

## MPE PTA NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2019

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**3/1/19**

Dragon Movie Night, Grades 3-5 (Incredibles 2); Doors open at 6pm

Read-a-thon Kick Off

MPE Book Character Day Parade

**3/4/19**

PTA Meeting, Family Engagement Room at 6:30pm (Babysitting Provided)

**3/6-3/7/19**

Elementary Brandywine Young Artist Exhibition, Opening Nights

**3/11/19**

No-Cook Night-Iron Hill, Riverfront

**3/12/19**

LEGO League Expo, MPR 6:30pm

**3/15/19**

3rd Marking Period Interims Distributed

**3/22/19**

MPE Talent Show, MPR 9-10am

Dragon Dance 5:30-8pm

**3/29/19**

MPE Fine Arts Fair, 5-8pm

### HELP MPE WHILE YOU SHOP!

Sign up for AmazonSmile, Giant A+ Rewards, ShopRite e-Box Tops & more. See [mpeptade.com](http://mpeptade.com) for more info.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Clothing Closet helpers, PBS cart helpers, Dragon Dance planning & PTA executive board for 2019/20. Interested? Email us at [ptampe@yahoo.com](mailto:ptampe@yahoo.com).

**STAY CONNECTED:** Follow us on FB, DOJO & [mpeptade.com](http://mpeptade.com)

**JOIN THE PTA:** It's not too late to join! Sign up: [mpeptade.com](http://mpeptade.com)

**PTA Meeting (Mar. 4, 6:30 pm):** Join us in the Family Resource Room for our monthly meeting! The PTA is looking for leaders like you to fill our open Executive Board positions (President, VP, Treasurer & Secretary) for next school year. If interested, please let us know at this meeting, or email [ptampe@yahoo.com](mailto:ptampe@yahoo.com). In lieu of a speaker, we'll break into groups so our event committees can plan/organize.

**MPE Read-a-thon (throughout March):** Dragons love reading, so this year we are having a good, old-fashioned READ-A-THON! Our school-wide goal is to read **70,000 minutes and raise \$7,000** to improve the main library and stock classroom libraries.

- Principal Auerbach will announce five school-wide **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)** sessions every week. All students and teachers will stop what they are doing and read for 10 minutes so we can have 100% participation!
- Dragons who log **ADDITIONAL** reading time at home can track minutes on the **At-Home Reading Log** (logs will come home every week and are to be returned on Mondays; additional forms are also available for download at [www.mpeptade.com/read-a-thon](http://www.mpeptade.com/read-a-thon)). For every logged hour read outside of school, your student will earn **2 Pride Points!**
- **Donate today!** Make a secure online donation at [www.mpeptade.com/read-a-thon](http://www.mpeptade.com/read-a-thon); Don't forget to share with family & friends! Cash & check donations (made out to MPE PTA) also accepted. (Please send to office in envelope marked Read-a-thon.)
- Back by popular demand...**The Principal's Challenge!** Principal Auerbach has agreed to do another crazy stunt this year if we reach our goal of 70,000 minutes and \$7,000, AND he has invited a four friends to join in the fun. Stay tuned for more details!

**Dragon Dance (Mar. 22, 5:30-8pm):** It's time for MPE's most-anticipated event of the year: **THE DRAGON DANCE!** Wear your neon/bright/glow-in-the-dark clothing and come dance the night away at our **GLOW PARTY!** DJ Master G is back to get the party started on the dance floor. **Admission is FREE** for all MPE families (siblings welcome), but don't forget your wallet -- we'll have pizza, a bake sale, **PLUS amazing raffle baskets and silent auction prizes!** Flyers coming home soon! We are in need of donations & volunteers to make this night a success. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MPEGlowParty>. *Reminder: This is not a drop-off event. Students must be accompanied by parents/guardians.* Also, if you are a business owner and would like to donate to the Dragon Dance or be a Read-a-thon sponsor, email us at [ptampe@yahoo.com](mailto:ptampe@yahoo.com). See you there!

**SAVE THE DATES:** Join us for our March **No-Cook Night Fundraiser** at **Iron Hill Brewery** on the Riverfront on **March 11**. Our BOGO Scholastic Book Fair will be **April 8-12**.

As always, thank you for your support! -Trish Barnyak, PTA President

