MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 24, 2023

BELL TIMES:
8:53AM-3:13PM

2022—2023 PTO EVENT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

3/24/23	MAGIC NIGHT
3/29/23	BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
4/19/23	PTO MEETING
4/21/23	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
4/22/23 & 4/23/23	EARTH DAY & SPRING CLEAN UP WEEKEND
4/28/23	MATUNUCK'S GOT TALENT
5/3/23	BIKE /WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
5/12/23	ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND MOVIE NIGHT
6/2/23	ALL SCHOOL DANCE
6/5/23	MES NIGHT OF THE ARTS

JOIN US TONIGHT!!!

Family Fun Night!

with a Justin Mazz

Magic Show

Friday March 24th 2023

Doors open 5:30
Show Starts 6pm

in the Matunuck Elementary Cafe

All kids must be accompanied by an adult

$5 per person at the door
Kids under age 4 FREE

Have a great time!
Support the PTO!

The PTO will have food and drinks for sale before the show.

Questions... email Mary - maryclarity@gmail.com

SOUTH KINGSTOWN
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Upcoming meeting information will be posted on the town website.
All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers, Town Hall

On March 2, 2023 the South Kingstown Town Council unanimously voted to place a bond referendum on the ballot later this year for South Kingstown voters to decide to fund an up to $125 million bond to build a new high school at the current high school location on Columbia Street and new athletic facilities at the location where Curtis Corner Middle School is located.

The SK School Building Committee will be meeting regularly over the next several months to plan for the bond referendum and provide information to the community about the plan and process. Stay tuned for meeting updates or check out the SKSBC's website.

CLICK HERE to access the link to:

- 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.

Junior Achievement Day—"JA in a Day"
Friday, April 21, 2023

Matunuck Elementary School is happy to have "JA in a Day" again this year!

Junior Achievement of Rhode Island (JA) is looking for 2 parent volunteers (3 for kindergarten) from each classroom to volunteer for the day in "JA in a Day" at Matunuck Elementary School on Friday, April 21th.

"Junior Achievement's mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy." JA in a Day is an opportunity for MES to support this mission with sharing valuable lessons with the students. Volunteers for JA in a Day will present lessons to the selected class on various topics.

- The elementary "JA in a Day" programs have five short lessons that you teach to the students throughout the day. Each lesson will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- JA will provide the lesson plans and all materials needed for the day.
- You will remain with the same classroom throughout the day.

Volunteers will need to attend a 45 minute Zoom training with JA and will need a current BCI on file with MES. JA has requested for volunteers to commit to the full day, 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Please review the available slots in the link below and click on the button to sign up.

SIGN UP HERE

Please email Patty at patricia.conn@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering for part of the day.

MES Spring Clean Up and Outdoor Improvement WEEKEND

Saturday, April 22 & Sunday April 23

Mark your calendars to help out with the spring clean up efforts at MES over the weekend of 4/22 & 4/23. Volunteers are needed for both days – any amount of time offered over the weekend will be helpful with this needed clean up and improvements

Activities include:

- Cutting back overgrowth in nature trail
- Cutting back overgrowth in nature classrooms
- Overall trash clean up around the entire school campus
- Cutting back overgrowth near drop off
- Painting of the swing sets
- Putting out any of the bird feeders, signs, rocks or enhancements
- Weeding gardens - not limited to (flagpole, front of school, school sign)
- Helping in school garden, if needed
- Fixing stumps in each outdoor area where placed

Supplies needed:

- Large lawn bags/brown bags
- Bring your own clippers, gloves, shovels, trowels, wheelbarrows...even a chain saw!

Donations needed ahead of weekend:

- Snacks and drinks for volunteers
- Sunscreen and bug spray

We know it's a busy time of year – but this weekend will create a great outdoor space for the students!

Matunuck's Got Talent!

Matunuck's Got Talent is back and we are eager to see our student's talent!

Save the date for April 28th!

Volunteers ~ we need you to make the night a success.

See the sign up genius link below for a list of all the volunteers we need.

All student's who would like to participate must sign up, the **deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 6th**. We are also looking for 4th grade EMCEEs to host the event, the EMCEEs can also participate in a talent act.

Talent acts can be individual, with a partner or as a group. When signing up and in a group or with a partner each student must sign up. Talent acts can be anything that is school appropriate. Acts we have had in the past are dancing, skits, magic, comedy, singing, and musical performance! It truly is amazing how much talent our students have! Acts are to be no longer than 2 minutes and each student can participate in no more than 2 acts. All music and props are to be supplied by the student.

* Signup to participate in Matunuck's Got Talent (**click here**)
* Signup to EMCEE the show - 4th graders only (**click here**)
* Volunteers we need you and thank you (**click here**)

Important Dates:

- **April 6th** - Last day to signup for Matunuck's Got Talent (participant and emcee)
- **April 27th** - Dress rehearsal in the evening at SK High School Auditorium. All acts/students must attend the dress rehearsal.
- **April 28th** - The main event! The talent show! An in-person event during the evening at SK High School Auditorium.

Welcome to

Matunuck Elementary School!

Joining a new school community can feel overwhelming, so please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. No question is too big or too small and if I don't have the answer I can help you find it. From questions about school routines to PTO events and happenings, I'm here to help! I can't wait to hear from you soon!

Melanie Reppucci, PTO President-Elect

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~NOTICE ABOUT MES YEARBOOKS~

Every year the MES PTO provides each student with a yearbook of their own courtesy of the PTO.

You may receive an email from Lifetouch advising you to order a yearbook—DO NOT order your yearbook through them. We do not order our yearbooks through Lifetouch.

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 - Please click on the link below to sign up for volunteer opportunities
All efforts will help us continue to provide fun events for the MES community.

Please fill out the form at this link:
SIGN UP HERE

WE WELCOME ANY TIME AND IDEAS YOU CAN OFFER!

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!

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 RE-QUIRED.

If there are changes in your dismissal plan you must complete the 2022-2023 Matunuck Dismissal form by 10 a.m. CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM

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

Matunuck Elementary School PTO
2022-2023 Officer Positions

2022-2023 MES PTO Board Members

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

President Elect—Melanie Reppucci

Recording Secretary—Kerrie Calabro-Pepin

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

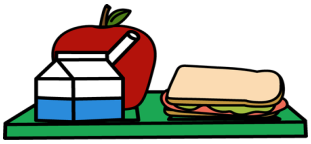
Corresponding Secretary—Maura Gazerro (Secretary@mes-pto.org)

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

LOOKING FOR WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

- Click here for the March Menu
- PRE-PAY FOR LUNCH: myschoolbucks.com
- Call the office if you need your student ID to register



PTO MEETING DATES 2022-2023

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

June 7, 2023