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Dear MV Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of the Mystic Valley Parent Teacher Organization, I want to thank you for the amazing start to the 2019-2020 school year. Although we live in different cities and towns, we have come together in extraordinary ways over the last year.

From our popular Half-Day programs to the first-ever Back to School Carnival to the launch of the Speaker Series, the PTO is working to reach everyone in our school community.

That is why we take this moment to make an appeal for your donation to the MVRCS PTO. Why should you give? A gift to the PTO is a smart investment in our children and in our community. Where does your donation go? Excellent question! It goes to...



- ✓ A **brand new PTO website** that will keep you informed about all our activities and events, community news, and ways you can get involved. Check it out at www.MVRCSPTO.org!
- ✓ Expanded **half-day programs** that bring Shakespeare in Motion and Curious Creatures and the Brain Matters science lab to more students.
- ✓ **New Family Meet-ups** in the summer to welcome incoming families from any grade.
- ✓ Support of **MV High School activities** like the Halloween Dance.
- ✓ Quarterly **appreciation gifts** for all staff, not just our wonderful teachers.
- ✓ New **weekend and after school events** like the Back to School Carnival and the test-pilot Chess After School! program.
- ✓ Parent social events like the **Speaker Series**.
- ✓ The popular **Swag & Swap** tables and the newly launched **Textbook Swap**.

Don't forget the Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Senior Scholarships, or the annual events like *Around the World*. And, get ready for the upcoming Fall Festival, the ZooLights meet-up, and the new "parents prom" called the *Dance Across the Decades* later in this winter!

Volunteers power our PTO, so join with us and help lead a committee, sign up for an event, or just attend monthly meetings and share updates. And, if you feel inspired by the PTO's successes over the last year, **consider a donation in any amount to keep this amazing community energy going. You can even donate by VENMO this year!**

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Thank you for your generous support of the MVRCS PTO!

#WeAreMV,

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