

The Manor Oaks PTA Newsletter – October 2020

Homework – We Want Your Ideas

Yes...seriously...get crazy! You should see the stuff we dream up..."*The Manor Oaks Vegetable Garden*" or "*the Manor Oaks Chicken Coop*". #LifeSkillz

On a serious note, we need to be ready with ideas to repurpose PTA funds that will benefit the children this year. If these future budgeted items don't transpire, we don't want to carry an exorbitant amount of funds over to September 2021. Call, text or e-mail. We want to hear from you:

manoroakspta@gmail.com The goal is to get your wish list, price the items, present at future meetings and vote. Playground stencils were voted in at the last PTA meeting and we thank Mrs. Santos for sharing that idea 😊. We can't wait to see the playground reveal.

Custodial Appreciation Day – "We Are Lucky We Have You"

Because they are awesome and very much appreciated, we surprised our custodians with some scratch off tickets on Custodial Appreciation Day October 2. Thank you to the parents who donated the scratch off tickets.



Principal Appreciation Month

In honor of Principal Appreciation Month, we surprised Mrs. Ruthkowski with a homemade wreath for her door.



Manor Oaks Lanyards

Finally, the rest of the lanyards arrived and were distributed to the MO faculty. We love seeing the whole school rockin' Manor Oaks swag.

Game Night Basket (Raffle Donation)

We have about 9-10 baskets from Game Night which was cancelled in March. We had a parent reach out with a wonderful idea to donate the proceeds to the Manor Oaks families that were financially impacted by COVID. We'll take a member vote at the November meeting. All money raised would be used to purchase gift cards that those families can use. Since everything is kept confidential, the PTA would donate the gift cards and the Manor Oaks Administration will get them into the right hands. What's up for grabs? A Chrome Book, Nintendo Switch, Air Pods, Echo Dot, a Crock Pot, gift cards and more.

Spirit Mask Sales (And Donation)

We have sold all of the spirit masks. Thank you for supporting the Manor Oaks PTA. All proceeds from this sale will go towards the purchase of the playground stencils. Additionally, the PTA has donating 12 spirit masks for the Manor Oaks Administration to distribute to those students that were impacted financially by COVID.

PTA Membership

We have 83 members and still counting. You can sign up at any time online:

<https://manoroaks.memberhub.store/>

Wrapping Paper Fundraiser (Scotch Tape Not Included)

Wrapping paper is a pretty big deal around the holiday season. We're kicking off an online holiday wrapping paper fundraiser. The registration process is a little bit annoying on the MissChocolate.com website, but once you're set up you can share the link with friends and family. Best part? Everything is shipped to your doorstep. The brochure is coming home soon (pending BOE approval) and a link via Backpack Express for the remote families. Check out the cute Elf on the Shelf wrapping paper on page 30. All proceeds will go towards the playground stencils as we're just a tad short from the mask fundraiser.



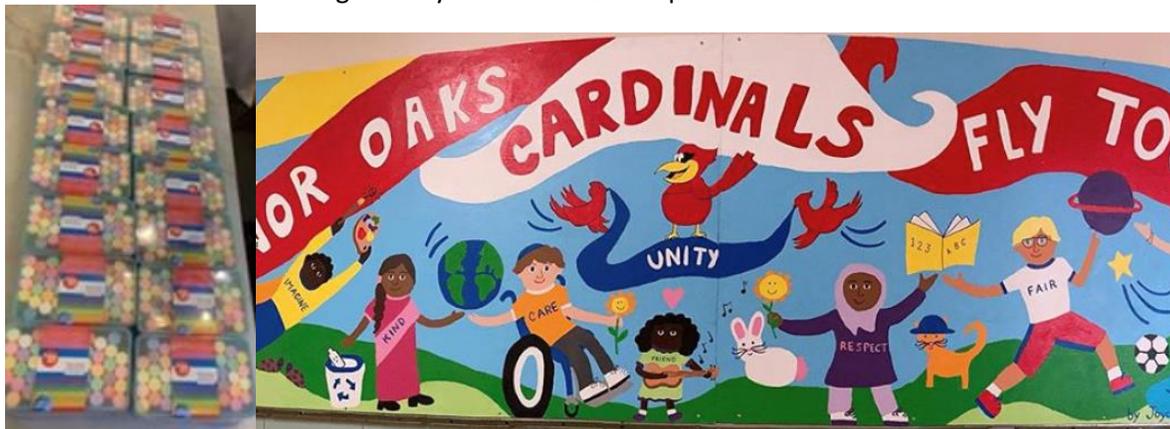
Where Is The Spirit Wear?

We pumped the breaks on Spirit Wear this year. The truth? OK fine...Baxter's (the vendor) dropped us like a hot potato <gulp>. So, we're taking some time to find the right vendor for September 2021. We will be selling some novelty items this January and trying something a bit different. Knee high spirit socks, spirit hair things, and sweats bands are all making a debut. It's going to feel like 1980's in the Manor Oaks hallways. Also, there will be a 6th grade 2021 graduation sock where MOE will be sporting a graduation cap.



Unity Day

The PTA provided the chalk for Unity Day and we loved all the positive messages the students wrote. The Manor Oaks Community stands against bullying. We also love the Unity mural that was created by the children of MO. What a great day to unveil the final product.



Volunteer Opportunities:

To sign up please use the below links.

Online Scholastic Bookfair: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AB23A7F8C07-scholastic>

PARP (January 2021): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA5A723A5FE3-manor2>

Picture Day (Spring 2021): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA5A723A5FE3-manor1>

Amazon Smile – BLT Committee

Don't forget to sign up with the AmazonSmile Foundation. Every time you shop via the web browser (not the Amazon app), Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. FYI, this is no additional cost to you. Here is the link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1300321>

6th Grade Committee Updates

A special thank you to the Birthday Butlers for donating the props for the picture fundraiser on 9/27. It was a fun photoshoot and \$220 was raised for 6th Grade.

Jen Booth & Shamini Peter thank you for hosting the harvest décor fundraiser and pumpkin sale. We love how the mums and corn stalks make this house festive and extra spooky (not the blood...not the blood at all).



6th Grade Upcoming Workshops

The 6th grade committee has additional fun activities for us to participate in and has teamed up with AR Workshop in Port Washington. ***Please note this is not a PTA sponsored event.**

They have some great crafting projects just in time for the holidays. Grab a TO GO kit, join the virtual event, or go to an in-person workshop. Choose whatever option you are comfortable with.

Holiday To-Go Kits: <https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=portwashington&ev=196512>

VIRTUAL EVENT #1: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM:

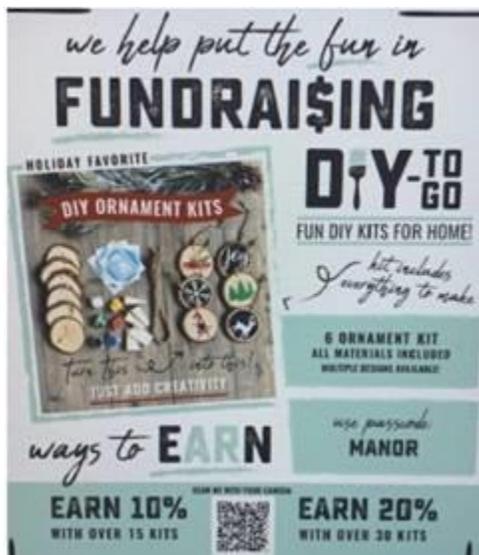
<https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=portwashington&ev=196496>

VIRTUAL EVENT #2: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020 at 2:00 PM:

<https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=portwashington&ev=196499>

Passcode for all virtual events is: **MANOR**

In Person Workshops: Please contact AR Workshop to understand any COVID protocols, etc. as set forth by the establishment. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to them directly.



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Xoxo,
The PTA