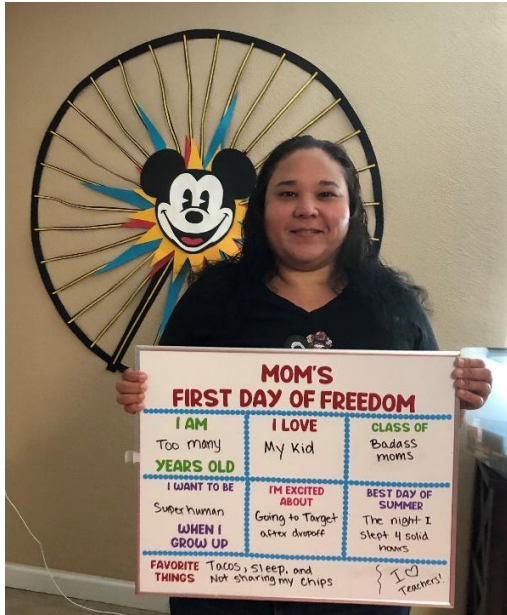


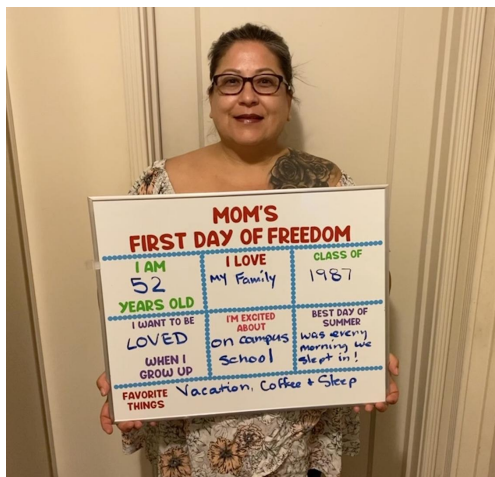
September 2021

Hello MAC families! We are excited to have our kids back in school and hope you are too.

Many of you are already familiar with our parent group duo, but we would like to reintroduce ourselves for any new families who may not yet be familiar with us.



Hello! I am Melissa, mom to Nicholas in Room 1. I am excited to start off the new year working with all of the amazing families who continue to contribute to our efforts.



Hi! I'm Theresa, Maria's mother. Looking forward to another awesome year at MAC..

This year, MAC staff was off to a busy start, and they began the first day of school with a barista and snacks for the staff, paid for by your staff appreciation donations.

We absolutely appreciate the donations and volunteers who make our staff appreciation events possible. Going forward, this newsletter will include a calendar of upcoming events, a summary of recent events, and some other fun announcements.

Please remember that families can provide donations for staff appreciation by sending a check to the office or by using the school donation link and specifying "Staff Appreciation" in the Gift Notes section.

<https://morgancenter.org/donate-bay-area-morgan-autism-center/>

We are also in need of gift cards for staff birthdays. We gather gift cards throughout the year to give each staff member a gift card on their birthday. Gift cards can range from \$15-\$25 dollars and can be from places like Starbucks, DoorDash, Target, etc. To donate, just send in the gift card to the office with the message "Attention: Staff Birthdays."

We are currently working out how the staff appreciation meals will be provided for the year. In an effort to minimize potential outside covid contact, we will be providing delivered/catered meals until further notice. We have also sent surveys to the staff to determine their preferred restaurant catering options. Panera will be delivering our first catered meal on September 15th.

Parent group meetings will be held via zoom, until further notice. This will also be due to efforts to minimize outside covid contact. We look forward to having in-person parent group meetings again in the future.

This year we will begin utilizing room parents for parent communication and outreach. These designated individuals will also reach out to new families to provide welcoming and support. We are seeking a single

volunteer from each classroom to be the designated “classroom parent.” Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer as the designated parent.

All parents and caregivers are invited to join our Facebook Parent Group, if they have not already done so. To join, search for “MAC Parents/Primary Caregiver Group.”

Event Calendar

Parent Group Meetings

Date	Time	Location
Wed, Oct 6	9:30AM	Zoom
Wed, Dec 1	9:30AM	Zoom
Wed, Feb 2	9:30AM	TBD
Wed Apr 6	9:30AM	TBD
Wed Jun 1	9:30AM	TBD

Staff Appreciation Events

Date	Event	Family Contributions
Wed Sep 15	Fruit/Salad Bar	Donations Welcome
Wed Oct 20	Barista	Donations Welcome
Wed Nov 17	Thankful Soups	TBD
Wed Dec 15	Barista	Donations Welcome
Wed Jan 19	Pasta & Salads	TBD
Wed Feb 16	Salads & Sweets	TBD
Wed Mar 16	Baked Potato Bar	TBD
Wed Apr 13	Barista	Donations Welcome
Wed May 18	Burrito Bar	TBD
Wed Jun 22	Barista	Donations Welcome

**Events subject to change*

School Fundraisers

Move for Mac kicked off on Sept 1st. Through September 18th, students, clients, families, staff and supporters will "move-for-MAC" by walking, biking, running or even swimming to help raise awareness and funds to support Morgan Autism Center.

Spotlights

Student spotlight

We are asking that staff submit kind or silly moments with MAC students or adult clients. Please send your short (1-4 sentence) spotlight submissions to us at macparentsgroup@gmail.com.

Staff spotlight

We are asking that parents/staff highlight kind or noteworthy staff comments, actions, or accomplishments. Please send your short (1-4 sentence) staff spotlight suggestions to us at macparentsgroup@gmail.com.

Game Corner

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