



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

- Current savings balance \$191K before organizational fees. Post Boosterthon, net balance \$105K.
- Current count of Chromebooks= 390. We have added chrome books and 23 charging stations, to be installed on the top of bookcases in all K (7), 1st (8) and 2nd (7) grade classrooms
- Halloween Carnival 10/28/17. All signs completed and hung (thanks to Deonne El-Deiry). New features this year- dunking booth and pie in the face contest! [Sign Up Genius](#) is live for all volunteers
- Auction 3/3/18. The Fairmont is secured, primary walk through with Auction Team on Oct 30 at 9 AM. In talks with Caterer Dennis Dean (we will likely go with them because they offer a discount for Novare events. Auctioneer secured- Marc Carroll. Save the Date to be out by Nov. 1.
- Hawks Game- We are ready to start selling tickets, ticket sales link will be online ASAP!
- Murphy’s and Morningside Kitchen have sent final payments for SWAG dine out events, \$435 and \$271 respectively. Fall dine out event, planning still in process.
- Upcoming key SWAG dates: 11/1 Smoothies, American Recycling Reading month in November
- Book Fair- Katie Keehfus and Bronwyn Excell will co-chair the event, which will be managed by Little Shop of Stories. New date for Book Fair Week- February 28th – March 2nd.
- Chess team replacement sign procurement still in process.
- Mr. Franklin, APS Director of Transportation attended a meeting on 9/29/17; parents voiced concerns with (1) the lack of bus driver consistency, (2) unsafe bus pick up locations and (3) bus rider registration system. Mr. Franklin has taken issues into consideration, and encourages parents to call the hotline to continue communication.
- 21st Century Education national tour visited Morningside on 10/5/17; great success!
- Grady cluster teachers (all instructional staff) will meet Monday 10/9/17 at Mary Lin for ongoing learning.
- Dress as a book character on 10/31/17. Teachers and students.
- New MES Junior Beta Club, with 63 kids currently participating – led by Ms. Jennifer Moore.