



Thursday, September 22, 2022
6:30 PM
September PTA Member Meeting

1. Spotlight on classroom: Ms. Emily Porterfield, 4th Grade
 - a. Follow on Twitter for pics of daily activities/learning
 - b. Highlight of kinesthetic equipment purchased by MVCS PTA
2. What is the PTA: Overview of mission and role, showed video highlighting sponsored events
3. How to join PTA:
 - a. Website: mvspta.org
 - i. Look here for programs, events
 - ii. Sign up for newsletter
 - iii. Join each year to stay current, pay dues
 - b. Also check out MVCS facebook page and grade level pages
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Reflections Art Night (Sara Amesbury, see email and info in ppt)
 - i. Art Hour, Friday, October 14, 5-6 PM
 1. Theme = Show Your Voice
 2. Different categories for entries (i.e., visual arts, poetry, short stories)
 3. See QR code in ppt + Thursday folder
 - ii. **Need! Judge/s and volunteers**
 - b. Pumpkin Patch (Contact Lauren Helsap, see email and info in ppt)
 - i. Friday, October 21, 3 - 5 PM
 - ii. Buy pumpkins in advance, order by Oct. 4
 - iii. **Need! Volunteers for activity tables (1 activity/grade)**
 - c. Marine Corps Fun Run - 1 mile (Contact Patrick Smith, see email and info in ppt)
 - i. Saturday, October 29
 1. Leave school at 9 AM, event at 10AM
 - ii. Busses to and from event provided, meet at school
 - iii. Top five schools get \$1k towards school PE department
 - iv. Register via PTA link in Thursday PTA Newsletter and via FB page
 - d. Fabulous Fall Fundraiser (Contact Debby Perry and Mickey Dawson Sauls see email and info in ppt)

- i. Saturday, November 5
 - ii. Mark calendar and book babysitter (adult only event)
 - iii. Need! volunteers for various activities/tables**
- 5. Baroody After School Clubs Restarting
 - a. Registration open until Monday, Sept. 26
 - i. Many offerings
 - b. Clubs run 2:45 - 3:45 PM, then kids go to regular after school care
 - i. Transportation provided
 - c. Link on FB page to register, Baroody offers scholarships
- 6. Treasurer Report (Tatiana Perez)
 - a. Budget for SY 22/23 approved
- 7. Guest Presenter: Jen Hamilton, ACPS Dual Language Program
 - a. Mission, vision, and goals of dual language program
 - i. Pillars of dual language
 - 1. Listen, read, speak, and write in 2 languages
 - 2. High level
 - 3. Life long critical thinkers
 - ii. Benefits
 - 1. Academic
 - 2. Cognitive - problem solving, attn. span
 - 3. Social - communication, empathy
 - 4. Economic
 - b. Background and why
 - i. Started with EL speakers
 - ii. Found beneficial for ALL groups
 - iii. Helps to close achievement gap (2 way program: Spanish speakers - English speakers; English speakers - Spanish speakers)
 - c. Different programs
 - i. MVCS 50/50 (½ day in Spanish, ½ day in English)
 - ii. John Adams - program school
 - iii. Middle schools - program strand
 - 1. If students go through MS program, earn credits towards HS language requirements
 - d. Expectations
 - i. Participate actively (engagement, emphasize resilience)
 - e. Resources for parents
 - i. Contact Jen Hamilton for presentation information and follow up
 - 1. Friendships for students to practice language skills
 - 2. Opportunities for using language in community setting
 - 3. Emphasize resilience and growth mindset
 - 4. Caregivers - ask questions about what students are learning
 - 5. Reading in second language
 - 6. Get to know teachers, educators as big resource
- 8. Updates from Ms. Burrell

- a. Noted that ACPS leaders getting training in dual language program/philosophy
 - b. Excited about positive start to the beginning of the school year and ability to focus on instruction as compared to past several years (Covid 19 and prior to that, construction)
 - c. Emphasis this year on science instruction
 - i. Low SOL scores, trying to be proactive
 - ii. Starting extended day programming for science instruction
 - d. Feature on Mrs. Dawson, educator with MVCS for 26 years
 - e. Ms Kyle will be out on maternity leave soon
 - f. Thanks for enrichment and assemblies, something kids need/want
 - g. Emphasized importance of bringing back systems, cultures, etc. for kids/school community and how that helps with morale and engagement
9. Misc:
- a. Invitation to join MVCS dual language group via PTA
 - b. Invitation to join school programs for Hispanic Heritage Month

Next member meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2022 at **Casa Chirilagua**