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PTA General Meeting #1

October 6, 2026 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM ET | Virtual

About the PTA

- The PTA is a 501c3 nonprofit, entirely volunteer-led with support from school, county, and national levels. The organization files 990s and follows strict nonprofit protocols.
- Primary mission is to support the school, students, and teachers to create an enriching, positive, and safe environment. Building community through events and learning opportunities is a key focus.
- The PTA Executive Committee includes both veteran members and newcomers working together. Hundreds of parents and caregivers volunteer throughout the year in various capacities from room parents to event support.
- Current membership stands at 193-194 members, the highest ever recorded, already exceeding last year's total. The goal is to reach 200 members.
- PTA sponsors numerous events including multicultural night, book fair, spring fair, classroom parties, talent show, playground socials, staff appreciation, read-a-thon, teacher innovation grants, and before/after-school enrichment programs.

Message from the RCF Principals

Staffing and Field Access

- Two additional para educator positions have been allocated: one six-hour para, one seven-hour para, and four hours of lunch aid. Hiring is underway this week with internal hiring next week.
- Fields will open once new staff are hired to ensure proper safety supervision. The school is working with the security coordinator on field containment recommendations and additional camera installation.



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- Parent volunteers will begin supporting lunch and recess by the end of October. The volunteer process is being tweaked to align with MCPS requirements and ensure proper monitoring of who enters the building.

Administrative Structure

- Ms. Tsonis serves as acting principal. Ms. Heidler (assistant principal) works with grades 2-5, and Ms. Stevenson (newest assistant principal) works with grades 1 and 3.
- Office roles have been streamlined: Ms. Diop handles administrative/financial duties for the principal's office, Ms. Butters supports Ms. Stevenson and remains enrichment coordinator and attendance contact, and Ms. Arias (new) supports Ms. Heidler.

Instructional Updates

- Formal observations and walkthroughs are beginning to support Montgomery County's instructional focus on effortful thinking.
- A virtual instructional plan is being created for inclement weather, with more information coming from the school and teachers.
- End of module math assessments will be taken online using the Amplify Desmos platform. Results will inform instructional adjustments and be part of grading, with teachers reaching out if additional support is needed.

Student Activities

- Patrols, SGA, and Tiger News Network are starting soon. Sponsors have been selected for the activities. Patrols are typically fifth graders who provide safety support throughout the building, outside, and on buses. Students selected last year are being confirmed for this year.

Coming Up



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Membership

- At the highest number of PTA members ever compared to other school years
- Hoping to get to 200 this evening

October Events

- Fall Festival planning meeting scheduled for Friday to finalize room parent activities.
- Open House will be split over two days: October 12th for grades K-2 (sessions at 9:45-11:45 AM and 1:30-3:30 PM) and November 11th for grades 3-5 (same session times). This is for parents only; instruction will continue during visits.

November-December Events

- Book Fair: November 9-13.
- Read-a-thon fundraiser runs November 13th to December 1st, encouraging students to read and raise money for the school.
- Next PTA meeting will be December 1 at 7PM.
- Black Family Breakfast December 4 (NAACP-led gathering).

Volunteer Opportunities

- Room parent positions still open for Williams, Joseph, and Beard.
- Contact Lisa Wolf (volunteer coordinator) for one-off or recurring volunteer roles. Opportunities listed in PTA newsletters.

Additional Programs

- NAACP Parent Council first virtual meeting coming up with goal of 50 parent attendees. Topics include MCPS boundaries, closures, consolidations, and magnet programs.
- Planning underway for National Museum of African American History and Culture field trip (countywide program with funding for 11,000 students) and Black History Month events in February.



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Fundraising

- T-shirt sponsorship donations accepted to offset costs and redirect funds to supplies, assemblies, and teacher grants.
- Business sponsorship program available with benefits including newsletter shout-outs, Tiger News features, and flyer distribution opportunities.

Treasurer Report

- More conservative approach of spending the last few years

NAACP Updates