October 18, 2023 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Michelle Laird at 7:00pm.

- **President's Report:** As of 10/18/23 we have 201 parents/guardians members, 3 students and 65 teachers/staff. Thank you for your support and we look forward to a great year!
 - Open positions for PTAHC Delegate, DE&I committee members and Fundraising Chair.
 - Thank you to all those who supported the 6th Grade Trivia Night sponsored by SGA on October 19. Sweatshirts will be available and concessions.
 - -Penny Wars was a huge success and raised almost \$2,000 and supported building a strong student community.
 - -Need concession volunteers for the upcoming fall play Alice in Wonderland November 3 & 4 performances Friday November 3 and Saturday Nov 4 7pm.
 - Tickets available at https://hcpss.booktix.com/dept/MVMS/e/Alice
 - -The MVMS PTA is now caught up with all taxes and State forms.
 - -PTA donated \$100 to Howard County Drug Free http://www.hcdrugfree.org/
 - -Consider donating candy from Nov 1-7 is plastic bags in bins located in the school lobby.

CANDY FOR THE COURAGEOUS



Donate your extra wrapped Halloween candy to our military troops worldwide!

Please bring any extra wrapped Halloween candy to school in a ziplock bag between **Nov 1-7**. We will give it to the USO to distribute to our troops before they travel overseas. Feel free to also write letters or cards to show your support.











- Treasurer's Report: (Silvia) Review of 23-24 MVMS Budget and fundraising efforts.
- Principal's Report (Ms. Moore)
 - -Penny Wars event was very successful and worked well at the beginning of the year to build community. It helped to bring the 6th grade together as they worked together to strategize.



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- -<u>Upcoming Parents Event</u> Healthy Habits Seminar offered on October 26th at 7pm in the MVMS Media Center.
- -Reflections submissions due this year on December 1st. Theme this year *I am hopeful because*....
- -Review of the annual School Improvement plan. Slides available on the PTA website.
- -6th graders had a new event this year for outdoor education. They went to Terrapin Adventures. It was planned through the central office. The students completed the low level course due to risk management concerns. Students and staff have the opportunity to provide feedback through a survey.
- -876 students largest middle school in Howard County
- -New this year PTA meeting signs in the drop off area to announce the meeting nights each month.
- Teacher's Report- Mrs Remmel
 - Teachers and Staff thought Penny Wars was alot of fun.
 - Thursday October 26 First Falcon Day
 - Outdoor Classroom Update: Design in-progress with 8th graders working on the site survey as part of their Capstone Projects.
- **Restaurant Night** Sara Kallay
 - November 7- Blowfish Poke Bowl on Marriottsville Road
- Staff Appreciation- Tracy Ball-Ostopowicz
 - Next event November 14- Support Staff
- Science Olympiad- Stephen Vance and Ami Gadhia
 - 45 students this year on the team with several high school students helping.
- GT Committee Update- Katherine Sheppard
 - Planning a staff thank you luncheon for April. ½ of the MVMS students participate in programs.
 - This year the GT Night event will be a presentation style event. In recent years it has been an open house.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Thank you for your support!

