



PTA THURSDAY FOLDER

MVCS Community,

Happy almost Friday, everyone! Please reach out with any PTA questions (mvcsptacommunicationsva@gmail.com).

- Caroline & Katie

GENERAL NEWS

Teacher Appreciation MONTH! | Fun Ideas for your Family

We LOVE our teachers! That's why we're taking teacher appreciation week and making it a month-long celebration.

We kicked off our appreciation effort by hosting a big breakfast at the school for all teachers able to be in school. In addition to breakfast, we included a drawing for spirit wear and gift certificates to local restaurants and salons. We also wrapped up our annual teacher mini-grants program last month. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to provide almost double the funds this year. Every teacher and paraprofessional was invited to receive a grant to fund what they most wanted or needed--for their virtual teaching environment at home, or for their classrooms as they prepared to return.

Now, we hope you and your kiddos will show our teachers how grateful we are for their hard work. We've created a tool kit to help celebrate our teachers throughout May. It includes:

Teacher Appreciation Bingo. Head to the PTA website: www.mvcspta.org to access out a bingo card with a fun list of teacher appreciation activities you can do with your family. Families who make a BINGO by completing a row across or a row down, can submit them to mvcsptasecretary@gmail.com to be entered in a raffle for MVCS t-shirts and other swag. If you don't have time to play Bingo, that's a-ok! You can also just choose an activity (or two) that works best for your family.

MVCS Gratitude Project. The MVCS Gratitude Project is back and we'd love for you to send a drawing, thank you note, or photo of your MVCS student(s) holding their own creation honoring their teacher(s) so we can create a slideshow to share with all our teachers this month. Your student can show us how their teacher is a superhero (and tell us about their superpowers!) using the template attached, or they can draw or write a note for their teachers. Please send **jpg** submissions to mvcsgratitude@gmail.com during the month of **May**. We cannot accept video submissions, so if your kid(s) make a video, send those directly to your teachers (and get an extra square on your bingo card!).

Stock the Teachers' Lounge. Let's treat our teachers to some treats! Support our teachers from the comfort of your couch! Check out this [Amazon wish list](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IRKKTMM5J7J?type=wishlist): <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IRKKTMM5J7J?type=wishlist> of goodies to stock the teachers' lounge. Your gifts will be delivered directly to the school, and the team there will create goodie bags for teachers who remain virtual so they get some extra treats, too.

We hope these options provide some inspiration for you. Please choose the easiest and most fun way for you and your kiddos to express appreciation for all our teachers, whether they are in the physical classroom, teaching via Zoom or leading Encore classes.

It's Never Too Early to Think About College | Virginia529 Information

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EVENTS

Save the Date! | Next Members Meeting is on May 18 @ 6:30pm

Join us for our next (second to last!) PTA members meeting. We will share a summary of our year, celebrate students and teachers returning to school, and call for nominations for next year's leadership team. We'll send a Zoom link to your inbox that day. Hope to see you there!

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