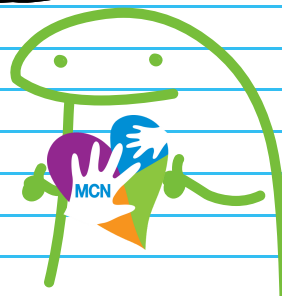


Welcome Back to School!



2026-2027

This booklet
has useful info
for you!



Note from the Presidents

Hello MATES families!

On behalf of the MATES Community Network Executive Board, welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Whether you're a longtime MATES family or just joining us for the first time, consider this your official invitation to come on in — you're already one of us!



This year, our MCN theme is “Come On In, We’re All MCN!” Because every family, every student, every educator is what makes MATES, MATES. We’ve been a part of this community for eight years, six kids between us, so we know a thing or two. This isn’t a community to watch from the sidelines — it’s one to build together, and we need your ideas, your hands, and your energy!

There are so many wonderful MCN events and programs planned this year, with even more opportunities for you to jump in. Spend an hour, take on an event, bring an idea, or just bring yourself. Our door is always open. Literally! Join us for coffee on the final Friday of each month at a local coffee shop to share your wins and tell your ideas to two cool moms.

Finally, don’t forget to check out our Direct Donation information and Sponsorship Packet. Every donation and sponsorship helps keep MATES welcoming and accessible to every family — and makes these programs possible.

Follow us on Instagram @matescommunitynetwork and Facebook for updates and reminders.

We can’t wait for an amazing year together. The door’s open. Come on in!

Warmly,
Veronica Shuler & Lori Allen
Co-Presidents | MATES Community Network

MATES COMMUNITY NETWORK

Our Mission:

The purpose of this organization is to provide the following at MATES, in collaboration with the MATES Administration and Board of Directors.

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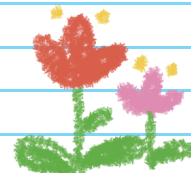
- Encourage a sense of community between students, families and school
- Provide enrichment of students' experience through programs and events
- Raise funds to support the educational mission and goals of MATES
- Promote community service within the school

Programs Funded by MCN:

- Language @ Lunch
- Art @ Lunch
- Women In History
- Earth Day
- Student Assemblies
- Parent Empowerment Nights
- Family Dance

- Movement @ MATES
- Restaurant Nights
- STEAM Night
- MATES Art Gallery
- Yearbook
- MATES Marketplace

- International Night
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Back to School Bash
- Family Movie Night
- Benefit Dinner





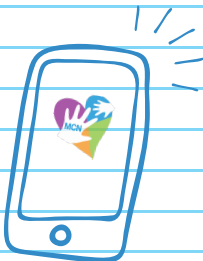
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your
calendar
today!



AUG

23 · Back to School Bash
25 · BooHoo/Yahoo Welcome Coffee

SEPT

3 · Back to School Night
4 · Directors' Dialogue + General Membership Meeting #1
8 · Marketplace starts
10 · Volunteer Orientation
15 · Art at Lunch starts
17 · Welcome Social (adults only)
18 · Language at Lunch starts
24 · Free Dress day

OCT

1 · Concert Series
2 · Directors' Dialogue
4 · Family Photo Days #1
10 · Family Photo Days #2
19 · Fall Book Fair week
23 · Family Movie Night
30 · Halloween Parade + Free Dress day

NOV

6 · Directors' Dialogue
19 · Fun Run
19 · Free Dress day

DEC

4 · Directors' Dialogue
15 · Band Holiday Concert
16 · TK-2nd Chorus Holiday Concert
17 · 3rd -5th Chorus Holiday Concert
18 · Free Dress day





JAN

8 · Directors' Dialogue
14 · Talent Show (TK-1)
20 · Talent Show (2-3)
22 · Talent Show (4-5)
29 · Free Dress day



FEB

5 · Directors' Dialogue +
General Membership Meeting #2
11 · Free Dress day
19 · Family Dance

MAR

5 · Directors' Dialogue
11 · STEAM Night
17 · Free Dress day
24 · Women In History presentation

APR

9 · Directors' Dialogue
15 · MATES Art Gallery
30 · Free Dress day



MAY

3 · Staff Appreciation Week starts
7 · Directors' Dialogue + General Membership Meeting #3
7 · Benefit Dinner & Auction
12 · Volunteer Tea
13 · TK-2nd Chorus Concert
24 · Spring Book Fair week
27 · Open House & General Membership Meeting #4
28 · Free Dress day

JUN

5 · Senior Chorus Musical
6 · Senior Chorus Musical
9 · Senior (& 5th grade) Walk
11 · Culmination + Free Dress day



SCAN ME
TO SUBSCRIBE TO
THE MATES
CALENDAR WITH
ALL THE EVENTS!





TWO WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SUPPORTING EVERY MATES STUDENT THROUGH DIRECT DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

The MATES Community Network (MCN) is dedicated to enriching the educational experience at Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (MATES). Whether you choose to make a Direct Donation or become a Sponsor, your generosity helps fund the programs, events, and opportunities that make MATES such a special place for every student.

WHY DONATE?

Your donation improves the student experience! Donor funds provide library & tech enhancements, music & art programs, fulfillment of teacher wishlists, ongoing campus improvement projects and MATES favorites such as Art@Lunch, STEAM Night, Family Movie Night, Art Gallery, Women in History, and more. Your support helps bridge the gap between funding and the exceptional educational experiences that make MATES unique.

MCN offers both Direct Donations and Sponsorships because our supporters have different ways they like to give. Direct Donations are designed for families, grandparents, alumni, and community members who simply want to support MATES. Sponsorships allow businesses and families to support the school while receiving recognition throughout the year. Both help fund the same incredible programs and experiences for our students.

WHY TWO WAYS TO GIVE?

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN BOTH?

Absolutely! Many families choose to make a Direct Donation to help their child's grade level reach 100% participation while also sponsoring MCN through their family business or employer. Every contribution, large or small, helps strengthen our MATES community.

In addition to Direct Donation, there will also be two other major fundraisers this year:
Fun Run: November 6-19, 2026 | Benefit Dinner & Auction: May 7, 2027

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT



DIRECT DONATION



SPONSORSHIP

Questions? Email Sara and Alex at fundraising@matesmcn.net



DIRECT DONATION

The Direct Donation Drive is an opportunity for every MATES family, friend, and community member to make a meaningful contribution to our school.

Our goal is 100% family participation because every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen the programs that make MATES such a special place. What matters most is that your donation is meaningful to your family.

Double your donation with Employer Matching Funds! Many employer programs match 100% of donations of \$50 or more. Check with your employer to see if they match!

Direct Donation Participation Incentives

To celebrate participation and thank our families:

- 100% Participation Challenge: The grade level with the highest participation wins a Free Dress Day
- \$150+ Donation: Receive a personalized Heart on the MATES fence
- \$250+ Donation: Receive this year's exclusive MCN Water Bottle
- Donate by Friday, September 11 (5:00 PM): Entry to raffle for 2 Front Row Tickets to Family Movie Night
- Donate by Friday, September 18 (5:00 PM): Entry to raffle for 2 Front Row Tickets to the Grade Level Performance of your choice



**DIRECT
DONATION**

SPONSORSHIP

MCN Sponsorships are designed for businesses, organizations, and families who would like to make a larger impact while also receiving recognition throughout the school year.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of giving levels and can be secured now for the entire school year, allowing businesses to choose what best aligns with their goals.

By becoming a sponsor, you not only invest in the education of MATES students, but also increase your visibility within our engaged and supportive school community.

Sponsorships include promotional and recognition opportunities.

Depending on the sponsorship level, benefits may include:

- Business logo displayed on event materials
- Recognition at school events
- Social media recognition
- Website recognition
- Printed logos on promotional materials
- On-campus recognition
- Additional advertising opportunities throughout the year



SPONSORSHIP

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MATES
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NETWORK

DIRECT DONATION DRIVE



\$150 donation receives a
personalized Heart on the
MATES fence!



\$250 donation receives
a Heart AND this exclusive
MATES water bottle!

Scan QR to
make your
donation!



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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELPING HANDS!

HELP WITH MCN EVENTS

- Be a part of the MATES magic
- Fundraise to support events
- Event planning & organizing
- Set-Up or Clean-up helper

BE A ROOM PARENT

- Support the teacher directly
- Volunteer coordination
- Organize celebrations
- Help communicate updates to class families



Scan QR to send your contact info to Lindsey & Caitlin or email them at volunteering@matesmcn.net

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES BY GRADE LEVEL

TK & KINDERGARTEN
& FOURTH GRADE
STEAM NIGHT
March 11, 2027



FIRST GRADE
MATES ART GALLERY
April 15, 2027

SECOND GRADE
FAMILY DANCE
February 19, 2027



THIRD GRADE
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
October 23, 2026

FIFTH GRADE
WOMEN IN HISTORY
February & March 2027



IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN ONE OF THESE EVENTS (EVEN IF IT IS NOT YOUR GRADE LEVEL),
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN IN TO VOLUNTEER!



Questions? Please contact Lindsey & Caitlin
at volunteering@matesmcn.net



MATES MARKETPLACE



2ND TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
1:00-2:00pm
Near the flagpole



MATES logo polo/t-shirt	\$5.00
MATES logo athletic shorts	\$5.00
MATES logo zip-up jacket	\$10.00

NON-LOGO CLOTHING

Plain polo/t-shirt	\$2.00
Pants	\$2.00
Shorts	\$2.00
Skorts	\$2.00
Zip-up jacket/Hoodie	\$5.00
Mayfair plaid skort	\$10.00
Spirit wear t-shirt	FREE



BRING YOUR CREW ON TUESDAYS TO

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ART@LUNCH

THIS BELOVED PROGRAM ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO SPEND TIME DURING LUNCH EXPLORING NEW AND FUN CREATIVE OUTLETS WITH FRIENDS

PLEASE SEE LIST FOR SCHEDULE BY GRADE

GRADES TK, K & 3

- SEPTEMBER 22
- OCTOBER 6
- OCTOBER 27
- NOVEMBER 10
- DECEMBER 1
- DECEMBER 15
- JANUARY 12
- JANUARY 26
- FEBRUARY 9
- FEBRUARY 23
- MARCH 9
- MARCH 23
- APRIL 13
- APRIL 27

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER



GRADES 1,2 & 4,5

- SEPTEMBER 15
- SEPTEMBER 29
- OCTOBER 13
- NOVEMBER 3
- NOVEMBER 17
- DECEMBER 8
- JANUARY 5
- JANUARY 19
- FEBRUARY 2
- FEBRUARY 16
- MARCH 2
- MARCH 16
- APRIL 6
- APRIL 20



SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE



ONLY \$15!

ORDERS DUE 9/4!

THIS SUPER SOFT CREWNECK SHIRT IS
AVAILABLE IN YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES,
WITH SAMPLES AVAILABLE
AT BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

*EXPECT DELIVERY IN LATE SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME
(AND ENCOURAGED!) TO WEAR ON TUESDAYS!

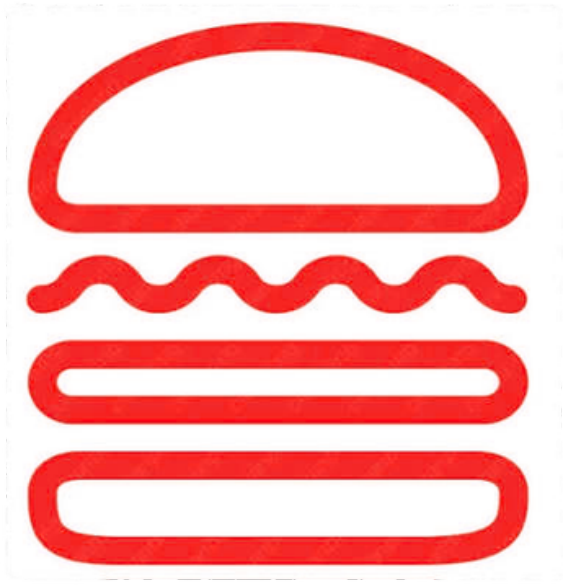
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TODAY!

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL CARA & MALIN AT
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Language at Lunch

Cheeseburger

Cheeseburger

ЧИЗБУРГЕР

チーズバーガー

Ostburgare

Hamburguesa con queso

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**This fun lunchtime program
offers your child the joy of
learning languages and
cultural snippets from all
around the world**

We look forward to
hosting them on Fridays
throughout the
school year

FRIDAYS

SEPT 18

OCT 2

OCT 16

OCT 30

NOV 13

DEC 11

JAN 8

FEB 5

FEB 19

MAR 5

MAR 19

APR 16

APR 30

*Interested in volunteering?
Contact Cara & Malin at
dayprograms@matesmcn.net*





Language at Lunch

Osteburger	チーズバーガー	Cheeseburger	Cheeseburger	Ostburgare	Cáisbhurgar
Burger pho mai	X-burger	Hamburguesa con queso	ЧИЗБУРГЕР	pāpa'i tīhi	치즈버거



SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Only
\$15 each

Orders
due 9/4

Language at Lunch

Cheeseburger	Cheeseburger	ЧИЗБУРГЕР
チーズバーガー	Ostburgare	Hamburguesa con queso

m.a.t.e.s

ORDER
YOURS TODAY

SCAN ME

**Expect delivery in late September*

This super soft crewneck shirt is available in youth and adult sizes,
with samples available at Back to School Bash!

Students are welcome (and encouraged) to wear on Fridays!

Questions? Contact Cara & Malin at DayPrograms@matesMCN.net



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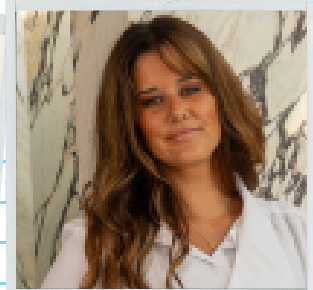
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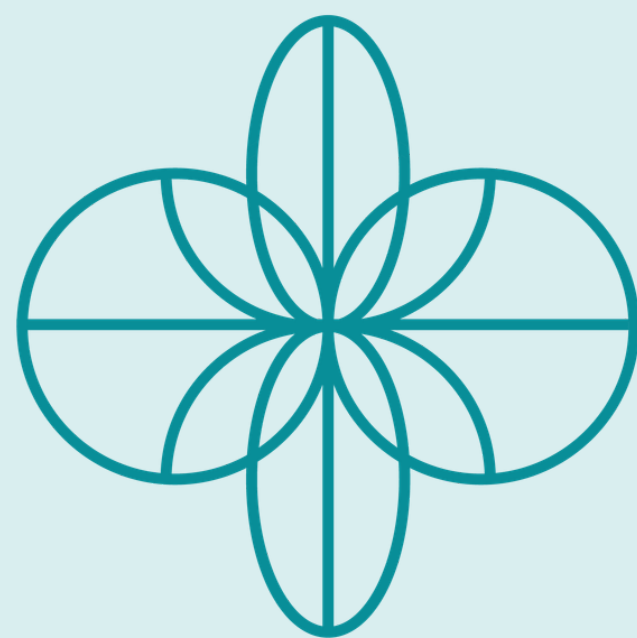
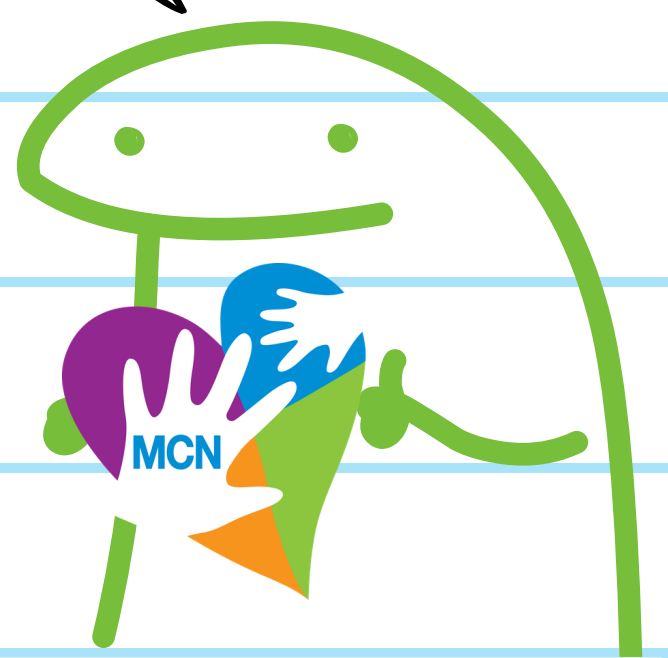
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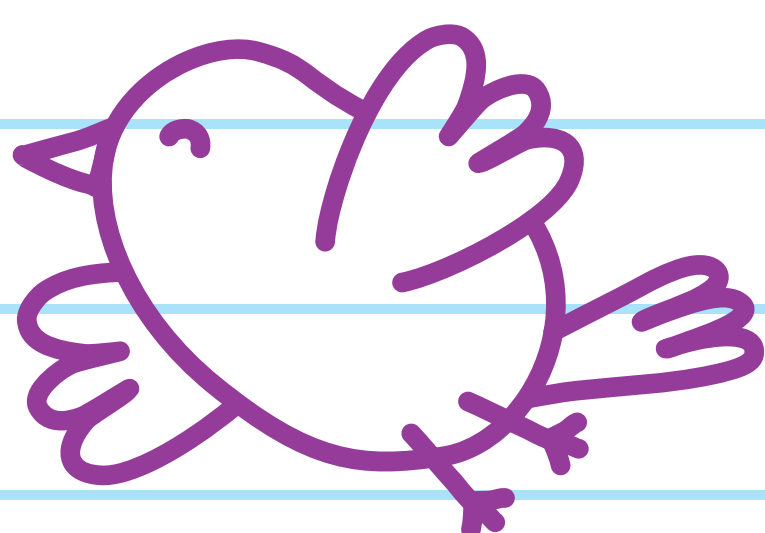
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GETTING AHEAD CAN BE SO MUCH FUN!

MATES YEARBOOK

2026-2027

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK, DON'T WAIT, DON'T DELAY,
OR THE MEMORIES JUST MIGHT SKIP AWAY!
FROM SMILES TO SURPRISES, FROM LAUGHTER TO CHEER,
YOU'LL WANT TO RELIVE THIS WONDERFUL YEAR.

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YOUR STUDENT'S YEARBOOK NOW!



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