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# NEWS

Malcolm X Arts & Academics Magnet School

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## Post-Auction Sales!

We hope those of you who made it to the Havana Nights event on February 25<sup>th</sup> had a great time. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who made it happen, to all of the people who contributed with donations, bidding, and otherwise, and to the school community for coming out in force and having a good party. Special thanks to Jamelia Goffe-Thomas for being the Auction Queen, to JustIntertainment (Justin James) for DJ and photo booth services, and to the members of the clean-up crew!

For those of you who were not able to make it, or who may have missed out on bidding on something, you need not despair! You are getting another chance.

There are some spots left in some of the Parties and Playdates donated by members of the Malcolm X community. These are great opportunities, and you do not want to miss these!

Here is a link to a Google Doc describing these in more detail: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hQcYuG\\_tdHyzl9qztPp22v4hFV16NtxkiuUiiWABlas](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hQcYuG_tdHyzl9qztPp22v4hFV16NtxkiuUiiWABlas)

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## Spirit Week

Since the end of the school year can get a little crazy at Malcolm X, we decided to move Spirit Week to the week before Spring Break. Everyone, including the 5th graders, can participate this year. Below are the themes for each day of the week. Thursday's theme is in honor of our third-graders who will be creating their Living History Museum that day. Please check with your child's classroom teacher for what to wear or bring on Friday.

Have fun! And remember that participation in this activity or any part of it is completely voluntary.

- MONDAY, March 27th: Pajama Day
- TUESDAY, March 28th: Crazy Hair Day
- WEDNESDAY, March 29th: Mismatch Day (or Mixmatch??)
- THURSDAY, March 30th: Famous person or a favorite character from a book or movie
- FRIDAY, March 31st: Classroom choice (check with your child's teacher)

## Important Reminders for MX Families

- Dogs are not allowed on campus at anytime! Please do not bring your dogs onto campus when dropping off or picking up students.
- Riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, and hoverboards are not allowed on campus.
- Please do not double-park during drop-off and pick-up. Use the Rolling Drop-Off Zones, or park nearby and walk your child into school.
- Our Lost and Found is getting full! Please check the Lost and Found for items your child may have lost!

## The MX Library Needs Your Help!

Now that the library is open and students are checking out books, Ms. Gordon is looking for volunteers to help on a regular basis with shelving. If you are interested, please email Ms. Gordon at [jennifergordon@berkeley.net](mailto:jennifergordon@berkeley.net).

## Join the Malcolm X PTA Board

The PTA is seeking Board Members for next year. We invite you to join the Board and make a difference in the education and quality of life for all children at Malcolm X.

Our school needs your participation to be the amazing place it is. Think you don't have enough time to be on the PTA Board? As long as you can commit to attending one meeting a month – usually on the first Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm – you have enough time for several of the positions! And, of course, we also have many positions for those who have the time and interest to take on bigger roles. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to serve our school. If you want to help make important decisions about how we fund important programs such as drama, dance, music, and gardening then this is for you! Research shows that kids do better in school when their parents are involved! We also welcome grandparents and other family members.

If you are open to considering the board, but have questions or concerns, please reach out to Bhima Sheridan at [bhima.sheridan@mxpta.org](mailto:bhima.sheridan@mxpta.org) to discuss further. There are no "incumbents" so all positions are voted on every year. Please seriously consider stepping up to help this amazing school move forward. For a list of board positions, go to: [malcolmxelementary.org/pta/about](http://malcolmxelementary.org/pta/about)

## “The Mask You Live In” Screening

Please join Malcolm X and Washington PTAs on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Washington Elementary for a screening of "The Mask You Live In," a documentary film about how we raise boys in America. This film looks at the damaging effects of our culture's narrow definition of masculinity. Pressured by the media, their peer group, and even the adults in their lives, the boys and men in the film confront messages encouraging them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify and degrade women, and resolve conflicts through violence. These gender stereotypes interconnect with race, class, and circumstance, creating a maze of identity issues boys and young men must navigate to become "real" men. After the screening, a 30-minute discussion will be led by the film's producer, Washington parent Jessica Anthony, and Ashanti Branch, founder of the Ever Forward Club and a subject in the film.

RSVP to the Evite: <http://evite.me/ya8rRKPZFC>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 3-7

Spring recess – school closed

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