

# MEIGS MEMOS

MEIGS ACADEMIC MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL - OCTOBER 25, 2022



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**Did you know?** Just a few minutes of physical activity can immediately improve your middle grader's concentration. Remind her/him to use her distance-learning or study breaks to move around. She/he could write quick ideas on slips of paper ("Dance to a song," "Do 5 jumping jacks") and pick one to do between classes or subjects.

Have a great week! For more information on our school counseling program please visit our web page at <http://www.meigsacademicmagnet.org/school-counseling.html>

# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

"So, what exactly are "soft skills?" They basically include all the ways in which we interact with other people as well as the character traits that enable someone to navigate their world and meet goals in an effective way. Some people simply call it common sense, but it's a little more than that. Also, there is a myth that these are characteristics people are born with and that can't be taught, but that is not true at all. Everything from increasing empathy to improved decision-making can be taught and grown with practice. There are plenty of ways we can nurture these skills in our children from toddlerhood to teenagerdom."

Please visit our **SEL at Meigs** website (<https://selatmeigs.weebly.com/sel-for-parents-2022-2023.html>) for additional information.



## MEIGS FAMILY BOOK DRIVE

### Meigs Family Book Drive: October 17th - November 4th

As some of you may know, one of our students suffered a devastating loss last month. A fire broke out in a neighbor's apartment and their entire building was a loss. The family's two children (12 & 20) both lost extensive book collections. We're hoping with the help of Meigs families we can restart those collections.

How you can help...

- Donate new & used books for all ages

Where to donate...

- Drop off locations will be in the school library & lobby
- Drop off dates are October 17th - November 4th

Donation information...

- Books that the family doesn't need will be donated to Book'em and the Nashville Public Library
- Well-loved books will go to McKays's and store credit will be given to the family
- Book Drive Sponsor: Girl Scout Troop 914
  - Contact information: [nicollem1407@gmail.com](mailto:nicollem1407@gmail.com)

**Amanda Tucker-Dye, Librarian**

## MEIGS TALENT SHOWCASE

The show will be held on **Thursday, November 10 at 7pm in the gymnasium**. You do not want to miss this spectacular event. Look for more information coming soon from our PTO about this evening of fun!

Email Mrs. England or Ms. Poe if you have any questions:

[Harmony.England@mnps.org](mailto:Harmony.England@mnps.org), [Lauren.poe@mnps.org](mailto:Lauren.poe@mnps.org)

# MEIGS INAUGURAL LIT NIGHT WILL BE A MEIGS FIFTH GRADE FAMILY LIT NIGHT



- October 27th from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Featuring Keynote Speaker: Author Scott Reintgen
- Engaging Teacher-led Sessions
- PTO Bake Sale
- Scholastic Book Fair (will run all week)
- Please see the 5th grade Newsletter for the QR code for sessions and the session sign-up survey link.

## WRESTLING (CO-OP WITH EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL)

All 6th , 7th, and 8th grade students that want to try out for wrestling need to sign up outside of Ms. Shaffer's room (218). Those students must have all forms completed and emailed to Ms. Shaffer at [lisa.shaffer@mnps.org](mailto:lisa.shaffer@mnps.org) by **November 6**. You will find the forms here. [Sports/Athletics \(meigsacademichmagnet.org\)](https://meigsacademichmagnet.org/Sports/Athletics).

The first wrestling practice will be November 7th and practice is from 3:15-5:00 PM in the auditorium. Practice will be held each school day.

Here is an informational letter from Coach Wright.

[Wrestling Intro 2022.pdf](#)



## MEIGS/EAST FOOTBALL TEAM

The final Meigs/East football game of the season that was scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th has been forfeited by Donelson Middle School. However, the East Academic Magnet School Homecoming will still be taking place along with a scrimmage game. The team ends the regular season undefeated, and the playoffs start next Thursday.

## BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

- November 1st - all necessary forms must be turned in to Ms. Poe electronically at [lauren.poe@mnps.org](mailto:lauren.poe@mnps.org) in order to try out.
- **All forms are due by November 1st. No exceptions.**
- November 2nd & 3rd (6th-8th grade school tryouts)
- November 4th & 7th (tryouts for boys who are on the football team)
- Forms are available on the Meigs Website under the [Sports and Athletics tab](#).

# 2022-2023 LADY CAVALIERS BASKETBALL

Conditioning | October 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
3:10PM -4:45PM (Pickup by 5:00PM)

Tryouts | November 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3:10PM -4:45PM (Pickup by 5:00PM)

**ALL paperwork is required prior to  
attending conditioning or tryouts!**



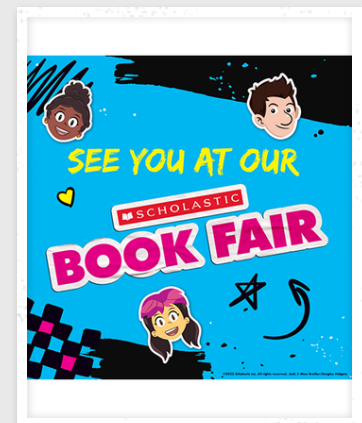
Sign up outside room 219  
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## PTO NEWS

### Literacy Night Bake Sale & Book Fair – THIS WEEK

The Meigs PTO will be hosting a bake sale during the 5th Grade Literacy Night on Thursday, October 27th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. so that families can purchase snacks throughout the event! We are in need of donations for the sale. Donated items can be homemade, or store bought and should be individually packaged with a list of ingredients provided. Please sign up and notate in the comment section what you intend to bring. All donated items should be dropped off no later than October 27th in the front

office. We are also in need of **2 parent volunteers** to help run the Bake Sale during the evening - signups to donate baked goods as well as volunteer to help can be found at - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545afae2ca2f85-bake>



The PTO will also be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair during Literacy Night. This will be a great way to stock up on the books you hear about during the night while supporting the wonderful programs at Meigs!

### Scholastic Book Fair – Volunteers Needed

The PTO will be hosting this year's book fair in the Meigs Library during school hours from **October 31st through November 4th**. To find out more about the book fair, e-wallet (a cash-free payment option), and to view teacher wish lists visit - <https://www.meigspto.com/book-fair.html>

Interested in volunteering? Please sign-up here-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545afae2ca2f85-scholastic>. Happy Reading!

### **City Saver**

Our City Saver Fundraiser has come to an end! Thank you to all who participated this year in selling over 542 books to raise money for our school! It is not too late to purchase the book that was sent home with your student, purchases can be made at -

<https://meigsmart.square.site>

**\*\*\*IF YOUR CHILD STILL HAS A CITY SAVER BOOK THAT WAS SENT HOME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON PURCHASING IT, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL ASAP.\*\*\***

### **Titans Fundraiser**

Enjoy a Titans game and raise money for our school. Discounted tickets for those who use our code, MEIGS, are available for the following games- December 11th v. the Jacksonville Jaguars, and December 24th v. the Houston Texans\*. And best of all, \$10 from each ticket is donated to our PTO!

To purchase tickets, visit - <https://offer.fevo.com/school-ticket-program-b1d6719> Remember to use the code MEIGS and enjoy the game!

\*Unfortunately, the November 13th game v. the Broncos and the November 27th game v. the Bengals are sold out. This does not impact anyone who has already purchased tickets for this game.

### **PTO Meeting**

You are invited to the next PTO meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the library (enter through the cafeteria), or you can listen to the meeting using the zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83417774472?pwd=U0FtZEJQWDBxcC81QTBhc2hLdjVQUOT09>

Meeting ID: 834 1777 4472

Passcode: 372238

### **Meigs Mart**

The online Meigs Mart store is open! Visit <https://meigsmart.square.site> to purchase any Meigs ware. Please make sure you include your child's contact information during check-out. Happy Shopping!

### **More Information**

Need more information about Meigs and its PTO?? Here are some sites to visit -

Website: <https://www.meigsppto.com/>

Facebook "Meigs PTO" Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MeigsPto>

Facebook "Meigs PTO Carpool Connection" Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/238990073536430>

Instagram "MeigsPto" Page: <https://www.instagram.com/meigsppto/>

## FISK JUBILEE SINGERS FIELD TRIP



Meigs is planning a school-wide field trip to TPAC to see the Fisk Jubilee Singers LIVE in concert on **February 8, 2023!** If you have not filled out the permission slip for your student(s) to attend, please click here to do so at your earliest convenience:

<https://forms.office.com/r/d4HdbSscU7>. At the link, there is more information and an email from Dr. Underwood. Please fill out once per student who attends Meigs.

If you need this information in Spanish, click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/gm1cewucmh>

### Important Information:

1. In order to attend the field trip, this form needs to be completed by December 1st, 2022.
2. **The cost of the field trip is FREE. But you must complete this form to attend!**
3. We will leave school at 9:30 am and return no later than 12:30pm. Students should dress for the weather because we will be walking from the bus into TPAC and back to the bus.
4. **Lunch -- We will be eating lunch at school, but we need to know if each student will be packing and bringing a lunch from home or ordering a sack lunch from the cafeteria. Please understand that once we submit the number of lunches to our cafeteria staff, we will not be able to add to it.**

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Social Studies teacher or our GATE teacher, Ms. Clemson. [stephanie.Clemson@mnps.org](mailto:stephanie.Clemson@mnps.org)

Click [here](#) to learn more about the amazing Fisk Jubilee Singers.

## COVID GUIDELINES 2022-2023

If you have additional questions, aside from the information provided here, please contact the school nurse.

**My student tested positive, or I am a staff member who tested positive. Whom should I contact?**

If a student or staff member tests positive, please email school administrators and/or the school nurse. Please include the date that symptoms began and the date of the positive test.

**My student tested positive, how long do they (I) have to stay out of school?**

The current CDC guidance for positive cases requires a 5-day isolation period. The beginning of isolation will start after the start of symptoms or positive test, whichever is earliest.

**Does a student or staff member need a negative test to return to school?** No, MNPS does not require negative tests to return to school after isolation.

# MEIGS MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023 YEARBOOK

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## HOW TO ORDER:

1. ONLINE AT  
YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM  
WITH SCHOOL CODE 1259.
2. CASH PAYMENT TO MISS  
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MADE OUT TO MEIGS.

(NO CHECKS ACCEPTED)

## DEADLINES:

- \$35 UNTIL NOVEMBER 24.
- \$40 UNTIL JANUARY 31.
- \$45 UNTIL APRIL 9.
- \$50 UNTIL MAY 26.
- PERSONALIZATION SALES END APRIL 4.
- PRE-ORDERS END APRIL 9.

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## ORDER YOUR 2023 YEARBOOK

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Check out the cost deadlines now!



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