

“HOT TOPICS” FROM YOUR MES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 2017

- Re-zoning of the MES borders a major topic this month after a letter sent to some families indicating a change to either E. Rivers or Garden Hills Elementary Schools. Final re-zoning decisions made after the School Board met in early December- the final re-zoning information was sent to all families by Mrs. Sofianos via email. Two properties in the Armour Drive/Cheshire Bridge area will be affected for the next school year.
- MES and Superintendent Carstarphen have re-doubled efforts to find a location for a Kindergarten Annex for Fall 2018. A Kindergarten Annex is a certainty for next year’s rising K students; in the event that an Annex location is not located, additional re-zoning will be required in order to accommodate all students (next year’s projected # of students is 964; we are currently at 937 students).
- Mrs. Sofianos is focusing on keeping portable classrooms off the playing field if at all possible.
- Emory has been officially annexed into the City of Atlanta. No word yet on how or if this will affect the MES community.
- Parent University will be presented on January 23, February 6, and February 27 in the Media Center.
- Michelle Olympiadas Constantinides, after winning the District 3 School Board seat, which she will take in early January 2018, will be rolling off the Executive Committee as Parliamentarian, and will be replaced by appointment of the PTA President.
- Current balance of PTA accounts: checking \$122,296; savings \$40,033.
- Net Boosterthon income currently \$92,128.68 with payments still being received.
- 2017 Monster Bash Net income \$12,089- an unprecedented amount!
- \$3,000 is being allotted to the Fifth Grade from the Halloween Haunted House and Student Council pie toss.
- MES Committee budgets are all currently at 50% or below.
- MES and APS to investigate repairing and purchasing new musical instruments; our March 3 Auction money will be allocated to this effort.
- Teachers have enjoyed PTA sponsored teacher luncheons.
- Community use of the MES Field after hours and on weekends has been a problem. Our fence continues to be damaged, and local teens are disrespecting staff, officials and parents by sneaking into the building after hours and refusing to leave. Bottles and cans have also been found on school property on Monday mornings. MES is NOT a public property; it is the property of APS. Please respect our property and ensure that your family and community members do the same. PTA to investigate additional lighting and possibly a security guard to patrol the facility after hours.
- MES Day at the Hawks Game will be March 11 with excellent seating, tickets already for sale on the PTA online site, as well as tickets for the “Super FUNnel on court experience”. A pep rally at MES featuring Harry the Hawks and Hawks cheerleaders is being investigated by our Hawks Committee.

- SWAG's "Winter Workout" will take place on the MES Field on January 18 from 2:30 until 4 pm, with lots of fun activities to celebrate the 100th day of school.
- Our online collection of funds to purchase gifts for MES Specials Teachers and Staff continues to be successful, with 40% of our families contributing. Amy Stewart will take all funds after the contribution period ends on December 16 and purchase Target gift cards for distribution to all non-homeroom teacher staff at MES.
- Discussion of plans for re-zoning in 2023, after MES moves out of Inman and back to renovated school building, needs to start early, as Inman will become a third elementary school, with new zoning lines drawn to determine student bodies of the elementary schools in our cluster.