

Mason Prep PTO Mission Statement

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide support for the Mason Prep School, its programs, activities, and events, as well as to further communication between the Headmistress and the parents. We will promote volunteerism through participation of the parents, faculty, and staff for the unified spirit of the school.

This from PTO Co-Presidents Carrie Singh and Lori Collins

Dear Parents,

It is a bittersweet final newsletter article we write for the May edition of the *PTO Page*. On the one hand, we all welcome summer and its carefree schedule. On the other hand, we hate to say goodbye to graduating 8th graders and their families, and we will miss seeing our Mason Prep family on a daily basis. We both would like to take this time to thank our tremendous PTO board that has worked so hard throughout the school year to help make the PTO the best volunteer organization it can be and Mason Prep the best school it can be. We welcome our new board of directors and know they will bring wisdom, energy and fresh ideas to the PTO. (A complete listing of next year's board can be found on the next page of this newsletter and on the new MPS website.)

We'd like to take this time to add a very special thank you to three tremendous women at Mason Prep. Between them, they have served on the PTO board for 26 years! Kathleen Martin (10 years), Kathy Phlegar (9 years), and Mandy Costa (7 years) will be stepping down from the PTO board. They have had a huge influence on the PTO and Mason Prep over the years. They have served tirelessly, always with great grace and generosity of time and spirit, with the best interest of the school at heart. Those of us who have worked with them feel honored to have done so

and even more honored to call them our friends. Next time you see these special women, please let them know how much we appreciate all that they have done for Mason Prep, the PTO, and ultimately, all of our children. Their impact will continue to be felt in the years to come. "Kackle," Kathy, and Mandy, we thank you!

We also ask you to welcome our newly elected and very capable and qualified President and Vice President of the 2009–2010 PTO, Rebecca Kay and Jeannie Lyles. We know they will bring a wealth of wisdom and energy to the leadership of the PTO.

And finally, we offer our thanks to Mrs. Howell and Mr. Kreutner for their leadership during the interim period of selecting a new head of school. They did an outstanding job, and we are all so very fortunate to have had their skill and leadership at the helm. We are glad to know they will be here to help our new Headmaster, Mr. John Horlbeck, learn the ropes. We all look forward to welcoming him to Mason Prep.

With our thanks and our best wishes for a happy and safe summer. We are, as always, still just a phone call or email away if you have any questions or comments.

Lori Collins and Carrie Singh
2008–2009 PTO Co-Presidents
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Log On, Tune In, and Save Some Trees!

Parents, please remember to go to the new Mason Prep website (www.masonprep.org) and log in using the username and password issued to you by the school. Once you log in, you will see a more personalized version of the website including your child's schedule and other important information.

Please be to check your account settings under "My Account" to make sure your contact information is accurate, change your password, and subscribe to email news updates via news feeds.

The new website is the best way to stay tuned in to Mason Prep and a great way to reduce the paper used at school daily. (If you do not have your username and password, you can call the main office or email Mr. Kreutner at kreutner@masonprep.org

Mark Your Calendar for May

- 1 Spring dance for grades 6–8
- 4–8 Teacher appreciation week
- 4 Sports banquet
- 8 Media Center closes
- 20–21 Exams grades 7–8
- 22–26 Exams grades 6–8
- 25 Memorial Day: no school
- 26 Teacher work day: no school
- 27 Early dismissal at 12:20
- 28 Graduation practice
- Last day of school grades 1–7
- Awards Assembly
- 29 Graduation

PTO Family Fun Night

"Meet Us at the Joe"
Third-Annual RiverDogs
Game and Picnic

Sunday, May 24

Picnic at 4:00pm / Game at 5:00pm

Cost: \$18.00 per person (adult & child)
Includes: ticket; hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.;
plus private tent area.

Flyer will be sent home in early May.

Make It A Home Run And Enjoy The Fun

Look for the PTO Page at the beginning of each month in bookbags and online at www.masonprep.org!

Newly Elected 2009–2010 Board

Executive Committee

President	Rebecca Kay
Vice-President	Jeanne Lyles
Secretary	Liane Kerr
Treasurer	Tiffany Dacuba
Assistant Treasurer	Sheri Cooper
Goals/Evaluation Chair	Lori Collins
Goals/Evaluation Co-Chair	Carrie Singh

Fundraising

Wrapping Paper/ Cookbook Chair	Suzanne Brown
Wrapping Paper/ Cookbook Co-Chair	Allison Brownlee
Boxtops, Grocery & Retail Programs, Ink Recycling	Jill Cross

Student Support

Lunch Chair	Rhonda Johnson
Lunch Co-Chairs	Teresa Thompson Michelle Baxley Elizabeth Oliver Heather Harwell
Knights Say No Chair	Tracy Blanchard
Knights Say No Co-Chair	Mickie Bollinger
Homeroom Coordinator	Sue Moseley
PE Uniforms/ School Spirit Items	John McNiece
MPS Used Clothes Chair	Kelly Roark
MPS Used Clothes Co-Chair	Rene Palko
School Supplies Chair	Rosa Barnes
School Supplies Co-Chair	Kay Kiser

Teacher Support

Teacher Lounge	Rhonda McFee
Teacher Appreciation Chair	Heather Walpole
Teacher Appreciation Co-Chair	Laura Gianoukos

Administration/Facility Support

Website Committee Rep	Ariel Trouche
Neighborhood Relations	Nancy Miller
Beautification/Decoration	Tea Madden

Social/Community Building

Hospitality Chair	Paige Stowell
Hospitality Co-Chair	Becky Shippee
Grandparents Day Chair	Renee Berry
Grandparents Day Co-Chair	Bridgette Blankenship
New Families Chair	Diane Lewis
New Families Co-Chair	Elizabeth Cook
Family Fun/ Restaurant Nights Chair	Kathleen Duffy
Restaurant Nights Co-Chair	Christina Oxford

Communication

Student Directory Chair	Amy Goldberg
Student Directory Co-Chair	Linda Stevens
Newsletter	Caroline Maas
Headmaster	John Horlbeck

Spring Box Tops Drive Begins May 4

Show appreciation for your homeroom teacher by bringing in your box tops during Teacher Appreciation Week May 4–8. One upper school and one lower school class can win their teacher a special treat and themselves an ice cream party by bringing in the most tops!

Please check expiration dates on the box tops as expired tops do not count. Campbell's UPCs from soup labels count too!

Summertime Fundraising Notes

- Be sure to continue to collect your box tops and ink cartridges over the summer.
- Continue to use your shopping cards at Harris Teeter, Bi Lo and Publix, to help earn money for the PTO.
- Upromise.com has discontinued its school donation program. If you are a registered Upromise user, you can continue to save money for college but the program no longer contributes funds to schools.

Back by Popular Demand:

Innisbrook School Supplies

Online ordering is open, and you may place your order at www.innisbrook.com April 27–June 30. Notable:

- Our school number 109420.
- If you opt to use the hardcopy form and pay by check, the deadline is May 15.
- Purchase online with a credit card by June 30.
- School supplies will be delivered to school on August 10.
- Orders placed after June 15 will not receive the MPS discount and will be charged a shipping fee; these orders will be shipped directly to your home.

If you have any questions please call, Rosa Barnes at (843) 532-3016.

Your Monthly Money Saving Tip from the PTO

- Summertime is a great time to explore your local libraries to rent videos and DVDs for free! Many Charleston County libraries have books on DVD as well, which are a great way to kill time on one of those long road trips!
- Keep your car tires properly inflated as this will help conserve gasoline and save you money.

MPS-Community Blood Donations

On Tuesday, April 14, the MPS gym was transformed into a Red Cross Blood Drive location where donors helped to save some 153 lives—not bad for a Tuesday! Sarah Crowe and a group of parent volunteers organized a wonderful event for our community.

A total of 55 donors (15 of them first-time) contributed 51 pints of blood. Parents donated magazines, snacks and beverages to keep the donors hydrated and sustained. Mr. Rutherford piped in upbeat music that kept the toes tapping. Special thanks to Sarah Crowe and all her volunteers, the Red Cross, and our 55 donors.

Appreciating MPS Teachers

Teacher Appreciation week is here! We hope all the students will participate by sending in a flower on Monday, May 4, and by writing poems/letters to their favorite teachers telling them why they are so special. In addition to many other surprises during the week, the PTO will be treating the teachers to a catered luncheon on Wednesday, May 6.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kreutner and Mrs. Hair, our April raffle winners. Each won a \$25 gift certificate to Settings on James Island. The teacher appreciation committee would like to thank the 8th-grade moms for hosting the April lunch.

Special Thanks Go Out To:

- Kathy Phlegar for spearheading efforts to rewrite the PTO By Laws.
- The PTO board members for their many, many volunteer hours over the school year.
- Mrs. Crowe and all her volunteers for a very successful MPS Blood Drive.
- The lunch committee for extending lunch service an additional week this year!
- Mr. Rutherford for being so supportive of PTO-related activities throughout the year. He is available whenever we need him, always with a smile on his face and a “can-do” attitude. He helps us in innumerable ways, and is one of our most valuable assets at Mason Prep. Next time you see Eddie Rutherford, please thank him for all his help and support. Many of the things we do at school could not be done without him!