass along emailed messages periodically throughout the school year. Occasionally a teacher may ask a Room Parent to send a message out to families, or a Room Parent may be the point person arranging a show of appreciation from families to the classroom teacher.

ROOM PARENTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THESE CLASSROOMS:

- ♦ Bergeron
- ♦ Droney
- ♦ Ilgenfritz
- ♦ Fizzano
- ♦ Pelopida
- ♦ Vellone

Please contact Melanie Reppucci at melaniereppucci@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer for the school year to help in this way.

It's time to add your family to the Matunuck School Phonebook!

CLICK HERE to complete the form.

click that
link!



The Matunuck School phonebook is just for members of our school community. It is used by the PTO and Room Parents to contact families, and for families to contact one another. The phonebook will be distributed (for free) to all members of our Matunuck School community, whether you choose to include your families' information or not.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Outdoor Classroom Cleanup Volunteers Needed!



Our 3 outdoor classrooms and trails are in
need of some TLC.

If this sounds like something you could
assist with, please contact
Melanie Reppucci
(melaniereppucci@gmail.com)

Date & Time of cleanup : TBD



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

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.

The Matunuck Elementary School Osprey Nest is on Instagram!



Follow @mes_ospreynest

REMINDER - PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Arrival time: 8:44 a.m.-8:53 a.m.—drop off is in the back of the school and **ONLY** when a teacher is present to accept students.

Dismissal: 3:13 a.m. with buses to follow—pick up is in the front of the school and placard is **REQUIRED**.

If there are changes in your dismissal plan you must complete the 2023-2024 Matunuck Dismissal form by 10 a.m. **[CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM](#)**

Always use the crosswalk when arriving to and leaving the building. Never walk between traffic.