



# NEWS

Malcolm X Elementary School  
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## Family Heritage Night

Mark your calendars for the MX PTA's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual FREE Family Heritage Night!

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

6-8pm in the MX Elementary Cafeteria/Auditorium

Join us for a potluck, dance performance and dance lessons featuring Bharatanaytam and Hula Dancing!

This year, we will be welcoming two guest artists.

**Māhealani Uchiyama** is an award-winning dancer, musician, composer, choreographer, recording artist, author and teacher. She's an advocate for cultural understanding, and founder/artistic director of the Māhea Uchiyama Center for International Dance in Berkeley, California.

**Deepa Preeti Natarajan** grew up in Ohio in a Tamilian family where she was trained in many dance forms throughout her education including ballet, modern, West African and many more. Deepa teaches at Bala Dance Center and has spearheaded a program for young dancers that highlights the rich stories told in Bharatanaytam.

Feel free to wear festive clothing highlighting your culture!

Families are encouraged to bring food for the potluck from their native regions or countries! (Please label any allergens.)

For more information: [communications@mxpta.org](mailto:communications@mxpta.org)

## Magic Marker Recycling

Please bring in your old, worn out, dried-up magic markers and toss them in the cardboard box on the floor outside the school office.

Crayola pays for shipping to them and they take care of recycling but the markers can be any brand.

According to Crayola they recycle the markers "using the most advanced conversion technologies available to generate electricity and make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles."

Please do not include pens, pencils, or crayons. But do feel free to deposit Mr. Sketch, highlighters, Sharpies, or any brand of magic marker.

This can be a fun and educational project for kids: test each and every marker in the house and instead of sending the dried up ones to the landfill, take them to school to be recycled.

We've already diverted one box from the landfill this school year!

Questions: Contact Maria / [mmclaughlin@igc.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@igc.org)

## Buy Books to Benefit Our School!

Mrs. Dalloway's will reimburse Malcolm X for 17% of total purchases made by the school community from November 9-11.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on holiday gift items: children's books; cookbooks; adult fiction and nonfiction; gardening books; merchandise; art; gift certificates for teachers, family, and friends.

Online sales are welcome! Can't make it to the shop? Support your school by visiting [www.mrsdalloways.com](http://www.mrsdalloways.com). Please make sure to keep your receipts and/or printed online sales confirmation and turn them in to the attention of Nicole Fitzhugh in the school office no later than Friday, November 15.

## Rolling Dropoff Tips and Tricks

Some DOs and DON'Ts to make our morning experience smooth, swift, and SAFE:

- **DO be patient!**: Please enter the line at the rear—please no cutting in further up the line!—and wait until you've pulled all the way up, near the front, to let your student[s] exit your car.
- **DO stay in line**: Please don't pull away between the cones. It's dangerous: there may be cyclists, busses, or other cars coming through.
- **DON'T make U-turns**: They're illegal (not to mention unsafe) on both Ellis and King.
- **DO aim for Ellis Street**: The King Street side is a secondary dropoff lane that is only staffed when we have plenty of adults. Ellis is always available, so please try to drop off there when it's feasible.
- **DO keep it snappy**: If you need to have an extended conversation, unbuckle your student[s], or provide other support at the dropoff, please consider parking and walking them in.

Together we can keep dropoffs working well for everyone!

UPCOMING...	
Monday, November 4	<b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Elementary Conference Day
Tuesday, November 5 Wednesday, November 6 Thursday, November 7 Friday, November 8	<b>ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE WEEK:</b> Minimum Days TK/K dismissed 12:30 1 – 5 dismissed 1:10
Monday, November 11	<b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Veterans Day Holiday
Tuesday, November 19 6pm – 8pm	<b>Family Heritage Night</b>