



MATES MESSENGER

November 2014

PROGRAMS MESSAGE

Hello MATES Parents!

This year's programs are off to a great start! Art Night was a huge success! Thank you to Mrs. Shaffer who did a fantastic job planning the evening! She created activities that were fun while showing us how art is integrated into all areas of learning at M.A.T.E.S. A huge thank you to all the amazing teachers that were on hand that night as well as our Art Night parent volunteers - Julie Campbell, Renee Cuthbert, Kerri Graver, Jenifer Ludwick, Maria Marolda, Samantha Ofir, Bethany Simonsen, and Victoria Young – you all helped facilitate a great night and we couldn't have done it without you! Also, a big thanks to the Art@Lunch crew including Bob Fryer and Brad Merville, who turned the MPR into a fun filled room of creativity!

M.A.T.E.S. families also had a wonderful time at our annual Fall Fling in October! There were festive crafts, fun games and prizes, a spectacular pumpkin decorating contest, delicious food from the Street Kings food truck, Jersey Dogs, and the Pink Whale Bakery and, of course, dancing and entertainment in the MPR provided by our own mix-master, Frank LaGuardia – Thank You Mr. LaGuardia! Also, special thanks to our parent volunteers for this event - Jennifer Dukakis, Tracy Kitzman, Jenifer Ludwick and Lauren Pruss for all their hard work and extraordinary efforts in putting together this fantastic evening!!

Programs Co-Chairs
Tracy Kitzman and Jen Ludwick

Volunteers are always needed

The MCN is always looking for volunteers to help with our events. There are a variety of ways to help and some can be done from home!

If you have limited time, please consider volunteering during an event. We always need people to help set-up and take down materials and to help conduct the activities. The more volunteers we have, the better the event will be! Your feedback is always welcome!

To volunteer during an MCN program/ event, please email: MCN Programs programs@matesmcn.net, for additional info on how you can help!

To volunteer at the MATES Marketplace on Tuesdays, please email Teri Denis tpmdenis@verizon.net

Upcoming Events

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| • No School | Nov. 11 |
| • Jog-A-Thon | Nov. 14 |
| • No School | Nov. 22-30 |
| • Restaurant Night | Dec. 3 |
| • Winter Art Gallery | Jan. 29 |
| • Benefit Dinner | Feb. 7 |

Putting the FUN in FUNdraising!



6th Annual JOGATHON

coordinated by Apex Fun Run"

Nov 14, 2014

Grades K-2 8:30am, Grades 3-5 10:30am



During the Jogathon, students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on Nov 14 to help their school. Students will run for 30 minutes and average 26-36 laps, with the maximum amount of laps being 36 (each lap is 1/16th of a mile). Sponsors can pledge \$1, \$2, \$5 or any other amount for each lap students run. All participants will receive an access code that allows you to enter pledges online.

The Jogathon is for every student regardless of financial giving. All students will receive Apex bands, race-day lap counters, and team awards. We invite all parents to come to the Apex Fun Run and share in this great event!

You can help our school be successful in the following four ways:

- Help connect your child to potential sponsors (family/friends) to acquire pledges.
- Ask your child about the "Apex Extreme" character lessons, and download the "Apex Fun Run" App!
- Come to the Apex Fun Run and cheer the students on! *Parents only please*

Volunteers needed! We need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps. If you would like to volunteer for your student's race, please contact elenaboland@gmail.com

Sponsorship opportunities are available at <http://www.matesmcn.net/jogathon/>

MCN ONGOING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES



- **"Free Ways to Fundraise"** Register at these stores and MATES earns \$ whenever you shop: Target, Ralphs, Office Depot, AmazonSmile, ConejoDeals, Bogopod.com.(Signup info at www.matesmcn.net)
- **eSCRIP Online Mall, Vons** Must reregister annually by Nov. 1st
- **Box Tops and Labels For Education**
- **MATES Marketplace** Every Tuesday before and after school to purchase used uniforms, car washes, and other goodies.
- **Direct Donation (at www.MatesMCN.net)** In a continued effort to eliminate small fundraisers, and to provide enriching MCN-sponsored events, we are asking for your family to give a **"personally meaningful donation"**. So what is a "personally meaningful donation"? It is the amount you feel all of the above is worth to your family. No donation is too big or small. All donations will remain confidential. With your help, the **MCN provides over \$17,000 of FREE programs** to students

Art Night



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