



MATUNUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE XVII

JANUARY 20, 2023

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

2022—2023
PTO EVENT DATES
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:

1/21/23 URI
BASKETBALL
NIGHT—
SK ELEMENTARY

1/24/23 3rd ANNUAL
STEAM FAIR

2/8/23 MES PTO
MEETING

2/15/23 YAWGOO
TUBING

3/4/23 GEAR PLAY

3/24/23 MAGIC NIGHT

3/29/23 BATTLE OF THE
BOOKS

AND MORE!

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 is still open

Please register by Saturday 1/21—there are a few spots left!

To register please click [HERE](#).

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.

The cost is \$45 per student

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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.

If your child is registered please refer to the email sent on January 18th from organizer Nicole Mulanaphy providing details and guidance. Please click on the link in the email to provide details on the STEAM fair project.

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 ,



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 at the event or to provide baked goods for the back sale before and after the event.

If you are able to volunteer or provide a baked good please sign up

[HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

YAWGOO TUBING NIGHT

Wednesday, February 15, 2023



Join in for a night of fun and adventure
snow tubing with Matunuck families at
Yawgoo!
More information and ticket sales coming soon!

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



South Kingstown High School Cafeteria

Over the past year committee members, parents, teachers, and administrators have been working together to create a draft strategic plan. The group will be sharing the plan with the community inviting the public for dialogue and participation in the process.

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!

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



2023 GEAR Production
Starring...
3rd & 4th Graders
From the South Kingstown
Elementary Schools

Students are busy rehearsing after school for two shows on
Saturday, March 4th
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

South Kingstown High School Auditorium
Columbia Street, Wakefield

Tickets will go on sale soon and are limited-
More information coming soon.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Friday, March 3rd.
Students and families are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on
Friday 3/3 if they are unable to attend the performances on Satur-
day 3/4.

GEAR Productions
Give Everyone A Role



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 REQUIRED.

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

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Matunuck Elementary School PTO

2022-2023 OPEN Officer Positions

2022-2023 MES PTO Board Members

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Melanie Reppucci was elected to President Elect

Please join us in congratulating her on her new position!

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



PTO MEETING DATES 2022-2023

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