

MANATEE MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Manatee Families:

The PTA Executive Committee welcomes all new parents, students, teachers and staff, as well as our returning manatees. It is an honor and privilege for us to serve as your PTA Executive Team.

Our focus this year is on maximizing our students' literacy potential. We aim at breaking learning barriers by increasing the reading confidence of our manatees. The old adage "If you can read, you can learn" will be emphasized throughout the year.

This year, we will have two major fundraisers that will fund our Literacy Campaign.

The first fundraiser will be our Entertainment Book sale. The Entertainment Books are filled with thousands of dollars worth of money-saving coupons—all for the nominal price of \$20.

The sale started September 3 and runs through September 17.

The second fundraiser will be our Read-A-Thon, inspired and organized (again) by Connie LaVoy. Last year, our manatees literally read through thousands of pages while raising thousands of dollars. The students were motivated and determined to showcase their literacy confidence. We are proud of what our students accomplished! How impressive!

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Choe as our Principal and Mrs. Gadson as our new Assistant Principal. They are the leaders in our Literacy Campaign. We have an outstanding group of teachers and staff who support excellence in education. Our PTA is strong because of the generous amount of volunteer hours our parents, teachers, administrative staff, Assistant Principal and Principal give each year.

I would like to encourage your participation and continued support with our programs.

Within the pages of this newsletter is a PTA survey. Please take the time to complete and send it either to the front office or to your child's teacher. Your opinions are valued.

Please be sure to become a PTA member today. You will be a part of the largest non-profit student advocacy group in the nation! Your membership will benefit our children.

Remember, what you do today for the children at Lake Magdalene Elementary could change the world!

Sincerely,



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JOIN PTA!

Membership Facts:

ONLY \$5.00!

No volunteer hours required!

Anyone can become a member!

Corporate memberships too!

\$5.00 buys a membership to:

* The largest student advocacy group in the nation

* A collective & LOUD legislative voice—local, state and national levels

* An opportunity to qualify for awards and scholarships

* An opportunity to vote on key PTA issues and elections

* A chance to improve the lives of our children!



VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST



Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of our school!

Join us for a FREE BREAKFAST and learn about all the wonderful volunteer opportunities at Lake Magdalene Elementary.

Volunteers are needed in many areas:

- Media Center
- Front Office
- School Clinic
- Classrooms
- PTA Events

You can help out for one hour or many hours—whatever works for you!

Join us for more information:

Friday, September 12

8:30-9:30 am

Cafeteria

YOU CAN DO IT READ-A-THON

“THERE ARE LOTS OF PRIZES, INCLUDING TROPHIES AND AUTOGRAPHED BOOKS BY TONY DUNGY!”

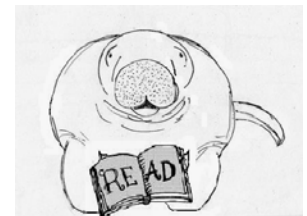
Our second annual Read-A-Thon kicks off on Wednesday, October 8. There are lots of fun prizes, including trophies and autographed books by Tony Dungy!

You can help by encouraging your child to get sponsors and **read, read, read!**

Our goal is for every child to read at least 10 books and raise a minimum of \$25.

Remember, 100% of the money benefits your child’s school, and 50% of the money will benefit your child’s teacher and classroom.

Let’s make reading a priority by letting our children know **“You Can Do It”!**



GIVE THE GIFT OF LITERACY—BE A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you love to read a good book? Would you like to help pass that on to the next generation? By giving just a little time once a week, you can impact a child’s life!

We are currently looking for adult volunteers to read with children once a week. If this is something you would like to know more about, please contact Carrie Winans @ carriewinans@tampabay.rr.com or

269-9989.



Be a Book Buddy!

YOUR PTA FRIDGE CALENDAR



- Sept. 12: Volunteer Training Breakfast
8:30-9:30 am, Cafeteria
- Sept. 17: Entertainment Book Orders Due
- Sept. 18: School Picture Day
- Sept. 18: Conference Night
- Sept. 25: Reflections Art Entries Due
- Sept. 25: PTA Meeting
6:00-7:00 pm, Media Center
- Sept. 29: KICS Club Meeting
2:30-3:30, Cafeteria
- Sept. 29-Oct. 4: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 2: Dads' Club Meeting, 7:00 pm
Beef O'Brady's, Himes Avenue
- Oct. 4: Too Good For Drugs Walk
8:00 am, MOSI
- Oct. 8-24: Read-A-Thon, "You Can Do It!"
- Oct. 16: Barnes & Noble Night, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Oct. 22: PTA Meeting
Date & Time TBA
- Oct. 31: Reading & Treating
Storybook Parade for Kindergarten
and 1st grade students



Cut along dotted line and keep on refrigerator.

REFLECTIONS NATIONAL ART CONTEST

Students, are you ready to express your creativity by participating in the nationally recognized Reflections art program this year?

Do you like to dance or write stories? Have you taken photographs or made movies of your friends?

These are just some of the ways you can show off your talents. The 2008-2009 theme is "WOW!"

First, choose an area of interest from the following categories:

- Film Production
- Dance Choreography
- Musical Composition
- Photography,
- Visual Arts
- Literature

Then, start creating and have FUN!

Your teachers have already given you information packets. Follow the guidelines we've provided in the packet, but please visit the website www.floridapta.org for the complete listing of rules for the interest area of your entry.

All entries are due at the school by noon on Thurs., September 25.



If you have any questions about the PTA Reflections Art program, please contact Dot Barcelo @ 961-6828 or dotmanatee@verizon.net.

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Want to wish someone a happy birthday or congratulate them on a job well done?

Newsletter happy ads and marquee announcement forms are in the front office.

Please fill out the form and attach your check for \$5 for each newsletter happy ad and \$10 for each marquee announcement.

Happy Ads may be up to four lines and may include the name, date, and a short message. All forms are due by the 1st of each month, or they will be placed in the following month's newsletter.

Box Tops for Education

Help us earn money for our school! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and they really add up. *It's fast, it's easy, and it's free!*



Our first Box Tops collection date will be at the end of September, so keep clipping and send in those Box Tops!

**Entertainment
Coupon Book
Orders are due
by Wednesday,
September 17**

THANK YOU, ATHENOS RESTAURANT,
FOR MAKING OUR TEACHERS'
WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON DELICIOUS!

Too Good For Drugs

Lake Magdalene Elementary will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from September 29-October 3. Let's all work together to keep our precious children drug-free!

**Please join us on Saturday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m.
at MOSI for the Too Good For Drugs Walk.**

Students and their families, along with teachers and staff, will be walking proudly behind our school's parade banner. Last year, Lake Magdalene won 1st place in the banner contest!

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