



MacFarlane Park PTA

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

by Tristan Schofer, PTA President

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AND THE ACADEMY GOES TO . . . Tristan Schofer for *Best Actress at a General Assembly Meeting!* By now you have all heard my abrupt departure from the last General Assembly meeting was not a sneezing attack nor was it a planned dramatic performance. In the simplest terms, I was dehydrated, hot and tired. If this happened to me, can you imagine what our children feel like on a day-to-day basis out there in this hot Florida heat? Your PTA Board is hard at work to obtain permission for an additional water cooler and we hope to have good news for you soon. We'll keep you posted!!

Having a great year so far? Well, if you thought September was filled with fun and exciting activities, programs and events, October will certainly not disappoint with our upcoming Health and Wellness kick-off, Fall Festival and Spirit Night at EVOS, just to name a few. Our PTA website has all of these events listed in addition to committee meetings, volunteer opportunities and much more. If you haven't visited our website lately, you should check it out!

At this time, I would like to welcome Shannon Brannagan, Co-VP of Programs; Beth Harris, Hospitality

Chair; and LaKisha Kinsey-Sallis, Newsletter, to our PTA Board. They are a welcomed addition and will certainly be looking for volunteers to help them throughout the year. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers and have plenty of upcoming volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to ask any Board member how you can help or contact me directly.

I'm sure all of you are anxious to hear how our annual Academic Olympics (formerly known as the Academic Triathlon) went this year. **Drum roll please . . .** we raised over **\$12,600!!!!** That's an excellent start to our year. On behalf of the Board, students, staff, and faculty, thank you so much for your continued support. We could not have done this without you.

See you all soon and thanks for helping us make MacFarlane Park IB World School such an amazing experience for our children!

Your PTA President



October Events 2011-2012

- Early Release Days – Every Monday, 1:30 p.m.
- Health & Wellness Week, October 10th –14th
- Spirit Night @ Evos, October 11th, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Fall Festival, October 14th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Tickets - \$.50 for 1; adults plate - \$12; kids plate - \$5
- Open Arms Homeless Ministry Service Project, October 15th, 7:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Student Picture Day, October 19th. Students must wear uniforms!

LOOK OUT FOR THE NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

COMING YOUR WAY SOON!



Health & Wellness Week

Health and Wellness Week is **October 10th-14th!** We are very excited about the daily events and need volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday. A flyer will be coming home soon. On Monday morning, we will Jamz with DJ Josh! Then, on “Try it Tuesday,” students will be asked to be a RISK TAKER and try something with a secret ingredient. The ingredient’s identity will be revealed at the end of the day. Our first spirit night will also be held that evening at EVOS in South Tampa.

If you’re still up for more, join us for “Walk it Wednesday” where students will walk around MacFarlane Park for 15-20 minutes. We are currently seeking a corporate sponsor to provide water for students and volunteers.

Passport of Service

Service at its best! The coastal cleanup was a great success thanks to the great turnout and hard at work of our MacFarlane Park family! What a way to make a difference in the community! We collected a lot of trash and recyclables; recorded our findings; and most importantly, had big fun doing it!!! Our goal this year is to heavily promote Service Learning. Below are some suggested community service projects for your child to participate in; however, any community service can be documented in a student’s Passport of Service.

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- **October 15th, 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**
– Open Arms Homeless Ministry.
www.GETREALInvolved.org

November 19th – The Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Project will be hosting a river cleanup. This is a really fun event! Participants will meet at Lowry Park and then travel to sites along the river. After the clean-up, participants will meet back at the park to enjoy some live music, educational booths, and more! We could even enter a recycled art project if anyone is interested.
www.keeptampabaybeautiful.org

No health and wellness week would be complete without “Football Club Thursday.” Representatives from FC Tampa Bay, our playoff professional soccer team, will be coming out to kick the ball around with the students!! Finally, we will end our week with “Throw Back Friday!” Turn off those TVs and video games and get active! Does this sound like fun or what?

We hope to have several events throughout the year to encourage health and wellness, including the Gasparilla Race and many more. Please contact shannon.brannagan@accenture.com with any questions or if you want to help with any activities.

- **November 17th** - Toy Sale. Students are asked to donate gently used toys to the sale a week before the event. We will then host a Toy Sale on the covered court. Students will have the opportunity to vote for the donee charity. Last year MacFarlane Park raised \$500.00 in donations to the Happy Hearts Fund to support the rebuilding of a school in Japan. Students will also have the opportunity to vote on ideas for future service opportunities.
- **November 20th** - GetRealInvolved.org is hosting a Metropolitan Ministries event that MacFarlane Park families are encouraged to support.

Thank you for supporting the Passport of Service Program! Please be sure to complete your community Service log and turn in it monthly. For more information about the Passport of Service Program or to contribute your ideas for other service opportunities, feel to contact Teri Bennati at tripletheadventure@gmail.com.

INTRODUCING . . . BRAG TAGS



Brag Tags are a new way to recognize and celebrate students' participation and accomplishments. We will kick-off the Brag Tags during the Academic Olympics with each participating student receiving their first tag and display chain. As the school year progresses students can earn different tags such as honor roll, commitment, perfect attendance, improvement, mathlete, and science fair recognition.

Come on MacFarlane Explorers! Earn as many as you can!

We're on the Web and With a New LooK!

check us out!

Your MacFarlane Park PTA website has a whole new look. We've kept the spirit but have freshened up the colors this year. Have you visited our PTA website lately? We have been busily making updates for the 2011-2012 school year. We will do our best to keep the content current and provide you with the news, dates and information you want.

On the website you can learn about the Fall Festival or how you can become a PTA member. You can find an order form for uniforms and the new spirit shirt. If you want to find out how to contact us, you will find a

list of all your 2011-2012 PTA Board Members and Committee Chairs. A number of exciting new ideas and programs will be coming this year, so please check back often. Find us on the web at www.macfarlaneparkpta.org.





"Like us" on Facebook

If you would like fast updates on what is new and noteworthy with your PTA, you'll like MacFarlane Park PTA's recently launched official Facebook page. "Like" our official Facebook page and you will receive occasional posts on PTA and school news, updates and important reminders. Our Facebook friends were rewarded with a sneak peak at our new Spirit Shirt design and were the first to know about the newly re-styled website.

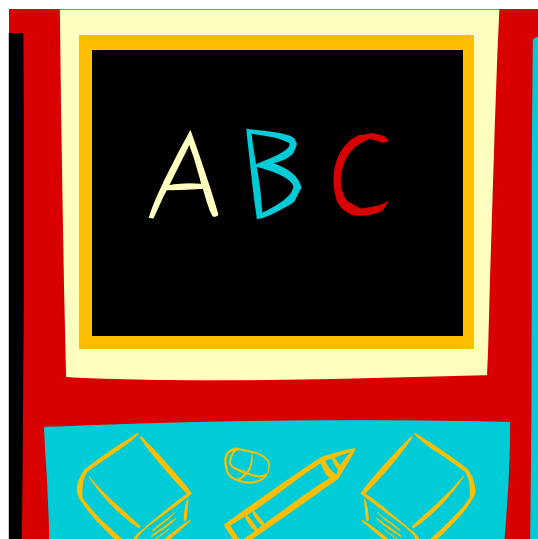
Our page is MacFarlane Park PTA. Please note the capitalization of the 'F' in MacFarlane. You can link directly from our home page on the web at www.macfarlaneparkpta.org. Don't forget to "Like Us" on Facebook" to be sure to get fast access to what's happening with MacFarlane Park PTA. Our MacFarlane families are a fun, close community. To help our Explorer friends connect quickly and easily, we have also added a special and private MacFarlane Explorers Facebook profile. When you want to plan a last minute get together at the park, a museum or skating rink, send a message to our community via MacFarlane Explorer.

Of course Facebook and the web can be great social tools, but we also want to ensure safe networking. To access and participate in the MacFarlane Explorers Facebook network, you will need to send a Friend Request to MacFarlane Explorers. We will accept requests from teachers, parents and legal guardians of our students that are on file with the school office. Grandparents and other family members will be considered for acceptance, upon approval of a parent or legal guardian. Connect with your Explorer friends on Facebook at MacFarlane Explorers.

ABC - After the Bell Clubs

Dear Parents and Students,

It's as easy as **ABC** --- After the **Bell Clubs** at MacFarlane Park. Have fun with your peers! Learn something new! Club registration for Session 2 will be held October 10th through October 14th. Club forms will be sent home and will be available on the website as of October 7th. Clubs are filled on a first come, first serve basis so get those forms in (with payment attached) as soon as possible to claim your space. Some clubs are full (chess and robotics), but wait lists are available. Session 2 runs from October 24th to January 13th (second nine weeks). If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Williams at jnine96@yahoo.com or (727) 459-5449.



UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION:



You won't want to miss our
Fall Festival
Friday, October 14th
5-8 p.m.

Games & Activities, Prizes, Music, Food & Drink
Back by Popular Demand. . .the Teacher & Staff **Dunk Tank**
New this Year. . .**Booger Wars**. . .flinging fun at everyone!
We also have a **Mystery Booth** that your kids won't want to miss.

Some of our fun booths will be:

*Angry Birds, Ned's Head, Go Fish, Hair Painting, Face Painting,
Cake Walk, Good Humor Ice Cream Truck, and much more!*



*Want to Volunteer to help with the fun?
It will be Spook-tacular!*

Go to our Volunteers page for more info, or
send a message to iwanttovolunteer@verizon.net

Spirit Item & Uniform Orders



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To Order Uniform Polos and Spirit Shirts

Mail or bring your order form with payment to the school at 1721 N. MacDill, Tampa, FL 33607, Attn: PTA Uniforms

If you have any questions, please contact **Jerri Carlson, Uniform Coordinator**, at macfarlaneuniforms@verizon.net

Youth Polo (red or green) - \$14
New Youth Spirit Shirt - \$12

Adult Polo (red or green) - \$15
New Adult Spirit Shirt - \$12

Get these great Spirit Items while supplies last:

Visor - \$10
Car Magnet - \$5
Holiday Ornament - \$5
Water Bottle with koozie - \$5

2011-2012 PTA Board Members

President: **Tristan Schofer** mfpptaprez@gmail.com

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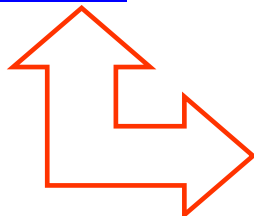
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JOIN THE PTA TODAY!

Support our children, teachers and school by joining the MacFarlane Park PTA!

Membership in the MacFarlane Park PTA is open to anyone who has an interest in the education of children and who is involved in a child's life: parents, grandparents, guardians and other family members, teachers, school staff and administrators, businesses, and community members. Yearly dues are only \$6.00/person.

*final*thoughts

The PTA strongly encourages all parents to get involved to SERVE. There are many ways you can volunteer with the PTA, in the classroom and with various school and PTA programs and events. For more information, please email [Jerri Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator, \[iwanttovolunteer@verizon.net\]\(mailto:iwanttovolunteer@verizon.net\)](mailto:JerriCarlson@verizon.net). SERVE forms are on the PTA website.

Your MacFarlane Park PTA membership dues include membership in National and Florida PTAs. \$3.50 of each membership is remitted to Florida PTA to cover national and state dues.

PTA Membership

Become A Part of Something That Works!



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