



Happy October! It's a beautiful time of year to be outside, enjoying the changes in the air and our landscape.

Speaking of changes in our landscape, have you seen the new soccer goals and freshly painted playground lines at school? The PTA worked with the Mount Tabor Soccer Club to get the goals donated to our school, and our SUN Coordinator Chelsea Kimura (painstakingly, we're sure) gave a fresh coat to those tired paint lines. The PTA is making outdoor improvement one of our priorities this year and has decided to start the process with the new **Outdoor Improvement Committee**:

- Meetings on the first Monday of each month, starting 11/5 at 6pm at the school
- Join PTA board members and our SUN representative to discuss improvements to the outdoor space, with input from the students and staff, to ultimately benefit all the students.
- Committee will identify priority areas of improvement, research/source equipment, and identify potential funding, all in a fun and joyful setting.
- Email PTA president Isabel Toledo for more info: isabeltoledo92@gmail.com

Our first **Restaurant Partnership** of the year:

Pizzicato's Division Street location is partnering with MTMS on 11/6 (election day!) to help you Vote for Pizza and MTMS! Pizzicato will donate **20%** of all sales from the day to our PTA fund. Take out, eat in, and delivery all count toward our effort. It's going to be a great night to let Pizzicato cook while you watch the returns come in!

Stay tuned for more partnerships with **Por que No**, **Atlas Pizza** and others!

“Courageous Conversations about Race” kicks off:

Please join us for a parent-led Courageous Conversations about Race event on November 8 from 6-8pm at Glencoe Elementary School (library). *Pizza and child care are available starting at 5:30pm.*

Courageous Conversations involves critical self-examination of our racial identity and impacts on individuals, institutions and broader systems. These conversations deepen our understanding of our racial history and hierarchies-the power we hold (or lack) based on the multiple, intersecting social positions we occupy. RSVP by 11/1 to munirahenry@gmail.com, include language services or child care needed and any food restrictions.

Our next **PTA General Meeting** is at 6:30 pm November 13th, featuring Elona Landau, speaking on “How to Talk to Kids about Sex and Sexuality” and including news/updates from the PTA and school administration. We hope to see you there!



Have you become a member of the MTMS PTA yet? If not, please consider joining. Details (including methods to pay) in the PTA section of the MTMS webpage.

- Our chapter needs membership to stay in good standing with the state PTA.
- Funds from membership go to our state and national PTA with a portion staying at MTMS to fund programs and projects.
- Each teacher gets a budget EVERY YEAR to supplement supplies and curriculum. You might have seen read what those funds buy in Mr. Keating's email a few weeks ago.
- Our goal is 144 members this year, and we are currently at 109!
- Becoming a member does not require you to attend meetings, or join the board or committees, but we welcome your presence and your voice if you are able.
- Please consider adding a direct donation to your membership to allow us to keep funding important things. Any direct donation money stays at MTMS!

Please reach out to us by email mtmspta@gmail.com, on facebook, or in person.

Your Mount Tabor PTA

IMPORTANT DATES:

10/25: School Dance, 4-5pm in the Cafeteria

11/5: Outdoor Committee Meeting, 6pm at MTMS

11/6: Pizzicato "Dough for Dollars" Fundraiser, all day at Division Location

11/8: Courageous Conversations about Race, 5:30 dinner and 6:00 conversation start in Glencoe Library

11/13: PTA General Meeting, 6:30 pm at MTMS

11/19: Staff Lunch for Conferences (more details about food donations will be coming)

12/13: MTMS Volunteer Day at the PPS Clothing Center, 9:30-1pm WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please email us at mtmspta@gmail.com if you can help with this essential service. It's an extremely rewarding morning!