

The **OCTOBERAMA!** Times

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TELL ME WHAT OCTOBERAMA IS?

Octoberama is a fun-filled carnival for the Mathews community. We will have dozens of games and activities for the whole family to enjoy! Save the date for Saturday, October 16, 11am-3pm. Admission is free. All are welcome! All events will be held at the school. This event is Mathews PTA's only fundraising event of the year. Proceeds support a number of programs beyond district funding, including teacher training programs, author visits and family learning nights. For more details contact Renae Alsobrook at 507-4780 or renaealsobrook@mac.com or Amy Hornaday at 477-8981 or amy@hornadaydesign.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Parent participation is key to Octoberama's success, and there are a number of ways to volunteer before, during or after the event. Your homeroom parents will be contacting you soon to tell you how you can help. Or, to get started now please contact Elizabeth Breston at 784-5221 or ebreston@ironharbor.com.

A REAL CLASS ACT.

Class Projects have been a wonderful addition to Octoberama tradition in recent years. The mosaic garden art objects created by our very own students have helped spread the beauty and warmth of our school's artistic spirit into the community, while raising more money for the school. Brooke Gassiot is hard at work planning this year's project, as we look forward to continuing this new tradition! Want to help with this fun project? Contact Brooke at brook.gassiot@gmail.com or 512-299-2254.

SUPPORT THE SILENT AUCTION.

The Octoberama silent auction is always a huge community hit and also the top fundraising activity. Lots of items from local businesses will be for sale, so plan on stopping by for a visit. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED★

Know of a local business that wants to help and is looking for a little promotion? Since the PTA is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization, donations qualify for tax deductions. We're looking for unique items, gift certificates and bundled packages. For details, please contact Amy Price at amypricetx@sbcglobal.net.

Silent auction volunteers are needed before, during and after the event, to track down items, setup pricing and bid sheets and staff the auction. To help, please contact Elizabeth Breston at 784-5221 or ebreston@ironharbor.com

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TAKE THE STAGE.

We're pulling together another fantastic lineup for this year's Octoberama entertainment. Stay tuned for news of the great musical performances and special acts you can expect to see during four hours of non-stop fun on the main stage. To book an act or find out more information, contact Jason Pinchback at 517-1817 or jp30@txstate.edu.

BUILD-A-BASKET.

The grade-level baskets are a favorite tradition with Octoberama. Each grade collects items according to a particular theme and assembles them into a basket which is sold during the silent auction. The baskets are always popular so please contribute a small item to make it happen.

Here are this year's basket **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Pre-K: Chocolate
- Kindergarten: Asian Food
- 1st Grade: Legos
- 2nd Grade: Italian Food
- 3rd Grade: Coffee
- 4th Grade: Texas Gourmet
- 5th Grade: Art Supplies
- 6th Grade: Mexican Food

Collection boxes are located outside each classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Salazar at 586-1824 or jules_juju@hotmail.com.

DONATE YOUR TOYS.

We are collecting toys for prizes, so please dig through your kids' closets and consider donating small toys that aren't used anymore. Remember, one kid's trash is another kid's treasure! A donation box is outside the front office.

SPONSOR A BOOTH.

Want to help out Octoberama but don't have the time? We are looking for generous families and businesses to sponsor booths and/or make donations. Booth sponsorships range from \$30 to \$300 and include the Moonwalk, an obstacle course, dunking booth, and more. Sponsorships will be publicly recognized with signs at the event (if desired). If you are interested in making a donation or sponsoring a booth, at any monetary level, please contact Debbie Seal at 472-7893 or 453-2667 or debbieseal@austin.rr.com.

BRING AN APPETITE.

Octoberama always has great food, and this year is no different. But this year, instead of managing our own food booths, we're signing up local food vendors, so look for your favorites and bring an appetite.

LET THEM EAT CAKE!

The cakewalk is an old favorite. Prizes include actual cakes and "future" cakes – a promise to make a cake in the future. To help, please contact Dani Willard at dhwillard@gmail.com or Sonia Hoepfner at sonia@chrishoepfner.com.

SEE YOU THERE!

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MATHEWS SATURDAY 16

FROM 11AM TO 3PM