October 30, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEISD COLLEGE NIGHT – This Wednesday evening, November 1st, NEISD will present the annual College Night. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Blossom Athletic Center. There will be over 100 colleges, universities, military academies and others who will be present to answer questions and provide admissions information and materials. This is a great opportunity for seniors who are still trying to make a post-high school decision. It is also a great opportunity for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to get information to start making decisions. Parents, you need to bring your kids so that you can explore together. You will also have the opportunity to receive free immunizations. You must bring a copy of your shot records. Please take advantage of this great college fair. The time you spend will be an investment in your child’s future. Go Brahmas!

MACTOBERFEST AND BRAHMA MARCH! – Mactoberfest, Brahma March and our Night Pep Rally are only 9 days away. Make plans to join us as we celebrate our annual game against Lee High School, the oldest schools in NEISD and the oldest rivalry. Mactoberfest is a fun event with food trucks, booths, games, bounce houses, and dunk tank! Brahma March is our annual parade from MAC, through the Regency neighborhood and back to the MAC campus for a great night pep rally. We will hold the events on Wednesday, November 8th, with Mactoberfest staring at 4:30 pm, Brahma March at 6 pm and the Pep Rally staring at 7 pm in the MAC Courtyard. You do not want to miss this great MAC family and community event! Make plans now to come out and be part of the fun. Go Brahmas!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! – The MacArthur Cluster will be hosting a PTA collaborative event at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, in partnership with our feeder middle schools: Garner, Driscoll, and Bradley. We will have PTA spirit tables from all four schools and a special presentation, “What Every Parent Needs to Know About Cyberbullying and David's Law” with special guest speaker Maurine Molak, David’s mother. You do not want to miss this event, so put it on your calendar now! Go Brahma Cluster!

MAC FOOTBALL – Our Brahmas had a bye week, but they will be back in action this Friday at Comalander Stadium. With only two games left in district play, The Brahmas are on fire as they prepare to take on the Churchill Chargers. You do not want to miss this great game.
Congratulations to Tyler Vitt, Ethan Gottschalk and Jonathan Thompson. SA Sports selected all three of these young for the SA Sports All-Star Game. SA Sports will be at this Friday to present their game Jerseys at the Friday pep rally. In addition, KABB will be on hand to capture the moment, and KABB’s Shaun Steven’s will do his weather live from the school from 7 to 9 am live from the campus and pep rally! So come on out and let’s fill the courtyard. Go Brahma Football!

**FOOTBALL TICKETS** - MacArthur will be selling general admission and student tickets for the Varsity Football game vs. Churchill at Comalander Stadium. The tickets will be available for purchase at MAC on Thursday and Friday November 2nd and 3rd from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The cost is $7.00 for general admission and $3.00 for students (Cash only). All tickets are $8 if you purchase them at the gate. We look forward to seeing everyone at the game. Go Brahmas!

**MAC VOLLEYBALL** – On Tuesday, our Lady Brahmans closed out district play against the Lee Lady Volunteers. The Brahmans came out strong and won the first game 25 to 20. However, Lee was ready to play, and came back to win the second game 26 to 24. That is when the Lady Brahmans took control and won the last two games 25 to 18 and 25 to 18, to take the match 3 to 1. It was a great win for our Brahmans, but it marked the end of the season. We want to thank and congratulate out players and coaches for all the great effort this year. Special thanks to Head Coach Megan Liverett on completing her first season as a Brahma. Way to go coach! We look forward to next year and another great season of Lady Brahma Volleyball. Go Brahma Volleyball!

**MAC CHOIR** – This past weekend, I had the honor of accompanying PFC to the SOJAM competition in Raleigh North Carolina. This is the biggest and best a cappella competition in the southern United States. I will tell you that these are some of the most wonderful and hard-working kids that give their very best, and it was an absolute joy to be with them. While they did not make the finals, they represented MAC very well, and gave a great performance. Congratulations to the members of PFC and special Congratulations and thanks to Director Matt Woodward for all your hard work and dedication to our kids. Go Brahma PFC!

**MAC ORCHESTRA** – On Monday October 23rd, MAC Orchestra students participated in TMEA Region 12 Strings Auditions. Congratulations to the following students who were selected for TMEA Region 12 Symphony:

**Violin**  
Enrique Avendano  
Andrea Garoutte  
Emily Seddighzadeh

**Viola**  
Sydney Crane  
Dylan Garibaldi

**Cello**  
Jackie Bustos

**Bass**  
Calvin Carroll

Marissa Flores  
Ian Gerlach  
Dylan Garibaldi  
Calvin Carroll

Marissa Ramirez  
Westin Fenton
MAC SPIRIT –
MAC Dance Spirit Night – On Thursday, November 16\textsuperscript{th}, MAC Dance Teams will be holding a Spirit Night fundraiser at the Chipotle at 190 West Bitters Road. The event will be from 4:30pm to 9:00pm. Just bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone, or just tell the cashier that you are there supporting MAC Dance, and 50\% of the proceeds will go to the MAC Dance teams. So come on out, have a great meal and help support our MAC dance teams. For complete details, please see the attached flyer. Go Brahma Dance!

Pep Squad –
It is never too late to join Pep. There is no try out and no experience is necessary. Pep Squad is a great opportunity for students looking for a place to get involved. It is open to students at all grade levels. For complete information, please see the attached information. Go Brahma Pep Squad!

MAC ASL - Our Brahma ASL Honor Society is offering Free Sign Language Classes at the Brook Hollow Library, 530 Heimer Rd. All ages are welcome, and you may attend any and or all classes. Classes will be held on Sundays from 3 to 4 pm. The classes will run from October 1\textsuperscript{st} through November 19\textsuperscript{th}. Attendance has been great, with as many as 68 attending the sign language class, including eight MacArthur student teachers. For more information, please see the attached flyer. Go Brahma ASL!

FROM OUR MAC LIBRARY –
Library closures this week: Due to an event in the library, we will be closed 6\textsuperscript{th}-8\textsuperscript{th} period on Tuesday October 31\textsuperscript{st}.
Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Come to the library during the month of October to contribute to our pink chain of hope. Students can add positive messages or honor those who have been affected by breast cancer.
Parent OverDrive Accounts: Students already have their own OverDrive accounts, but if you would like to have your own parent account to access ebooks and audio books in OverDrive, please complete this Online OverDrive Parent Registration Form. Please allow 2-3 days for the account to be built. Find help links and reading recommendations in our OverDrive Libguide
Keep Kolter Cougars Reading Book Drive Update: Kolter Elementary School in Houston, TX sustained significant damage during Hurricane Harvey. MacArthur Library has been holding a book drive to help rebuild Kolter Elementary’s lost library collection and help support teacher classroom libraries. We are proud to say that we have collected 3,000 books so far and we made our first delivery to Kolter’s relocation campus on October 9\textsuperscript{th}. The Kolter community is so grateful for the generosity of the MacArthur community as they work through the recovery process. We will continue accepting donations of new and gently used children’s books until the end of October in preparation for a second delivery. Kolter Elementary serves PreK through 5\textsuperscript{th} grade so a variety of fiction and nonfiction books would be appreciated. Kolter Elementary offers language exploration in Spanish, French, and Chinese, so we will also accept books in various languages. Monetary donations can be made directly to Kolter’s PTO fundraiser:
Thank you so much for the generosity you have shown in support of children’s literacy.

Library Website and Social Media:
Visit us online at http://neisd.libguides.com/welcome_macarthur_library and follow us on twitter @MacArthurLib. Go Brahma Library!

MAC COUNSELORS’ CORNER –
Counselors met with 9th grade students last week to complete their Individual Graduation Plans (IGP’s). Once students submitted their IGP, an email will be sent to the parent/guardian on file asking them to review and approve the IGP. The plan is then sent to the student’s counselor for review.

Strong Minds and Happy Hearts –NEISD is offering an educational session for parents to help with children who are experiencing mental, emotional or behavioral problems. Parents will learn about warning signs, how to find help, how to work with your school, what to do about substance abuse, and more. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30am. Childcare will be provided.
Saturday, November 11 (8:30am-11:00am) at the NEISD Community Education Center (8750 Tesoro Drive, 78217). Registration is free to all community members. Register today at www.NEISDsmhh.eventbrite.com.

MacArthur Career Center:
Ms. Endaisia Love and Ms. Jennifer Martinez are available to assist students and parents with all aspects of college and/or life after high school. (8:30am – 4:45pm in the Career Center). Ms. Love is currently scheduling ono-on-one conferences with parents. Career Center direct line is 210-356-7606.

Looking for scholarships? NEISD provides scholarship opportunities at https://www.neisd.net/Page/822.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to www.fafsa.ed.gov opened October 1, 2017. If you have any questions or need assistance, stop by the Career Center and talk to Ms. Love or Ms. Martinez.

Seniors: Bring your college acceptance letters to Ms. Love to be added to the “Acceptance Letter Wall” outside the Career Center.

2017-2018 SAT/ACT Information:
SAT Registration: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register
ACT Registration: http://www.act.org/

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
October 31 – University of North Texas Rep visit – See Ms. Love in the Career Center.
November 1 – College Night at Blossom Athletic Center (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Free vaccinations at College Night – Bring current copy of immunization record.
November 4 – SAT testing at MacArthur
November 8 – ASVAB testing at MacArthur
November 11 – Strong Minds and Happy Hearts presentation at NEISD Community Center
November 15 – Counselors meet with English II classes (Dual Credit, College 101)
November 16 – Counselors meet with US History classes (Dual Credit, College 101)
November 17 – “Before You Eat Pie, Apply” during all lunches for seniors
December 2 – SAT testing at MacArthur
December 4-8 – STAAR/EOC Retests
December 9 – ACT testing at MacArthur
December 25 - January 5 – Winter Break
Go Brahma Counseling!

FROM THE MAC CAFETERIA – We want to remind our parents that it is not too late to update your meal application for this school year if your child is on free and reduced. As of Tuesday, October 10th, students who have not been renewed were flipped to full pay. If you missed that deadline, you can still do it online at www.neisd.net, or have your child ask for an application at the cafeteria. Please make sure that you take care of this important piece. We do not want any child going without meals.

MAC ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS – If your child is a part of Mac Orchestra, you need to come out and be a part of this great group of parents. All are welcome. For more information, please visit the MOPA website, www.mopa.sa-arts.net. Go Brahma MOPA!

MAC CHOIR BOOSTERS – If your child is in choir then you need to come out and join this great group of parents and support MAC Choir. Go Brahma Choir Boosters!

MAC BAND BOOSTERS – If your child is a member of our awesome Brahma Band, then you need to come out and be a part of these awesome parents. Please remember, for the latest updates and information as well as current news, information, and schedules, please go to the Booster website, www.macarthurband.com. Go Brahma Band Boosters!

MAC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS – If your child is involved in MAC Athletics, you need to come out and be part of this great organization. New members are always welcome. Please remember, for the latest athletic updates and information as well as current news, information, and schedules, please go to the Booster website, www.gobrahmas.com. Go Brahma Athletic Boosters!

MAC ELECTRICAL BOOSTERS – If you have a student in the MAC ETS program, you need to come out and be a part of this great group of parents. Go Brahma ETS Boosters!

PTSA – PROJECT GRADUATION:
Attached is a PROJECT GRADUATION QUESTIONNAIRE for senior families to fill out. Thus far, no one has come forward expressing interest in an event this year following graduation. If you have a current senior, please take a moment to let us know your thoughts regarding Project Grad. Regardless of your plans, we respectfully ask that all parents of seniors take a moment to respond to the attached questionnaire so we know the intentions of the current senior class. Forms are due by November 1st.

Honorary Texas PTA Life Membership Award:
An Honorary Texas Life Membership is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the Texas PTA for outstanding contributions to the well-being of our students. This honor can be awarded to PTA members, parents, teachers, staff, community members as well as businesses. The individual or business does not have to be a member of MacArthur High School PTA to be nominated. If you know of anyone who:

- Has gone the “extra mile” for our students
- Is a valuable volunteer
- Is an exceptional teacher, dedicated to education
- Is an outstanding staff member
- Is a community member or local business who shares their resources to benefit our students

Please consider nominating this individual or business for an Honorary Texas Life Membership. For complete information and nomination form, please see the attached flyer.

The MacArthur PTSA is a vital link in connecting with our parents and families and a great way for every parent to be involved. **If you have not seen our Facebook page at “MacArthur High School PTSA” please be sure to visit, like, and share it!** It is never too late to become part of our Brahma PTSA. Please take time to join the PTSA and get involved in your child’s school and education.

Donate: [https://squareup.com/store/macarthurptsa](https://squareup.com/store/macarthurptsa)
Website: [www.macptsa.com](http://www.macptsa.com)
Facebook: MacArthur High School PTSA

Go Brahma PTSA!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**EARLY PICK UP** – If you are picking your child up early for an appointment or any other reason, please make sure that you sign them out at the attendance office. Please do not have them go directly to your vehicle as we will have no record of their leaving and it can show as an unexcused absence. Thank you for your cooperation. Go Brahmas!

**SAFETY REMINDERS** – Just a reminder that it is a matter of safety that everyone observe the flow of traffic in the parking lot. There is an entrance near the Wal-Mart side of the parking lot. The Exit is next to the front circle. Failure to observe the entrance and exit can result in a serious accident. Also, please be aware that we have a crossing guard after school to help students cross MacArthur View safely. She is not a target, so please be aware and stop when directed. Please advise your children that they should cross at the marked area with the crossing guard. Failure to do so can be dangerous. Parents we also ask that you do not drop off or pick up students on MacArthur View because it causes serious traffic back-ups and can be dangerous. We have had some parents picking up their students in the cross walk on MacArthur View. Doing so puts your child and other students at risk. It is essential that you follow these expectations for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CLASSIFIED JOB FAIR** – NEISD will be holding a classified job fair on Saturday November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Castle Hills Elementary. The will be taking applications
for bus drivers, special education assistants, food service assistants, custodians, etc. You can apply online prior to attending the fair. For complete information, please see the attached flyer.

**VOTER REGISTRATION** – Voting is a precious right and your vote makes a difference. Don’t be silent; let your voice be heard. Each High School Principal is a Deputy Voter Registrar by law. I want to encourage you to make sure you are registered to vote. If you or your child need to register, you can get a registration card at MacArthur in the Principal’s Office. You can either send it in yourself, or turn it in, and we will make sure it is turned in for you. Go Brahma Voters!

**BRAHMA FANS** – We want to remind all of our parents, students, and guests who attend games or any event at home or away, that we need your assistance to ensure that we observe appropriate spectator behavior. It is okay to disagree with a call and to be a little loud when supporting our Brahmas. It is not okay to be disruptive or engage in personal attacks or confrontations with Coaches, referees, or students. Anyone causing a disturbance or verbally abusing the officials, coaches, or students will be removed from the game and may face removal from all athletic events. Please let the coaches take care of the coaching and dealing with the officials. It is extremely important for us to model appropriate behavior at any function. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated. Go Brahmas!

**Here are the events going on in Brahmaland:**

a. Monday 103017:
   i. Red Ribbon Week
   ii. CIC Mtg @ Conference Room 4:20 pm

b. Tuesday 103117:
   i. Red Ribbon Week
   ii. University of North Texas Rep. Visit @ Cafeteria 11:50 am to 2:27 pm
   iii. MacTeach Neighbor to Neighbor program @ Library 5:15 to 7 pm

c. Wednesday 110117:
   i. NEISD College Night @ BAC 6 to 8 pm

d. Thursday 110217:
   i. Theme Day – Twin Day
   ii. ASL Honor Society Mtg. @ A300 8 am
   iii. Southwestern University Rep. Visit @ Cafeteria 11:50 am to 2:27 pm
   iv. MacTeach Neighbor to Neighbor program @ Library 6 to 7 pm
   v. Freshman FB Blue v. Churchill @ Churchill 4:30 pm
   vi. Freshman FB White v. Churchill @ Churchill 4:30 pm
   vii. JV FB v. Churchill @ MAC 4:30 pm

e. Friday 110317:
   i. JROTC Raider National Competition @ Molena, Ga. All Day
   ii. BOA Super Regional @ Alamodome 6 am to 1 pm
   iii. Pep Rally @ Courtyard 8:30 am
   iv. Varsity FB v. Churchill @ Comalander 7:30 pm

f. Saturday 110417:
i. Swim Dual v. Johnson @ NS 1604 Location 9 am
ii. Varsity, JV, Freshman A/B Girls’ BB Scrimmage v. Lockhart @ MAC All Day
iii. Varsity, JV, Freshman A/B Boys’ BB Scrimmage v. Lockhart @ MAC All Day
iv. JV Boys’ BB Scrimmage v. NB Canyon @ MAC 9 am
v. Varsity Boys’ BB Scrimmage v. NB Canyon @ MAC 10 am
vi. JROTC Raider National Competition @ Molena, Ga. All Day
vii. Speech & Debate Tourney @ MAC 7:30 am to 11:30 pm
viii. SAT @ MAC A200 8 am to 1 pm
ix. Saturday School for Attendance Recovery @ Madison 8 am to 1 pm
x. TMEA Region 12 Orchestra Auditions @ Lopez MS 8 am to 12 pm

Sunday 110517:

i. ASL Honor Society Sign Language Class @ Brook Hollow Library 3 pm to 4 pm

Have a Great Week!
Peter Martinez
Principal, MacArthur High School

“An Investment in our children pays the best interest of all.”