



MAURY ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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“Navigating into the Future”

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Note from the PTA President:

Hi, my name is **Ann Ipsen**, current PTA President and creator of the Maury Online Community (**MOC**) and the MauryOnline.org website. The Mission of the MOC is to connect neighborhood families who would like Maury to be a more attractive educational option and to explore ways to improve Maury. We have a huge neighborhood attendance at Maury, especially in Kindergarten and First Grades. Please help us continue this growth by joining the MOC email group (see our website MauryOnline.org for more details). Then encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Maury's PTA Mission

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions effecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

What will you get out of the PTA and what's in it for YOU?

1. **Get connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school than by joining the PTA.
2. **Discover great resources.** You'll get tips for helping your child with homework, advice for

preparing for a parent-teacher conference, and how-tos for working with teachers all year long.

3. **Tap in a network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet others, build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind. You don't have to attend every PTA meeting or event, but know you're always invited.

4. **Watch yourself grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause – your child and all children in the community.

5. **Speak up.** Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, membership can be a way for you to more effectively suggest changes at your child's school and see to it that those changes happen.

6. **Witness improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school, you'll be part of the solution.

7. **Be a role model.** As a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

PTA Membership

If you haven't already done so, please join us and become a member of the Maury PTA. We would love to have the full participation of **ALL** Maury parents and teachers to make our school the best it can be! We meet monthly for one hour and hope you will join us at our next meeting on Monday, November 13th from 7-8pm. See you at Maury! Dues and funds raised by the PTA go towards helping improve our children's education. Contact any PTA board member if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

2006-2007 PTA Executive Board:

- President – Ann Ipsen
- Vice President (Public Outreach) – Karen Lemke
- Vice President (Fundraising)
Laura Zabriskie-Martin; Caroline Wagner
- Vice President (Programs) – Medea Ranck
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- School Board Liaison – Yvonne Folkerts
- Principal – Lucretia Jackson

Game Night

Are you a champion at chess? Tops at Twister? Come show your game playing skills and pick up some new ones at Maury's Game Night on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

This event was one of the highlights of last year's activities--don't miss it! A free activity bus for families in the Parker-Gray neighborhood will leave from the Charles Houston Recreation Center at 6:15. The return bus will depart from Maury at 7:30 pm.

The PTA will bring the cookies and milk. You bring your favorite game to share, and be ready to enjoy a night of fun with friends and family. See you there!

the big seller at the bake sale and the free popcorn was a great surprise to all. Some of the children even got to see the backseat of a sheriff's car - all very legal, released immediately. The fire truck was also a hit. Pictures speak volumes, so check out the good time had by all. If you missed it this year, make sure to be there next year. Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Upcoming November Events:

- 13th – Tag Meeting, 6:30pm
Nov. PTA Meeting, 7:00pm
- 15th – Game Night, 6:30pm
- 16th – Early Release / Conferences, 1:00pm-7:00pm
- 17th – Early Release / Conferences, 1:00pm-7:00pm
- 21st – 1st Quarter Honors Assembly and
Thanksgiving Lunch, 10:00-12:00pm
- 22-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday

To view additional Maury Calendar of Events, go to:
MauryOnline.org

Fall Festival 2006

October 21st turned out to be a GREAT day for the Fall Festival. There was not a cloud in the sky and it was about 65 degrees. The school and neighborhood turned out in droves! And, you could hear us before you could see us. The band, Mount Pleasant Country Boys, was great and really made the event over the top - if the HUGE climb and slide didn't already do it. There were children of all ages busy with arts and crafts, face painting, moon bouncing, sliding and the giant twister. Cupcakes seemed to be

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