



Letter from the PTA President



Hello MacArthur families,

We have had some glimpses of spring now and I believe we are all getting restless. I can't wait for warmer weather. But in the meantime, please join your MacArthur community at Movie Night this evening for a fun filled evening of The Minions. Each MacArthur student will receive a free bag of popcorn and a water. We will also have popcorn, water, and candy for purchase throughout the evening. This event is from 6-8PM in the MacArthur gym.

Are you looking to get more involved at MacArthur? Do you have some extra time to contribute? Are you curious to know what the PTA does for the students and staff? Have you considered helping out with a committee or putting your name in the hat for a board position? If so, our MacArthur nominating committee would like to fill you in on what positions are available. Please contact Kelly Ridley at kridley488@gmail.com with questions.

Spring Parties are on March 18th. **PARENTS, PLEASE READ THIS!!!!!!** Your child has received a permission slip in back pack mail and in this newsletter that you will need to fill out and send back in by the due date. It is very important that you send it back completed and signed. The party planners will no longer be asking for food donations or providing food for the classroom parties. The PTA will be providing an "All School Snack" for the spring parties but if you do not send back in the signed permission form, your child will not be able to partake in the snack that will be provided. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send it back signed. Thank you.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- March 4- Hot Lunch
- March 4- Movie Night
- March 8- PTA meeting
- March 11- Nacho Day
- March 18- Hot Dog Day
- March 18- Spring Parties

Have a great weekend! ~ *Tara Corwine*

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District 54's Virtual Backpack:
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MAC NEWS



Letter from the Assistant Principal



Specials at MacArthur

Each week, our students look forward to their classes with our wonderful specials teachers. Here are some updates about what they have been working on in Art, Music, P.E., and Library!

Music with Ms. Bamzai

Kindergarten and first grade students they have learned how to read 1/4 notes and will be learning how to read 1/8 notes. The students are doing a great job learning how to read music! Second graders have been learning about time signature. Third and fourth graders are busy preparing for their performances before spring break which will highlight many of the things they have learned in music. Fifth and sixth grade students have wrapped up their ukulele lessons and will be learning to compose four-chord songs. All of the grade levels will be participating in Ms. B's version of March Madness!

Art with Mrs. Martin-Bowman

The students are learning about the connections between literature and art across many of our grade levels! Kindergarten students read a book called *Cerca*, and drew their response to the story they heard. First and second grade students read a book called, *Hoy Volare* and are learning about art through multi-media to connect with their Celebrate Reading and Writing books. Third and fourth grade students are learning to draw anthropomorphic animals modeling off of a Dynamo artist. Fifth and sixth grade students are working to animate themselves in the style of famous cartoonists!

P.E. with Ms. Lenski

Ms. Lenski is working with all the grade levels on a fun volleyball unit! The kindergarten, first and second grade students are learning to set and bump using balloons. Soon they will be learning the positions on the court and will practice hitting beach balls over the net. The intermediate grade students have learned to bump, set, and serve. Soon they will be learning how to rotate through the positions on the court and play scrimmage games.

Library with Mrs. Podlin and Mrs. Murphy

All of the students have just completed their Comic Life projects, which focused on incorporating technology and folklore. In March, the students will be practicing their keyboarding skills!

Additional Announcements

MacArthur's Geography Bee Club

Geography Bee Club ended a successful winter session with the Brain Quest States Game last week. Thanks to the following students for doing a fantastic job and joining us for this great club!

Trent P, Keyon H, Alex L, Sunny T, Jordan W, and Zoey C.



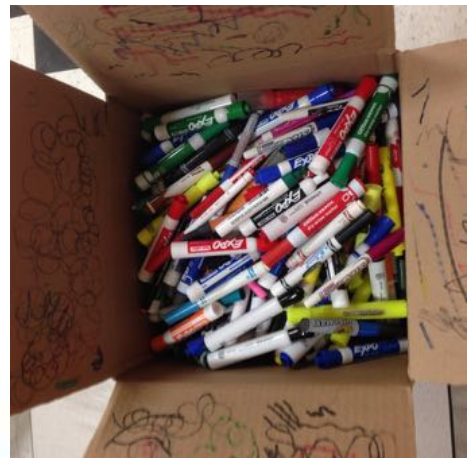
MacArthur's Environmental Club...

collected and boxed up 496 recycled markers!

Room 122 collected the most markers in February and every student will receive a reusable sandwich container!

Thank you MacArthur students and staff for helping us make this such a successful recycling project! You are all making a difference by keeping all these markers out of our landfills and creating a healthier and greener environment! Thank you to our environmental club students for helping us collect and count the markers every month!

~ Mrs. Marcis and Mrs. McGinn



Additional Announcements

District 54 Summer Band and Orchestra 2016

Registration for District 54's Summer Band and Orchestra program has begun! District 54 students who have completed fifth, sixth, or seventh grade and have had lessons on their instrument for at least one school year are eligible to enroll.

Summer Band and Orchestra will take place July 11-28 (Mondays-Thursdays) at Frost Junior High School. Registration forms are available from any instrumental music teacher or at <http://sd54.org/music/instrumental/summerprogram>

If you have questions, please contact the band/orchestra teacher at your school or call 847-357-5138.

~District #54 Instrumental Music Staff

NOMINATE!!

We need YOU! We are currently seeking nominations for MAC PTA officers for 2016-2017! Are you interested? Do you know someone that would be interested? Please see attached flyer for more information.

MacArthur Chess Club

Congratulations to the MacArthur Generals! They beat Armstrong decisively on February 22nd in our first Team vs Team chess match. Amazingly MacArthur lost only one game out of fourteen in each of the two rounds. But, since MacArthur had nine draws with Armstrong, the visiting team was able to accumulate a total of 6.5 points. MacArthur's total was 21.5 -- winning 17 games.

I am extremely proud of all the players from both schools. They each displayed impressive sportsmanship and character.









Thank you! ~ Coach Whitman



MacArthur Calendar

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	7	8 	9 Music Day	10	11 	12/13
Mar 2016	14	15 No School	16  Pizza Day	17	18  Hot Dog Day Spring Parties 1:30 - 2:45	19/20
	21	22	23	24	25	26/27
						
Mar/ April 2016	28 No School	29	30	31	1 	2/3
	4 Science Fair Project Drop-off 2:45-6:00p.m.	5 Science Fair Award Ceremony 6:00-7:00p.m.	6  Pizza Day	7	8 	9/10



Tuesday is Money Day

Please send money in only on Tuesday. Please remember to send all PTA payments SEPERATELY for different committees!! (Hot lunch, hot dogs, nachos, etc.–these are all separate payments in separate envelopes marked appropriately!)



Ice Cream Day

Ice Cream will be sold on Tuesday for \$.75 at both lunches!

THANK YOU!!



Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

This year's 6th Grade Farewell committee is creating a **SLIDESHOW** that will be presented at the 6th Grade Farewell Celebration on Wednesday, May 25th, 2016. We are requesting that all **PHOTOS** be sent electronically. Please send 3-5 school pictures with your child from past grades or school events. We ask that your pictures include a **BABY** photo and a **CURRENT** photo.

All pictures must be sent electronically!!!

To **MISAClassof2016@comcast.net**

Thank you in advance for your support!

6th Grade Farewell Committee
Questions? **mcgrathfamily4@att.net**

****REMINDER!****

ATTENTION PARENTS - PERMISSION NEEDED!

Dear Parents,

February 29, 2016

All classes will be serving the same snack and drink at the upcoming Spring Party Friday, March 18th as listed below:

- * SkinnyPop Popcorn
- * A Candy Airhead (varying flavors)
- * 100% Apple Juice (Member's Mark brand)



Guilt-free snacking never tasted this delicious.

**ALL NATURAL •
CHOLESTEROL FREE •
ZERO TRANS FAT •
PRESERVATIVE FREE •
DAIRY FREE •
PEANUT FREE •
TREE NUT FREE •
GLUTEN FREE •
NON GMO •
A GOOD SOURCE OF FIBER
...AND DELICIOUS!**

Ingredients: All natural popcorn, sunflower oil and salt.

Our facilities and products are completely nut, egg & dairy free.

NUTRITION FACTS	
Serving Size: about 4 cups (28g)	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories: 155 Cal from Fat: 80	
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 10g	16%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 50mg	2%
Total Carb 15g	5%
Sugars 0g	
Dietary Fiber 3g	12%
Protein 2g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 0%	Iron 4%



Nutritional Facts	
Serving Size: 1 bar (16g)	
Servings Per Container: 36	
Calories 60	Fat Cal 5
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 1 g	1%
Sat Fat 0 g	0%
Trans Fat 0 g	
Sodium 10 mg	0%
Total Carbohydrates 14g	5%
Sugars 9g	
Protein 0g	

INGREDIENTS: Sugar, Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin, Dextrose, Modified Food Starch (Corn), Partially Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, Water, Citric Acid, Artificial Flavors, Red 40
Manufactured in a facility that processes wheat flour.

The permission slip due date has been extended to March 8! In order for us to know if your child has permission to partake in the class snack as stated above during the party, please fill out the bottom portion and return to your child's teacher by Tuesday, March 8. Thank you!

_____ Yes, my child is allowed to eat **ALL THE SNACKS** listed above.

_____ No, my child is allowed to eat **NONE OF THE SNACKS** listed above.

Child's Name: _____ Room #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Contact Kate Johnson with questions: katejohnson1111@yahoo.com

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N O M I N A T E !

We are currently seeking nominations for MacArthur PTA Officers for 2016-2017.

Please take a moment to consider the direction you'd like the PTA to take next year and who can make it happen. Is it you? Or maybe a friend or neighbor?

Who are we looking for? PTA members who are committed, knowledgeable, a team player, approachable, and a visionary! YOU can help shape the future of the PTA.

Each term is for one year, however, an individual may serve two consecutive terms in the same position.

- **President:** Leads PTA, resides over monthly PTA meetings, works with other officers and committee chairs to ensure events and programs run smoothly

- **1st Vice President:** assists the president and serves as legislative chairman, overseeing the bylaws; oversees Volunteer Spot coordinating volunteers with committee chairs for PTA events

- **2nd Vice President:** assists the president and serves as chairman of the room reps and class parties

- **Recording Secretary:** records and distributes minutes of all meetings

- **Corresponding Secretary:** handles correspondence to and from the PTA

- **Treasurer:** receives all PTA monies, keeps accurate record of receipt and expenditures



If you have any questions, please contact a member of the PTA Nominating Committee:

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-2017 PTA OFFICERS

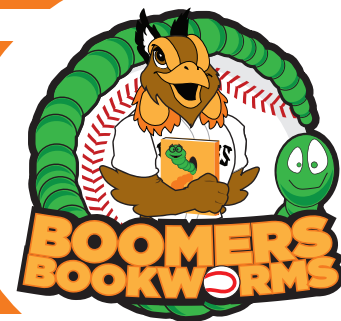
Return this form to the school office or give to any member of the PTA nominating committee by March 7th. On the back, please list why you think this person would be a good candidate.

Name	Position	Email	Phone #
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Name	Position	Email	Phone #
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PARENT LETTER

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR



Only at your
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COMMUNITY BANKS

Dear Parent,

Your child's school has chosen to participate in Boomers Bookworms - a reading incentive program presented by the Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Team and Wintrust Community Banks. Each student who completes the required amount of reading (as determined by his/her teacher) will receive two (2) free tickets to any May or June 2016 Boomers home game, as well as one (1) Boomers Bookworms t-shirt.

Your child's personal reading goal can be found below. If your child reaches their reading achievement goal, please sign the bottom of this sheet and return it to the teacher. In order to receive the prizes, this sheet must be signed and returned by the date indicated. Upon completion of the program, your student will receive a Student Order Form with instructions to redeem their Boomers prizes.

We appreciate your help in making Boomers Bookworms a rewarding and fun experience for the students!

THE RUNDOWN



Start Date: March 1

End Date: April 15

Reading Goal: 400 minutes

I verify that my child has completed the listed reading goal, as set by his/her teacher.

Child's Name

Parent Signature

Date

Save the Date!

**MacArthur's Very
Own Variety Show**

Friday, April 29th

**Eisenhower Jr. High
7 p.m.**

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PTAs
2016 ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

As part of its commitment to life-long learning, the Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs (STC) offers scholarships for summer programs/camps to District 54 students currently in Kindergarten through 7th grade who wish to broaden their education, talents and experiences.

Changes to the Application in 2016

- Current Kindergarteners are now eligible to apply.
- Proof of prepayment is no longer required.

A full and complete application **must** include **all** the following:

- ✓ Completed Identification & Verification Form
- ✓ Student Statement (consisting of one (1), two-part question with a **maximum of 300** words) on the STC application form provided. Statement must fit on the front **only** of the page either typewritten, computer generated or neatly handwritten with text able to be clearly copied.
- ✓ A copy of the summer camp/program brochure with description (**including cost information**). **Do not send entire catalog/website information.**
- ✓ A copy of the **completed** application/registration form (**no exceptions**)
- ✓ A **copy** (not the original) of the parent/guardian PTA/PTSA membership card for the 2015-16 academic year, or written verification of PTA/PTSA membership from local unit membership chair or local unit president. **(Parent/Guardian must be a PTA member at the school attended by the child applying for the scholarship. Must be a PTA member by March 1, 2016).**

Please note that any application not meeting *all* the criteria will be disqualified.
No materials will be returned. Please do not staple/tape/paperclip anything together.

Scholarships will be awarded for the full cost of the summer program/camp up to \$125.

All scholarship checks will be forwarded directly to the summer program/camp.

- *One application per student
- *No household will be awarded more than one (1) scholarship each year
- *No student will be awarded a scholarship for more than two (2) consecutive years.

The summer program or camp must start on or after June 1, 2016 and be completed by September 1, 2016. To comply with the Bylaws of PTA, to be “noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan,” a camp with the purpose of religious instruction will be ineligible for a scholarship.

Submit your application to your school on the date as designated by your PTA/PTSA Elementary Scholarship Coordinator. Place in a sealed envelope, labeled STC Elementary Scholarship Application. All candidates will be notified of committee decisions after May 1, 2016.

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to notify STC describing the benefits of having attended the camp/program for which the scholarship is received.

Please note that this program is not the same, nor is it affiliated with the Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation Memorial Scholarship Grant program.

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PTAS
Elementary Summer Scholarship Application
Identification & Verification Form

All information needs to be **completely filled out & returned with application**. Should we have any questions, we may need to contact you.

Student's Full Name - First/Last: _____

Parent's Name - First/Last: _____

Full Home Mailing Address: _____
Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Contact Phone #: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

What summer camp/program do you plan to attend? _____

What is the **cost** of the summer camp/program (**Base Camp Price Only**) \$ _____

What dates will you attend? _____

Where is the summer camp/program located? _____

In the event that a scholarship is awarded to the above student, please fill out the following information **completely and legibly**. ***Make sure you have the **correct information** of who the check should be payable to and the **correct mailing address** of where the check should go. (Ex: Schaumburg Park District, Harper College, also please note- Boy Scout camp checks should be made out to "Northwest Suburban Council" (NWSC or to the individual Troop ie" Boy Scout Troop 196" this will help speed up the process of payment to the camp and avoid unnecessary delays.*

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Program # and Course Name: _____

Attn To: _____

Examples:	Schaumburg Park District 505 N. Springinsguth Road Schaumburg, IL 60194 Program # 1234/Artist Camp	Harper College Continuing Education 1200 West Algonquin Road Bldg. W-109 Attn: Shirley Shanahan Palatine, IL 60067 Program In Zone -Sports Camp
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Note: Scholarships are paid directly to the summer camp/program so the award will not have to be claimed to the IRS as unearned income. No scholarships will be paid to the recipient or a recipient's parent/guardian. The amount approved by the STC Elementary Scholarship Committee will be paid to the summer camp/program that was submitted on application.

I certify that:
I have attended a District 54 school for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years. *(Current Kindergartens-Exempt). If awarded an STC Elementary Scholarship I will attend the approved summer camp/program for which the scholarship application was submitted.

Student Signature: _____

I certify that:
I am a current PTA member at the school attended by the child applying for the scholarship. *Must be a PTA member by March 1, 2016.*

Parent Signature: _____

Student Statement Form - 2 Part Question

(300 word maximum, must fit on the front of this page), No Exceptions

Summer Program/Camp Name

Question: Why have you chosen this summer program/camp and what will you learn from it?

Final Checklist for Elementary Scholarship Application

Your application must include:

___ **Identification and Verification Form with signatures**

(Please note this must be filled out completely and both the student and parent must sign.)

___ **Student Statement Form consisting of 1, two part question with a maximum of 300 words.**

___ a copy of the summer program/camp brochure description (**including cost information**).

Do not send entire catalog/website information

___ a copy of the **completed** application or registration form (**no exceptions**)

___ a copy (**not the original**) of the parent/ guardian PTA/PTSA membership card for the 2015-16 academic year, or written verification of PTA/PTSA membership from local unit membership chair or local unit president. (**Parent/Guardian must be a PTA member at the school attended by the child applying for the scholarship. Must be a PTA member by March 1, 2016**).

___ **This Final Checklist sheet**

Please note that any application not meeting ALL the criteria above will be disqualified.

It is recommended you make copies for your own records. No materials will be returned.

Submit your application to your school office on the date as designated by your PTA/PTSA Elementary Scholarship Coordinator

- Place all of the items listed above in a **sealed envelope**.
- Label the envelope **STC Elementary Scholarship Application**