

“HOT TOPICS” FROM YOUR MES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JANUARY 2018

- PTA Executive Committee met on Monday January 22 from 8:15 am until 10:00 am; here are the “Hot Topics” addressed during the meeting.
- General PTA meeting, to which all MES PTA members (parents, staff) will take place this **Friday, January 26, from 8:00am-9:15 am** in the MES Auditorium.
- Our MES Community Meeting with Superintendent Meria Carstarphen, which was postponed last week as a result of the inclement weather, has been rescheduled for **January 31 at 6:30 pm** in the MES Auditorium.
- Our Superintendent and Administrative staff have toured and/or have scheduled tours upcoming of several possible locations for the Kindergarten Annex which will serve this Fall’s entering Kindergarten class (anticipated 170 students). Many concerns and issues have been considered and addressed prior to visiting each site- onsite admin, specials support, nurse presence, transportation, play spaces, teacher resources, etc. The Kindergarten Annex is a priority for our school that WILL happen for the entering/rising MES Kindergarten class; in the event that an annex is not found in a timely manner, re-zoning (details TBD) will occur. MES had a K annex in 2010 at the location where SPARK is now located; all parties agreed that it worked remarkably well. Morris Brandon, Sarah Smith, and Jackson Elementary Schools all currently have annexes for younger grades. Principal Sofianos will address the Kindergarten Annex issues and questions from parents during the last fifteen minutes of this Friday’s PTA meeting, as well as at the January 31 community meeting with the Superintendent.
- MES PTA has paid dues on behalf of all members to the Georgia PTA; National PTA dues will be paid in the near future.
- MES Book Fair begins next **Monday January 29** in the Media Center. Set up is this Friday; parent help is needed! Little Shop of Stories will provide our books this year, and payment can be made via cash, check or credit card (via Square reader). Book Fair will take place all week long, with Katie Keefhus and Bronwyn Excell as Co-Chairs.
- Receipts for items for which the buyer anticipates a reimbursement from the PTA should be submitted within two weeks of purchase. The deadline for submissions this school year for later purchases will be April 30.
- MES will host an end of year, school wide carnival-style event in May (likely Saturday May 19) to bid farewell to our 5th grade class. The MES community is invited. This is a one time event, made possible as a result of a credit with Burgess Events that we must use by the end of the school year.
- Harry the Hawk will be at MES on **Friday January 26** at drop off to promote interest in our MES Day at the Hawks game, scheduled for **March 11**. \$5 from each purchase will be donated back to MES! Buy your tickets at the Walker Pad this **Thursday January 25 and Friday January 26** before school, or any time [online](#).
- **February 15** is the deadline for submission of Box Tops to the Box Tops box in the MES entry way.

- The 4th/5th grade Geography Bee has been rescheduled for this **Friday January 26 at 9:30am** in the MES Auditorium.
- The 27th Annual MES Variety Show and 2nd Annual MES Art Exhibit, this year titled the “Wish Upon a Star” Variety Show and Art Exhibit, will take place on **Saturday March 10 at 2:00pm** at the Ferst Center for Performing Arts at Georgia Tech. More than 125 MES students will participate as performers, artists, emcees, and backstage crew. [Buy your tickets online](#) now!
- HOT OF THE PRESSES AFTER MEETING TIME... our Superintendent has released the result of the snow day make up poll. **MES will extend each day until 3:00 from January 29 until March 30.** See the [Superintendent's blog](#) with discussion and explanation of the decision. This decision is final and applies to all MES students.