# Ways to Give . . . Contributing to the Foundation, Booster Groups, and PTSA

Maggie Walker Governor's School receives both state and local funds, but we also **greatly depend on financial support from our parents, alumni, and community** to provide the unique academic experience that makes Maggie Walker so special. In addition to joining the PTSA, we ask parents to consider contributing to the **Governor's School Foundation by donating to the Annual Fund** and supporting **Boosters Groups relevant to your student's specific interests. All gifts can be made online at:** 

http://www.mlwgsfoundation.org/donate/.

#### **Governor's School Foundation**

The Governor's School Foundation provides essential academic enrichment opportunities and improvements that are integral to the culture at Maggie Walker. New technology, international opportunities, student financial assistance, and award-winning academic competitions would not be possible without parent support of the Foundation Annual Fund. Through the Foundation, MLWGS teachers can access funds to enrich their classroom instruction, impacting every student! Making a contribution to the Foundation Annual Fund is a great way to invest in the future success of MLWGS. Help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation in the Foundation Annual Fund.

### **PTSA**

Through your membership, the PTSA is able to provide support for 1.) the student directory, 2.) teacher and staff appreciation gifts and events, 3.) school/student support (hospitality, Fall Festival, landscaping) and 4.) will pay for your PTSA membership to the Virginia and National PTAs, which serve as advocates for all public schools. Membership fees are \$20.00 per student. We request that families with two students please donate \$30.00 (an additional \$10.00) for the teacher appreciation and school/student support.

## **Boosters Membership Campaign**

Joining a booster club allows parents of current students to support specific areas of their children's extra and co-curricular school experiences. Booster groups at MLWGS include Athletic Boosters, Drama Boosters, Music Boosters, and Visual Arts Boosters. Many of your child's activities will have a suggested booster participation recommendation. See the full description of each on back of this form.

# Contributions to the Foundation Annual Fund and Booster organizations, as well as for PTSA membership can be made online at <a href="http://www.mlwgsfoundation.org/donate/">http://www.mlwgsfoundation.org/donate/</a>

Foundation Annual Fund \$ Annual Fund Levels Include:
□ Ambassador       \$25,000+       □ Senator       \$500 - 999         □ Governor       \$10,000 - 24,999       □ Delegate       \$250 - 499         □ Lt. Governor       \$5,000 - 9,999       □ Constituent       \$100 - 249         □ Attorney General       \$2,500 - 4,999       □ Donor       \$1 - 99         □ Cabinet Member       \$1,000 - 2,499       □ Donor       \$1 - 99
☐ Cabinet Member \$1,000 − 2,499  Athletic Boosters \$
 (100% membership recommended for participating athletes)
□ All State       \$1,000+       □ Varsity       \$100 - \$249         □ All Region       \$500 - \$999       □ Booster       Up to \$100         □ All Conference       \$250 - \$499
Drama Boosters \$(\$25/\$50/\$100 per participating student, suggested)
Music Boosters \$(\$50 per participating student, suggested)
Visual Arts Boosters \$
□ Benefactor       \$200+       □ Supporter       \$50 - \$99         □ Patron       \$100 - \$199       □ Student       \$35 - \$49
PTSA Membership \$(\$20 membership per family, \$30 for families with 2 or more students)
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<sup>\*</sup> Foundation Annual Fund contributors at \$750 and above are invited to participate in MLWGS Foundation Director's Circle Events.

# **MLWGS Booster Organizations**

### **Athletic Boosters**

In addition to its superb academics, Maggie Walker also has a top-ranked athletic program with outstanding coaches and award-winning athletes. More than half the student body participates in athletics with the school fielding 29 boys and girls teams in 13 interscholastic sports. We've had great success winning conference (though Maggie Walker is not currently part of a conference), region, and state championships. For the past six years, Maggie Walker has won the prestigious Wells Fargo Cup, which is awarded to the school in its size group that performs best in state-level competition across all sports throughout the school year.

The Athletic Boosters support our athletes' success by providing funds to fill the gap between program needs and the athletic department budget. *Our goal is 100% membership of families with student athletes, and any contribution is appreciated.* Suggested giving levels:

**Booster** Up to \$100 (Booster sticker) **Varsity** \$100 - \$249 (Booster sticker)

All-Conference\$250 - \$499(Booster sticker + 1 pass to all home, regular season games)All-Region\$500 - \$999(Booster sticker + 2 passes to all home, regular season games)All-State\$1,000+(Booster sticker + family of 4 pass to all home, regular season games)

### **Drama Boosters**

MLWGS students involved in drama are dynamic, creative and talented actors, singers, tech crew, stage crew, stage managers, costume/make-up design, set design, pit orchestra and much more. MLWGS "drama season" typically consists of a fall play, a spring musical and a one-act festival. The Drama Boosters offer support by coordinating the set builds, supplying snacks and meals, assisting with props and costumes, and providing funds for incidentals & major improvements. Investments in recent years include improvements to the Black Box Theater, new wireless microphone headsets, tools and building supplies, as well as student participation in ITS (International Thespian Society), student workshops, outings and the end-of-year Awards Ceremony known as the Wiggies.

Suggested membership levels are \$100 (Orchestra Membership), \$50 (Mezzanine Membership), and \$25 (Balcony Membership).

#### **Music Boosters**

The Music Boosters support the MLWGS music program by providing resources, such as musical instruments, repairs to sound equipment, sheet music, and other performance supplies. We also support special student activities (clinics, competitions, public performance, guest faculty, music education trips, etc.) for jazz, orchestral and choral groups. With the Music Boosters' support, MLWGS recently built and configured a recording studio for music students to utilize. Volunteer opportunities include communications, fundraising, events, historian, hospitality, auction, accounting, helping to organize field trips and other enrichment opportunities and general support. *The suggested contribution is \$50 per student involved.* 

### **Visual Arts Boosters**

The Visual Arts Boosters (VAB) provides support for the arts program at MLWGS in the areas of visual arts, photography, art history, and digital media. Our purpose is not only to raise funds to advance the arts at MLWGS, but also to provide important advocacy for the arts, both at the school and in the larger community. Our goals include: providing the support of parent volunteers at the student art openings, helping to organize field trips and other enrichment opportunities, and fundraising for the General Artists Fund, scholarships, material costs, the digital media computer lab, and competition fees.

You can help by joining the Visual Arts Boosters, sharing your enthusiasm for the arts, and volunteering to help with our activities, including the Fall Festival, Night of the Dragon Auction, art openings, field trips, and general support.

Suggested giving levels:

Student: \$35 - \$49 Patron: \$100 - \$199 Supporter: \$50 - \$99 Benefactor: \$200 and up

The Governor's School Foundation is pleased to help process contributions for the PTSA and MLWGS Booster Groups.

Make online contributions to the Governor's School Foundation Annual Fund, Boosters, and PTSA at

<u>http://www.mlwgsfoundation.org/donate/.</u>