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ASSOCIATION OF  
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# *A Guidebook to Maranatha Association of Parents*

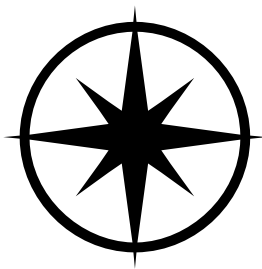


## Who is MAP?

Maranatha Association of Parents (MAP) is an organized group of parents who are committed to supporting our teachers, fostering a strong school community, organizing enjoyable activities for the student body, and collaborating with the school to help it reach new heights. Christ has called us to encourage one another and build each other up. This is one opportunity to do that in many ways.

Within MAP, we strive to be one team with one mission: facilitate community between teachers, families, and students in a Christ-like environment.

Our goal is threefold: to pray for our teachers daily, to respect the leaders that God has placed over our school, and to serve them cheerfully. They pour into our children in countless ways, and this our way of pouring into them!



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## Mission Statement

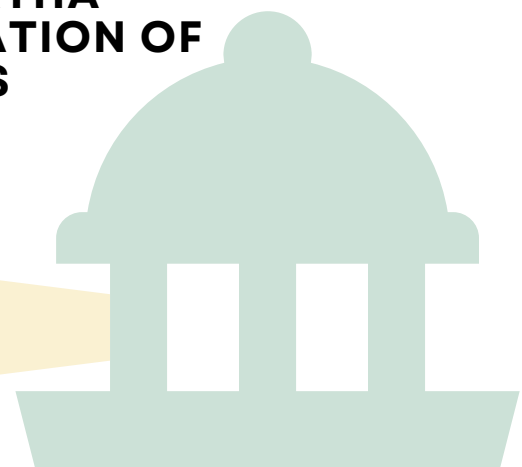
To facilitate fellowship  
between teachers, parents  
& students.

## Goals

Support for Teachers  
Community for Parents  
Fun for Students

## Values

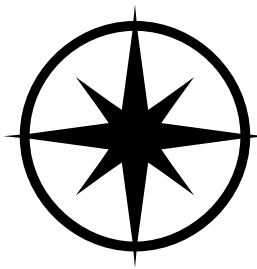
Love  
Servant's Heart  
Positive Attitude  
Respect  
Fun



“Let your  
light shine  
before  
others, that  
they may  
see your  
good deeds  
and glorify  
your Father  
in heaven.”

Matthew  
5:16

# Shine Bright for the Lord!



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## Executive Board

### **President**

Oversees and coordinates the work of the team to run MAP effectively. Serves as the official contact, communicator and representative of MAP. Works well with school leadership team and staff. Must be vetted through Superintendent.

- Term: 4-year commitment: President-Elect (year 1), President (2 years), Past President (1 year)
- Meetings: Attends Executive Board Meetings as scheduled & monthly MAP Meetings
- Time Commitment: 30 hours per month

### **President-Elect**

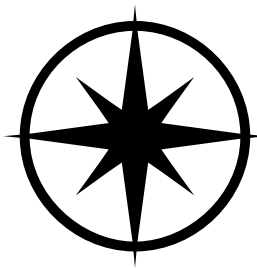
Learns and collaborates with the current President of MAP to facilitate preparations for their upcoming term. Must work well with school leadership team and staff. Must be vetted through Superintendent.

- Term: 1-year commitment as President-Elect, President (2 Years), Past President (1 year)
- Meetings: Attends Executive Board Meetings as scheduled & monthly MAP meetings
- Time commitment: 10-15 hours per month

### **Past President**

Serves as a resource and honorary advisor to both the MAP Board, MAP Executive Board, and the MAP President.

- Term: 1-year commitment
- Meetings: Attend Executive Board Meetings as scheduled and monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment: 5 hours per month



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## Executive Board

### **Secretary**

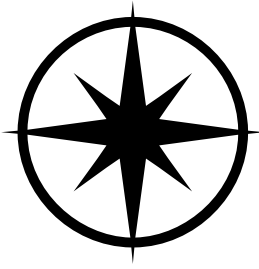
Takes minutes at association meetings. Handles MAP correspondence as directed by the President. Maintains and preserves MAP records and important documents to pass on at the end of the term.

- Term: 2 years
- Meetings:
  - Attends Executive Board Meetings as scheduled & monthly MAP Meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - 2-5 hours per month

### **Treasurer**

Spearheads the development of the MAP yearly budget. Keeps a record of all income received and expenditures by MAP. Provides a written treasurer's report at each meeting. Handles all reimbursements and tax-exempt items. Is point person with school accountant on the behalf of MAP.

- Term: 2 years
- Meetings:
  - Attends Executive Board Meetings as scheduled & monthly MAP Meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - 3 hours per month; 4 hours in July and January for reconciliation



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## MAP Teams

Activities Coordinator

Bless Our Teachers

Communications

Elementary Classroom Coordinator

Locker Hugs

Mom's Night Out

New to the Nest

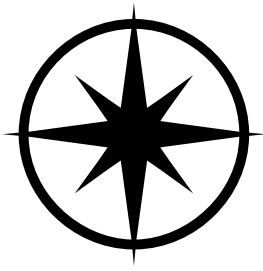
Parents in Prayer

Restaurant Night

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher's P.E.T.

A team to  
encourage  
and  
support  
one another  
and  
create new  
ideas  
together!



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## Meet the MAP Board

### **Activities Coordinator**

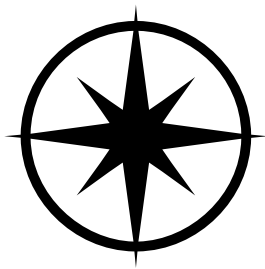
Organizes and assembles a team to coordinate a variety of school functions, such as carnivals and festivals. Responsible for managing event fundraising, if required.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead & Co-Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
  - Co-Lead attends monthly MAP meetings when Lead is not available
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1-2 hours per month
  - Co-Lead: 1-2 hours per month

### **Bless Our Teachers**

Every month, we honor our teachers with breakfast, lunch, snacks, door prizes, or giveaways. We may require volunteers for decorating, set-up, or clean-up. The BOT Team will organize a sign-up and distribute it via Communications.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead & Co-Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
  - Co-Lead attends monthly MAP meetings when Lead is not available
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 15 hours per month (*more if food is homemade; less if catered*)
  - Co-Lead: 5-10 hours per month



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## **Communications**

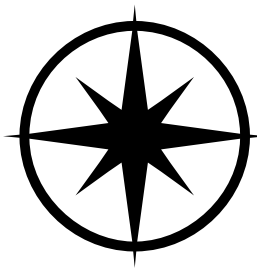
Handles the creation and distribution of all MAP-related media and marketing. This includes emails, The Compass Newsletter, website, social media, etc. Coordinates with the school marketing coordinator.

- Term: 2 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: Minimum 20+ hours per month

## **Elementary Classroom Parent Coordinator**

Coordinates the elementary classroom parents throughout the year with information about the class parties, how to assist the teacher with special events, and the teacher's birthday.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1-2 hours per month; June-August is @ 10+ *hours per month*



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## **Locker Hugs**

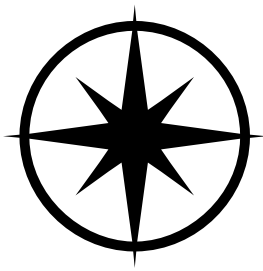
Locker Hugs are provided four times per school year. They are decorated, assembled, and then placed on secondary students' (6-12th grade) lockers. Volunteers may be required for decoration, set-up, and clean-up. The Locker Hug lead will organize a sign-up and distribute it via Communications.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead & Team Members
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
  - Team Members attend Locker Hug assembly meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 4 hours for prep in September, December, February & May
  - Team: 2-3 hours for prep in September, December, February & May

## **Mom's Night Out**

Organized regular events for MCA moms to come together and engage in various activities. These events will provide an opportunity for moms to bond over food, games, crafts, and other activities. To ensure participation, we recommend setting up a sign-up process and a small fee.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 2 hours per month; 15-20 hours per event in December & April



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## **New to the Nest**

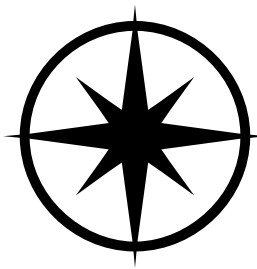
This formal mentoring relationship is just one of many opportunities Maranatha offers to welcome, support and engage our newest families. New family mentors assist in building stronger engagement early in the new family's initiation into the school community by offering insight about the culture, building a faith-filled relationship and high-lighting resources provided by the school.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead & Team Members
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1-2 hours per month
  - Team Members: 1+ hours per connection month

## **Parents in Prayer**

Gather weekly at the school (or off-site) to pray for our school, community, and world.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead & Co-Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
  - Co-Lead attends monthly MAP meetings when Lead is not available
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1 hour per month plus weekly prayer meeting
  - Co-Lead: 1 hour per month plus weekly prayer meeting



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## **Restaurant Nights**

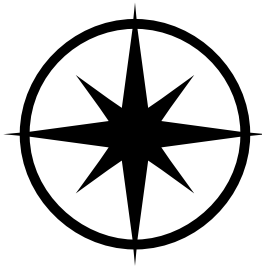
These events occur monthly throughout the year. They provide an opportunity for the school community to come together for a meal, raise funds for MAP events, and enjoy each other's company while supporting local businesses in the area.

- Term: 1 year commitment, not to exceed 2 years
- Team: Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1-2 hours per month

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher Appreciation Week is a national holiday celebrated the first week of May. It honors the educators who inspire and equip our students to grow in their fullest potential. The Lead and Co-Lead put together a team while also opening it up to the school community as they see fit. Ideas range from meals, food/coffee trucks, flowers, words of encouragement, prayer, etc. Ending with a gift for each teacher and staff member.

- Term: 2 year commitment, not to exceed 3 years
- Team: Lead & Co-Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
  - Co-Lead attends monthly MAP meetings when Lead is not available
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1-2 hours per month; April & May @ 30 hours per month
  - Co-Lead: 1-2 hours per month; April & May @ 30 hours per month



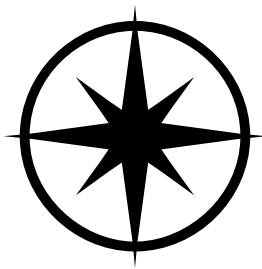
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## **Teacher's P.E.T.**

The P.E.T. acronym stands for Pray. Encourage. Treat. At the beginning of each school year, MCA faculty and staff members are chosen by a Maranatha family who will bless/treat their chosen teacher throughout the year. The Teacher's P.E.T. program kindly requests that the Maranatha family treats their chosen faculty and/or staff member five times a year, but it is not limited to only those five times. These acts of support include celebrating Back-To-School, Birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Notably, the identity of the MCA family is revealed during Teacher Appreciation Week, when it becomes known that they have been quietly supporting their chosen faculty or staff member throughout the year.

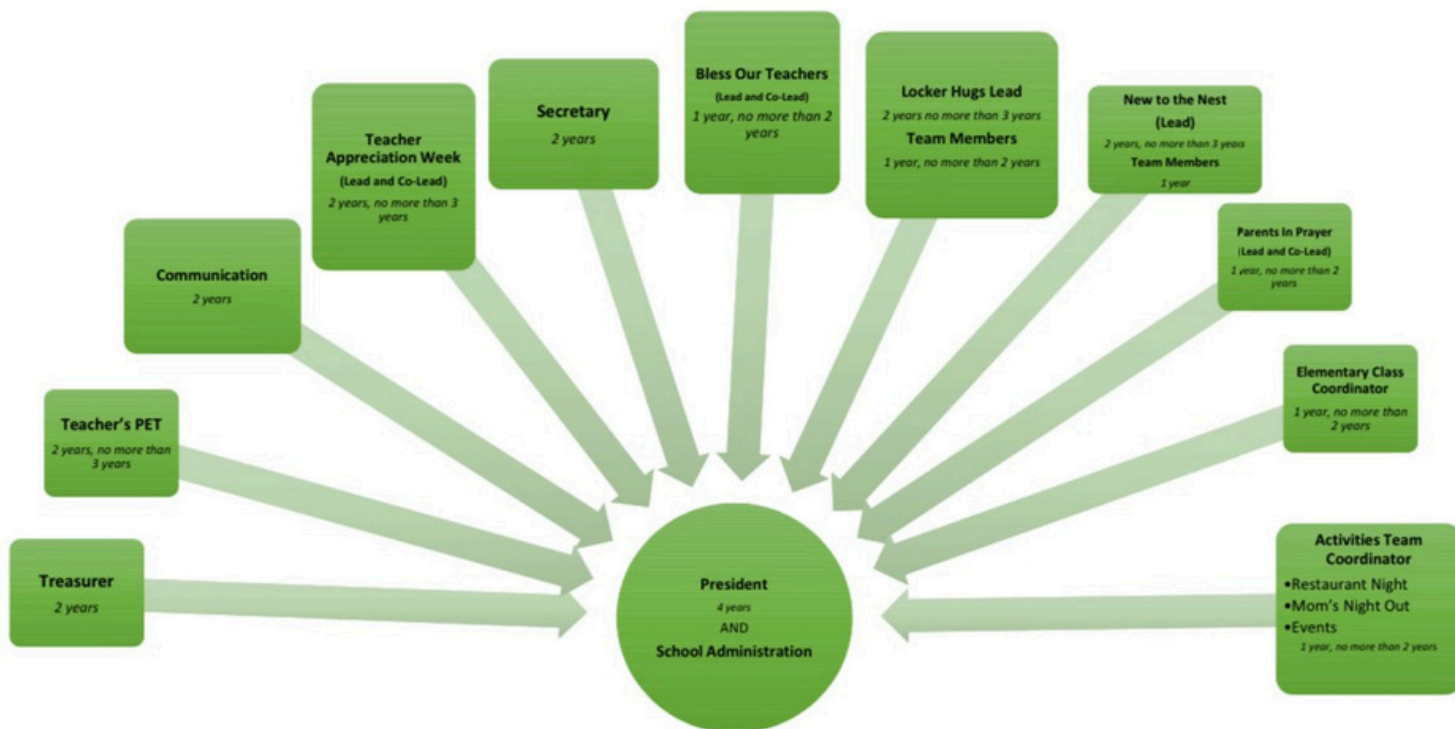
- Term: 2 year commitment, not to exceed 3 years
- Team: Lead
- Meetings:
  - Lead attends monthly MAP meetings
- Time Commitment:
  - Lead: 1 hour per month; August @ 5+ hours for set-up

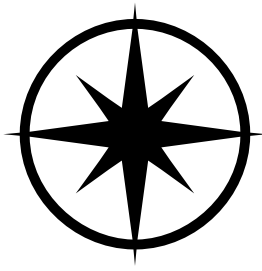


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### MAP ORGANIZATION CHART





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## MAP Meeting Norms

\*Start and end on time

\*Listen first; speak second

*Be open to new ideas*

\*Share ideas with the whole group

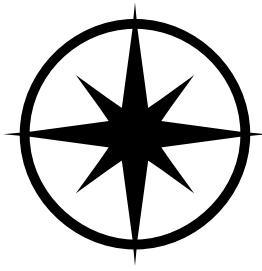
*No side conversations*

\*All participate, no one dominates

*Everyone's voice is heard*

\*Keep a positive tone

*Discuss ideas and issues, not people*



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## MAP Team Exhibits/Examples

Activities Coordinator

Bless our Teachers

Calendar of Events

The COMPASS

Elementary Classroom Parent

Locker Hugs

Mom's Night Out

New to the Nest

Parents in Prayer

Restaurant Night

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Curriculum Resource Grant

Teacher's P.E.T.

# Example Event under Activities Coordinator

A vibrant poster for a 'Glow Skate' event. The background is a dark purple and blue gradient with glowing light streaks. At the top, two roller skates are shown in a dynamic pose. The event title 'GLOW SKATE' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'MARANATHA CHRISTIAN' is in a similar font. The date 'MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST' is also in large white letters. To the left, a hand holds a glowing pink stick. To the right, a hand holds a glowing blue stick. The pricing information is listed in the bottom left, and the time and admission details are in the bottom right.

*SkateCity*  
*Overland Park*

# GLOW SKATE

## MARANATHA CHRISTIAN

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

**\$11 LARGE  
PIZZA  
SPECIAL**

**6PM-8PM**  
**\$7 ADMISSION**  
**\$2 SKATE RENTAL**  
**\$1 GLOWSTICKS!**

10440 Mastin St., Overland Park, KS 66212 (913) 888-6668 [www.skatecitykansas.com](http://www.skatecitykansas.com)

# Example Luncheon invite under Bless our Teachers



Example  
Calendar of  
Events created  
under  
Communications



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024-2025





Bless Our Teachers

August 8  
September 9  
October 7  
November 18  
December 2  
January 13  
February 18  
March 24  
April 14



Restaurant Nights

September 10; Culver's  
October 9; Sombrero's  
November 18; Spin Pizza  
December 12; Papa Murphy's

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Parents in Prayer

Every  
Wednesday  
8:15 a.m.

Family Skate Night

October 21: 6-8 p.m.  
Overland Park Location

January 27: 6-8 p.m.  
Shawnee Location





Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5-May 9

Shine Bright for the Lord!

Mom's Night Out

Thursday, December 5

Thursday, April 3

FEBRUARY · 2025

# THE COMPASS

Official Newsletter of



## This Month's **THIS OR THAT** Bless our Teachers Edition Bless Our Teachers

AUDREY MILLER &  
MADISON WEBB



## Secondary Locker Hugs

JENNY FRIEDERICHS, KASSIE  
CASTANEDA, KAREN NISSEN,  
MELANIE HAYES, MEGAN  
REISCHMANN

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who helped the Locker Hug team assemble the Winter Finals locker hugs in December. It was so much fun!



## Parents In Prayer

CASSIE  
ISAACSON &  
RICHELLE  
TAKESHIMA

Join us this month  
for prayer!



## What's On Now

2/5

Parents In Prayer

8:15 a.m.

Prayer Box Cafe - Shawnee

Remaining Wednesdays in MCA Conference Room

2/7

After the Final Buzzer

Wendy's on Midland

2/18

BOT's "This OR That"

Warms Your Heart!

2/13

Locker Hug Prep and Hang

See Sign-Up Genius Link to Help!

2/24

Restaurant Night

Buffalo Wild Wings - Olathe

11 a.m. - Midnight

## Restaurant Night

BETH COLLINS

Be sure to stop by Wendy's After the Final Buzzer on February 7th after the MCA home basketball games! Restaurant Night is February 24th at Buffalo Wild Wings - see you all there!



## Mom's Night Out

MARISSA RIEDER

Next event - April 3rd! More details to follow in the coming months!

## MCA Activities

RACHEL BAUMLER

It was a wild night at Skate City January 27th! Thank you for joining in on the fun!!



## Teacher's P.E.T.

NATALIE ROBBINS

This month we will be celebrating August and February birthdays so be sure to check your teacher's tidbit sheet for that information. Also, Valentine's Day is one of times during the year that our P.E.T. Families bless their teacher so don't forget to "Pray for, Encourage, & Treat" your teacher on Friday February 14th!

Thank you to all the families who stepped up to support our new staff members! We couldn't do this without your help! If you missed the sign up and are interested in being a P.E.T. Family, please email Natalie at Teacherspet@ma-kc.org for more information.

## What's Trending @ MAP?

Although the temperatures are still icy and it might feel like spring is far away, the exciting truth is that it's just around the corner! With longer, warmer days ahead, trees and grasses will flourish, and flowers will bloom. This vibrant transformation symbolizes new beginnings, renewal, and endless possibilities for the year ahead.

And guess what? MAP is buzzing with excitement too! We have incredible positions opening up on our team just for you! Don't miss out on the chance to join us in this thrilling season of growth and opportunity!

Activities Coordinator

Communications

New to the Nest

Lead, Volunteer Parents K-12th grade

Parents in Prayer

Lead

Secretary

Candidates for the Secretary position must have served one term in MAP

Don't miss out on the attached information sheet that highlights the incredible details of each position!

Cori

# WELCOME

# KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!

Example  
Elementary Room  
Coordinator Flyer

*Join  
us*

AUGUST 12TH  
8:15 AM  
EAGLE NEST

Kiss & Cry

Kiss & Cry

Kiss & Cry

Kiss & Cry

~ENJOY DONUTS AND COFFEE~

# Example Locker Hug Flyer



# Example Mom's Night Out Flyer



# Example New to the Nest Flyer



Maranatha  
Christian Academy



**NEW TO**

**ESTD** **2025**



**THE NEST**

**WELCOME TO MCA!**

**SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE.  
WE LOVE OUR NEW FAMILIES!**

- **HAVE A QUESTION?**
- **CALL ANYTIME!**
- **TEXT JUST BECAUSE...**

**YOUR MENTOR FAMILY CONTACT:**

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Example  
Parents in Prayer Flyer

# parents in prayer

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BRUNCH

AUGUST 14TH AT 8:30AM



HOME OF CASSIE ISAACSON  
SHAWNEE, KS 66226

RSVP BY AUGUST 12TH TO CASSIE  
913.236.8214

# Example Restaurant Night Flyer



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## JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

### Maranatha Christian Academy

**HOW:** Order online at [PapaMurphys.com](https://PapaMurphys.com)  
Enter this **coupon code** at checkout **SCHOOL**

**WHEN:** Thursday December 12th 11AM-7:00PM

**WHERE:** Papa Murphy's Take N Bake 6636 Monticello  
Next to Buffalo Wild Wings  
and by Sport Clips

Papa Murphy's will donate 25% of your online purchases to the fundraising organization using **coupon code SCHOOL** at checkout.

Looking to raise money for your organization? Contact your local Papa Murphy's to get started!

**PAPA MURPHY'S**  
TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA

At listed locations for a limited time. Not valid with other offers.  
Distribution of flyers at Papa Murphy's locations is prohibited.

Flyer  
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# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

## *Summary of the Week*

— FUN, FUN, FUN —

65 \$25 Amazon  
Gift Cards  
gifted to faculty  
& staff

53 gift baskets  
assembled &  
delivered

96 donuts eaten  
& 50 coffees  
delivered

12 large surprise  
gifts awarded

100 sub  
sandwiches  
devoured

Teacher's P.E.T.  
revealed who  
had been  
blessing them  
all year with  
Prayer,  
Encouragement  
& Treats

102 Blue Chip  
cookies donated

61 smoothies  
consumed

75+ volunteers  
served this week  
with their time,  
talent and/or  
treasure!

41 ice cream  
treats gobbled

45+ doors  
decorated

**THANK  
YOU MCA  
FAMILIES!**



# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

*Party Pics!*  
FUN, FUN, FUN



# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

*Notes of Thanks!*

FUN, FUN, FUN

I am grateful for your loving care of us teachers this year! Even though I'm just one person, I hope you know how much you have touched my life with your thoughtfulness and hard work. Thank you for everything this week as well! I would really appreciate your prayers for my brown thumb as I attempt to grow something beautiful for my classroom next year using my basket! 😊

Thank you very much!

With love,  
Andrea Bennett

This week has truly been a blessing!! We appreciate all you do for us! God Bless you all.

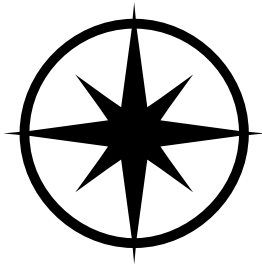
Linda Jennings

You guys have done such an amazing job planning this week 😊 We are all feeling very appreciated ❤️ Thank you for all your hard work.

Audrey McGraw

You all are BEYOND amazing!!! Thank you for the hours of work you have put into this week. I used to think that teacher appreciation week was this time of year, because it was the end of the school year. I now believe it is because they know we need the encouragement now more than ever to persevere and finish well. Thank you for blessing us and helping us stay focused on our mission. You all are the literal BEST!!!

Love,  
Kamden



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## Teacher Curriculum Resource Grant Application 2024- 2025

MAP would like to continue to show our support for our teachers and students by providing funding to underwrite resources that support our MCA subject-area objectives. Teachers may apply for one of two \$500 grants available. All applications must meet the following criteria:

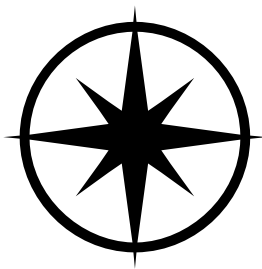
- The resource must support pre-written grade-level (elementary) or subject-area (secondary) objectives as written in Curriculum Trak.
- The resource must be pre-approved by the divisional principal.
- Elementary classroom grants should either be
  - for something that can be shared by all sections of the grade or
  - be within cost for each classroom to be provided with the resource or
  - to enhance a special class or
  - to support student play on the playground
- Secondary grants should support any subject area or activity supported on Curriculum Trak or within the Flight Centre.

All applications will be due no later than

**October 15, 2024**

**Grant Winners Announced week of November 4, 2024**

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe your project, activity, or financial need. Please feel free to attach any supporting documentation if applicable.

2. What learning objectives does this project or activity establish or enhance? How does it benefit students?

3. What will the project costs be? Please list all components including equipment and materials, fees, shipping and handling, transportation, or honorarium. Be as specific and complete as possible. No additional funds will be given after grant approval.

4. What is the TOTAL amount of the grant you are requesting? If funding is limited, will you take a portion of the total? Yes/No



## Teacher's P.E.T. Pray. Encourage. Treat.

Teacher's P.E.T. is a great way to get to know your MCA Faculty & Staff!  
When you sign up to be a Teacher's P.E.T., you will get to secretly\* bless your own faculty or staff member ALL YEAR LONG!

*\*Similar to a Secret Sister or Secret Santa!*

We ask that you treat your teacher at least **5 times per school year**:

- Back -to-School (September)
- Their Birthday
- Christmas (December)
- Valentine's Day (February)
- Big Reveal during Teacher Appreciation Week (May)

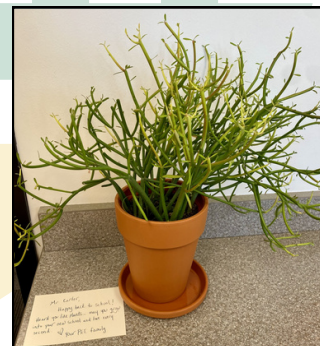
### Helpful Tips!

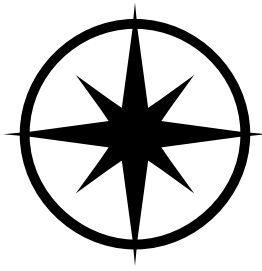
- Teacher's P.E.T. will send you email reminders to your **MCA email**
- You will receive a sheet with all of your teachers likes, prayer requests, birthday, favorite things and other helpful info after you sign up

**Email Natalie Robbins at [robbins8086@ma-kc.org](mailto:robbins8086@ma-kc.org)  
for more information or with any questions!**

Thank You!

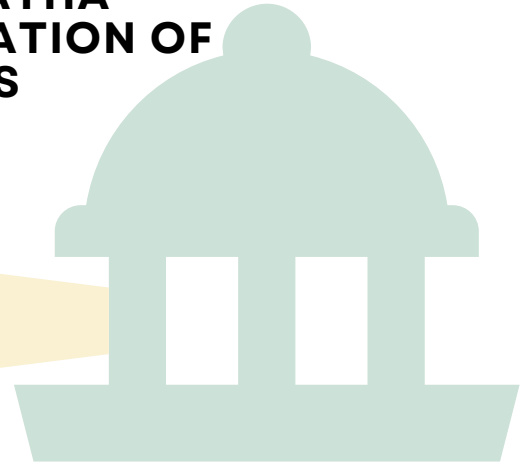
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