

October 2026

Happy October!

### **Malta Avenue Calendar**

Tuesday, October 6th- PTA Meeting; 6:30 PM (virtual)

Tuesday, October 6th- Fire Prevention Day

Thursday, October 8th- Fall Photos

Monday, October 12th- Indigenous Peoples Day- No School

Wednesday, October 21st- Unity Day- Wear Orange

Monday, October 19th - Thursday, October 22nd- Book Fair

Wednesday, October 21st- Book Fair Family Night; 4:30-6:30 PM

Monday, October 26th- Malta Ave Schoolwide Meeting

### **September 2026**

We had a wonderful first month of school!

### **Malta Drive-In Movie Night**

Although the weather wasn't perfect, we had a blast at our Malta Ave Drive-In Movie Night this past Sunday. A huge thank you to our Malta Ave PTA for planning another amazing family movie night at the Malta Drive-In.

### **September Monthly Recognition- Hispanic Heritage Month**

At Malta Ave, we are honoring and recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15th to October 15th. This important month-long event recognizes the contributions, histories, and cultures of Americans who come from 20 countries and territories across the globe. Hispanic Americans make up one of the largest cultural groups in the United States. During the morning announcements we are highlighting some of the important contributions of Hispanic Americans. We also created a beautiful Hispanic Heritage Month bulletin board located near the cafeteria.

### **October Monthly Recognition- National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At Malta Ave we honor bullying prevention month by promoting kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Our unrelenting goal at Malta Ave is to create a school culture in which all students, families, and staff feel welcome and feel a sense of belonging. On Wednesday, October 21st, we will celebrate Unity Day. On this day we encourage students and staff to wear orange. The goal of Unity Day is to bring together students, parents, educators, and community members across the nation to emphasize the message that bullying is not acceptable, and that all students deserve to be safe in school and in the community.

During the month of October we will continue with the tradition of talking about unity at Malta Ave. During library class, students will read books and have discussions related to the topics of kindness, acceptance, inclusion, and unity. Our themed focus will be:

**ONE PERSON → ONE CHOICE → ONE ACTION → ANOTHER PERSON → A  
CHAIN REACTION**

During social and emotional learning (SEL) lesson time, Mrs. Palmer will be introducing the Classmate Contract with 2nd graders and reviewing the Classmate Contract with grades 3-5. The "Stop, Walk, Talk" strategy will be taught/reviewed to all grade levels.

**Character Education Word Of The Month Winners**

Our character education word for September was citizenship. Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by Malta Avenue staff members:

| <b>Student's Name</b> | <b>Teacher's Name</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hazelle C.R.          | Petar                 |
| Lily I.               | Darmofal              |
| Wyatt D.              | Greco/Bolling         |
| Ella F.               | Coons                 |
| Nora H.               | Richards              |
| William R.            | Micheller             |
| Colton S.             | Sheft                 |
| Ronan S.              | Manning               |
| Eloise B.             | Townsend              |
| Robin L.              | Burr                  |
| Audrey C.             | Critser               |
| Mason K.              | Russell               |
| Leah Thomas           | Bryant                |
| Lucas P.              | DeGregorio            |
| Amirah A.             | Tombari               |
| Remi H.               | Schroeder             |
| Julia D.              | Baker                 |
| Levi L.               | Nafus/Barber          |
| Sydney P.             | Johnson               |

**Character Education Word Of The Month**

Our character education word for October is fairness- Play by the rules - take turns and share - be open-minded - listen to others - treat people fairly - fair is not always equal

### **PTA Update**

Our October PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 PM. Please utilize the link to access the meeting:

<https://meet.google.com/pih-gabg-dti>

### **Faces of Malta Ave**

We are thrilled to introduce a few of our staff members who joined our community this school year:

**Name:** Ms. Greco

**Position:** Kindergarten Teacher

**Dream Vacation:** Anywhere with a beach!!

**Favorite Restaurant:** Azuma

**Favorite Morning Beverage:** 7Brew

**On Weekends I like To:** Watch football and relax with my cats

**Favorite Movie:** Mamma Mia

**Book Recommendation:** *Happy Place* by Emily Henry

**Go-To Snack or Dessert:** Sour Patch Kids

**Person I'd Like to Meet:** Taylor Swift

**What I love Most About Malta Ave:** I have the best class!!

**I Became an Educator Because:** My mom is a kindergarten teacher in Ballston Spa as well. She is my biggest inspiration and I have always wanted to follow in her footsteps. I also just love working with kids, it's so rewarding!

**Name:** Mrs. Docherty

**Position:** Art Teacher

**Dream Vacation:** Rural Italy, close to the ocean but full of markets to ride your bike to. I love to look at all the beautiful landscape and old architecture and eat delicious food!

**Favorite Restaurant:** I LOVE Coffee Planet and have visited the new restaurant, The Still and love it there!

**Favorite Morning Beverage:** Coffee :) Specifically, a latte

**On Weekends I like To:** Spend time with my family and be outside as much as possible! We love to go for hikes in the woods with our dog, Ginny.

**Hidden Talent:** I can say the alphabet backwards!

**Favorite Movie:** How to Train Your Dragon

**Book Recommendation:** *The Happiness Project*

**Go-To Snack or Dessert:** Anything with cheese or chocolate, preferably not together!

**Person I'd Like to Meet:** Maya Angelou or Dolly Parton

**What I love Most About Malta Ave:** The strong sense of community and celebrating differences!

**I Became an Educator Because:** I love working with children and find their innocence and curiosity to be inspiring.

**Name:** Mrs. Myers

**Position:** Attendance Clerk/Greeter

**Dream Vacation:** Italy

**Favorite Restaurant:** Augie's

**Favorite Morning Beverage:** Coffee

**On Weekends I like To:** Spend time with my family and watch my kids play sports

**Favorite Movie:** Remember the Titans

**Book Recommendation:** Tuesday's with Morrie

**Go-To Snack or Dessert:** Dorito's

**Person I'd Like to Meet:** Reba

**What I love Most About Malta Ave:** Everyone is nice and welcoming.

**I Became an Educator Because:** I like helping kids and families.

**Name:** Ms. Coppola

**Position:** Teaching Assistant

**Dream Vacation:** Disneyland Paris or Disneyland Tokyo

**Favorite Restaurant:** Canali's

**Favorite Morning Beverage:** Americano

**On Weekends I like To:** Be with my family as much as possible!

**Hidden Talent:** I have been a Firefighter & EMT for 15 years

**Favorite Movie:** My Cousin Vinny

**Book Recommendation:** *Lord of the Rings Trilogy* (& *The Hobbit*)

**Go-To Snack or Dessert:** Crumbl Cookies

**Person I'd Like to Meet:** Ian McKellen

**What I love Most About Malta Ave:** I love how wonderful the staff and students are!

**I Became an Educator Because:** I wanted to help students feel supported, seen and safe