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THE MAYO TIMES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ADD FIVE FOR SAFETY FIRST.

The safety of your child is the most important concern for the Mayo staff. We routinely practice safety drills at school. In fact, we've already had a fire drill and an Intruder on Campus (IOC) drill this year. However, safety remains a huge concern outside the building. Ensuring safety outside the building is something we simply can't do alone. We must have your cooperation and support to keep all of the children at Mayo safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth S. Gaslin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Traffic on 12th Street remains our biggest concern. Rarely does a day pass that a parent doesn't comment about a driver being impatient or dropping off in an unsafe location. Cars parked on the street and impatient drivers are the biggest safety issues we face, so I will devote this article to addressing those issues once again.

- If you are simply dropping off your student, please drop off in front of the building on the Mayo side of the street, heading northbound. We do not want students crossing Columbia Avenue.
- Please do not drop off on 12th Street. It causes congestion and safety issues, and it is the biggest concern we have.
- If a car is dropping off in front of you, please wait patiently for that car to pull away rather than cutting around them.
- Between the Mayo and Tulsa Baptist Temple parking lots, we have ample parking. If you are walking your child into the school, please park in one of these lots and walk your child inside.
- There is no parking on the church side of 12th Street between 7am and 5pm.
- We are waiting on new signage for the Mayo side of 12th Street, which we hope will help.

Again, safety of Mayo students is the biggest concern for both you, their families, and the Mayo staff. If we all simply add five minutes to our morning to allow for drop off and pick up, I am confident we can avoid accidents and, more importantly, injury to a child. The next time you drive to Mayo, please keep this in mind:

ADD FIVE FOR SAFETY FIRST.

PTA UPDATE

Dear Mayo Families,

Hopefully everyone has settled into the routine of the new year! It is always hard to say goodbye to summer, but with the beginning of a new school year comes so many exciting events and activities to look forward to. I hope you take every opportunity to participate in upcoming events at Mayo, whether it be field studies with your child's instructional area, fall parties with your child's Mayo family, or the first PTA unit meeting. Every minute you dedicate to your child's education not only strengthens your understanding of your child's school experience and the philosophy we have at Mayo, but it demonstrates to your child how important his education is to you. We are very fortunate to be part of a school community where parents are always welcome and encouraged to participate. Take advantage of this wonderful and unique opportunity!

On September 26, the PTA kicks off a new fundraiser – Mixed Bags! We are excited to partner with this company and offer something new and unique to our friends and family, all while raising money for the school! Our fundraisers are crucial to the PTA budget, as they supplement the Mayo Way Fee and allow us to fund all of the programs that support Mayo's curriculum. The goal is for every child to sell AT LEAST 5 bags! A small amount of your time will go a long way in helping us support the teachers, staff and, most of all, our students!

On October 8 at 7pm, the PTA is very excited to welcome Beverly Edwards as guest speaker at our first unit meeting of the year. Dr. Edwards was instrumental in Mayo's development. She is a certified Tribes trainer and

will provide us with background and insight into Mayo's foundation and philosophy. This is an amazing opportunity for the parents of Mayo, as we have never had the chance to hear her presentation! Please make arrangements to join us on October 8 in the auditorium!

Thank you, thank you to Holly Little who has taken over the enormous task of organizing and distributing snacks to our students! This is a very important job, and we are so grateful that she stepped up and took over when Amber Whitlatch became an Einstein teaching assistant. Thank you, Holly and Amber, for your commitment to our students!

And one more thank you to Jesse Lipe who has been volunteering as crossing guard in the afternoons! We all appreciate the time she is devoting to this very important need! Please continue to follow our new drop-off and pick-up procedures. If you are not familiar with the changes this year, please refer to the first page of this newsletter for a list of procedures.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mayo community!

Lisa Wakefield

PTA President, 2013-2014

IN MEMORIAM-KATIE FARR

On July 1, Mayo lost a dear member of our extended family. Katie Farr, mother to Einsteins Anna and Ogden Farr, passed away after a long battle with cancer. In lieu of flowers, her family requested donations be made in her memory to the Tulsa Zoo. The Mayo PTA will be collecting donations in Katie's honor through the end of October. If you would like to contribute to the Mayo PTA donation, you may leave cash or checks (made payable to the Tulsa Zoo) in the marked envelope in the Mayo office.

WE ARE MAYO



LET'S CELEBRATE: FAMILY PARENTS NEED YOUR HELP

Mayo students celebrate several holidays each year in family groups, and your child's family parent needs your help to make these parties a success. Family teachers and parents are not given a budget for these parties. All funds necessary to buy food, decorations and other supplies come from parent support.

Be on the lookout for information on the first family party, coming up on Wednesday, October 30. Your family parent will be requesting that you donate an item or money to help make the party a fun event for your child.

Don't know who your family parent is? Just ask your child's family teacher.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Mayo's big fundraiser starts today! We'll be selling products from Mixed Bag Designs (www.mixedbagdesigns.com) through Friday, Oct. 11. With reusable bags, lunch bags, travel sets, cool storage totes and more, there is something for everyone! Look for more information in today's Home and Back.

Questions? Contact Rhonda Hinrichs at rmhinrichs@sbcglobal.net.



ALL-SCHOOL PTA MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 8

Please join the Mayo PTA on October 8 at 7pm for our first unit meeting of the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to voting on the standing rules and budget, we'll hear from guest speaker Beverly Edwards. Dr. Edwards was instrumental in founding Mayo. She is a trainer and expert in Tribes Learning Communities (TLC), the educational model upon which Mayo is based. She'll be here to offer parents unique insight as to how and why Mayo functions the way it does and why it is beneficial to our children.

In her 34 years as a professional educator, Dr. Edwards has served as a teacher, principal, curriculum specialist, and professional development teacher/trainer/coordinator. Currently, she is an associate professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at The University of Oklahoma.

We hope you'll be able to attend this special evening.

ON THE CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
Einstein Mom's Night
Home of Lisa Wakefield-6:30pm

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY, 2nd
Spirit Store Open
2-3pm

FRIDAY, 4th
Spirit Day
(Any Mayo t-shirt may be worn
with regular uniform bottoms)

Early Release
1:20pm

**MONDAY, 7th-
WEDNESDAY, 16th**
Book Fair

TUESDAY, 8th
PTA Board Meeting
Mayo Library
6:30pm

PTA Unit Meeting
Wilson Auditorium
7pm

THURSDAY, 10th
School Pictures (Uniforms)

TUESDAY, 15th
Student-Led Conferences
3:45-6:45pm

WEDNESDAY, 16th
Student-Led Conferences
2:45-5:45pm

**THURSDAY, 17th-
MONDAY, 21st**
Fall Break (No School)

TUESDAY, 22nd
School Resumes

WEDNESDAY, 30th
Spirit Store Open
2-3pm

Fall Family Party
1:30pm

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, 1st
Spirit Day
(Any Mayo t-shirt may be worn
with regular uniform bottoms)

Early Release
1:20pm

TUESDAY, 12th
PTA Board Meeting
Mayo Library
6:30pm

TUESDAY, 26th
Thanksgiving Luncheon,
Family Pictures and
Community Day

**WEDNESDAY, 27th-
FRIDAY, 29th**
Thanksgiving Break

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 8th
MAYO AUCTION



Tulsa
Children's
Museum

Time to clean out your playroom? Donate your used toys and dolls to Tulsa Children's Museum Discovery Lab. Mayo is collecting used working or nonworking toys and dolls for Tulsa Children's Museum Discovery Lab. Visitors in the Discovery Lab Make Shop will learn about mechanics by taking apart and rebuilding the old toys into new, reimagined creations. Mechanical toys that wind up, have moving parts, light up or make noise are the best. We can also use dolls and action figures.

A collection bin will be in the Mayo cafeteria Monday, Sept. 22 - Tuesday, Oct. 15. Make a donation and join us at Discovery Lab soon!

Tulsa Children's Museum Discovery Lab
560 N. Maybelle Avenue, Tulsa
www.tulsachildrensmuseum.org

CASH FOR TRASH

Do you buy Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Kleenex or Ziploc brands? Did you know that these, and over 300 other products, participate in the Box Tops for Education program? For each box top credited to Mayo, our school earns \$0.10. Ten cents might not sound like much, but it can add up fast.

Mayo also participates in the Labels for Education program offered on many Campbell's products, including not only Campbell's soups, but Pepperidge Farms, V8 and Pace Salsa. These labels can be used to provide sports equipment, classroom supplies and even musical instruments to Mayo students. Also, labels from Sunny D (include the UPC code) can earn classroom sets of books for teachers.

This is an easy way to help Mayo with little time, effort and expense, by just cutting labels from products you already buy.

