



**March 9 Member Meeting
MVCS Cafeteria**

1. PTA Updates + Volunteer Opportunities
 - Need vols for science night
 - April 22 soccer Saturday
 - Asa send refs, drawing for prizes, gear swap
 - Families welcome
 - Arts and crafts and lunch
 - Cinco de mile
 - Donations to run a mile
 - After school on May 5
 - International night. May 19. Need volunteers
 - 5th Grade Picnic
 - Day of, vols needed.
 - Little free library
 - Outside school + tiger market
 - Books purposeful, please bring back when finished
 - Volunteer needed to help maintenance of library
 - Call for joining pta exec committee
2. Reflections Award Winners
3. Treasurer Report
4. Dr Burrell Updates
 - VA DOE and ACPS leaders came to do academic review
 - Visited k, 3, 4, 5

- Reviews were positive, culture of school not like what they've seen in other schools, care of kids, high expectations, differentiation, teachers planning and collaborating
- June 9 field trip- 5th grade
- June 13 promotion - 5th grade

Panel of Middle School Students and Parents

Question from PTA: 1 thing to know about middle school (kids)

A:

- Be prepared for a lot of change- new friendships
- Building is really big, teachers helpful
- Pay attention to room numbers!
- After first week gets easier to find stuff
- Get to choose your electives
- Lockers are a big change

Question from PTA: How did parents handle transition?

A:

- At first worried. Teachers are really engaged and enthusiastic. Encourage ways to make a big school smaller by engaging in what interests you
- Kids practice advocating for themselves. Ask questions when curious.

Audience Q and A