

The Winter Membership Monday Memo

MASSACHUSETTS PTA ANNUAL HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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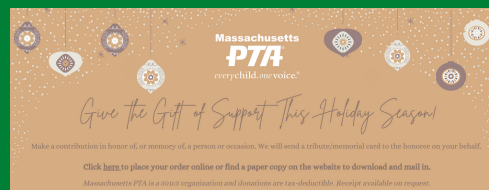
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MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES TO RUN YOUR PTA

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resources](https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/membership-resources)

MAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER!



REMINDER First installment of membership dues was November 1st. Bylaws state - Remits the state and national portion of the dues to the state PTA by the date designated by Massachusetts PTA November 1st and monthly thereafter. Dues must be accompanied by a membership list which includes first name, last name, and email address.

20 units submitted dues by 11/15. \$50 visa gift card presented to **WINNERS** Bourne PTA and Rehoboth PTSA.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATE. 12/7 Meeting postponed more info to follow in our January Memo.

OUR MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT SERIES

With COVID restrictions still in place and winter looming ahead, the **Mattapoisett PTA** wanted to find a way to bring students, parents, and the community together, despite the in-person gathering challenges. The PTA Board decided on hosting a virtual bingo night via Zoom. This could be a fun way for kids at all levels to participate!

To start, the PTA purchased 1000 paper bingo cards off of Amazon for \$15 and a bingo flier was created. Two volunteer parents stapled 2 bingo cards to each bingo flier and the fliers were distributed to every child via their backpack about 3 days before bingo night. This way, parents did not have to worry about printing bingo cards, in case they did not have a printer at home, and the PTA knew that every child had an equal opportunity to participate. The flier stated date, time, and zoom link.

Next, we sourced prizes. The goal was to provide a fun and educational prize that was not food-related. Scholastic provided free boxes of books to schools for hosting book fairs. Next, the PTA purchased several new books through Scholastic for \$20 total. Lastly, several parents donated about 20 new books to the cause. A local business, and PTA parent, donated toothbrushes and mini toothpaste tubes from their business. Finally, the local library donated bookmarks to include with the books. The prize packs were created - 2 books, bookmark, and toothbrush/toothpaste in each prize bag.

The night of bingo, 2 volunteers lead the actual event. One volunteer called the bingo numbers and verified the winners. Another volunteer was updating the bingo numbers called on the screen, again, so everyone had an equal chance at participating.

Lastly, the school's physical education teacher, a huge favorite at the school, was asked to join the bingo zoom as the "special guest" about 30 minutes into the Zoom. He dressed up like a surfer-dude and the kids went absolutely crazy with excitement! He led the students through about 5 minutes of exercises to get them up and out of their chairs. After he left the zoom, bingo continued for about 20 more minutes to end promptly at 7 pm.

At the end of the hour, we had 30 bingo winners across Pre-school through Grade 6. Prize bags were put together that night (to ensure the books fit the reading levels) and bags were distributed at school the next day!

In the end, the night was a huge success and all for under \$50! Parents and kids alike are already asking for the next bingo night! We hope to run another night in February! All questions about this event can be sent to ptamattapoisett@gmail.com !

MAPT Membership #spotlightyou Let us know what you have been doing!
CONGRATULATIONS!! Mattapoisett PTA