

President's Report
Montgomery Knolls – Pine Crest PTA Board of Directors Meeting
November 16, 2015

Everything we do for the PTA is for our children. The MKPC PTA goals align with the National PTA's mission: Engagement, Advocacy, and Community – all ways to support our children's lives at school and at home.

In the past six weeks the PTA has done a lot! Our first General PTA Meeting had a fantastic turnout with many speakers about PTA engagement and advocacy. It successfully ran its major fundraiser, the Fun Run, which both engaged the entire community in a healthy activity and met the goal of raising \$12,000. There have been wonderful and delicious staff appreciation events at both schools, honoring the people who work so hard to make our schools great. PTA parents gathered on Saturdays at both MKES and PCES to spruce up the grounds for the fall. All of this was possible because of the dedication of our many family volunteers. Community is built when people share meals together, and when people work towards a common goal. Thanks for your hard work, volunteers!

In late October we received the recommendations from Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers on plans to relieve the projected overcrowding in our area of the county. The recommendations include expansions at both Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest and rezoning some students from other areas to our schools. I submitted a letter to the Board of Education last week, expressing our community's approval of being part of the solution, but with caveats: urging the Board to consider carefully the strain that a larger student body will have on core facilities (cafeteria, playground) if they are not also expanded, as well as on traffic and parking in the community.

Our next General PTA meeting is on Wednesday, December 2. The theme is "Enrichment, Acceleration, and Technology." We will have speakers and resources on each topic, including the Audubon Society Representative for our Green Kids Program who will present how our schools have participated in this enrichment program.

A new and fun fundraiser from the PTA African American Achievement committee is coming up just in time for your holiday shopping: On Saturday, December 5 they are hosting a Holiday Bazaar at Eastern Middle School. Come shop the vendors, enjoy door prizes, and get into the holiday spirit with your friends from the MKPC community!

Looking forward to a great year with you all, working to enrich and support our children's lives together.

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