



MANASSAS PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

## Breakfast with the Superintendent



Community, conversation, and coffee — the perfect trio. Our annual Breakfast with the Superintendent brought together educators, city leaders, and local businesses to share how we can keep Manassas Park moving forward. Thank you to everyone who joined us in supporting our schools and the students who make this city shine.

## Upcoming Events

★ BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR  
DECEMBER 6, 2025

★ RING THE BELL AT TOPGOLF  
APRIL 18, 2026



# Upcoming Events

## TOPGOLF 2026

Ring the BELL: Brunch at TopGolf is back! Our third partnership with TopGolf will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM.

Tickets go on sale in December. This year, we're building a special reduced-cost ticket option just for our teachers — because the people in our classrooms deserve to be there. Stay tuned for details.

Want to get involved now? We're recruiting volunteers to help with outreach and to secure silent auction items from local businesses. If you'd like to help, please reach out to Rachel Kirkland at [rachel.kirkland@mpark.net](mailto:rachel.kirkland@mpark.net).



## HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR

This holiday season, turn your shopping list into a gift that keeps on giving! Join us for a Book Fair at Barnes & Noble Manassas, where a portion of the day's sales will benefit the Manassas Park Education Foundation.

Every purchase helps us bring new books to local families through our Family Market — ensuring stories find their way into more homes.

So grab your list, bring a friend, and help us make this season brighter (and more book-filled!) for our community.

Full event details coming in November.

# Community in Action: Fall Highlights

The Manassas Park Education Foundation has been busy this fall — and it's all fueled by community spirit and collaboration.

## **Teacher Innovation Grants**

Congratulations to our 2025 Teacher Grant recipients, whose projects bring creativity and hands-on learning into Manassas Park classrooms. These educators are turning great ideas into real experiences for students, thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters.

## **Parent Leadership Cohort**

We're thrilled to welcome seven community members to our first Parent Leadership Cohort! This group is learning the ins and outs of Manassas Park City Schools to become better-informed voices and future leaders. Their insight and commitment will strengthen volunteer and leadership efforts across the division.

## **Trunk or Treat Thanks**

Huge thanks to everyone who donated candy, decorated trunks, and volunteered at the Manassas Park Trunk or Treat. Your time and creativity made the event a sweet success for our students and families!

## **Community Drives**

Our Winter Coat Drive (with City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue and UVA Health) runs through December 5, 2025 — helping ensure every child has a warm coat this winter. A Nourishing Ninjas Food Drive is also underway, collecting pantry staples for K–8 students facing food insecurity. You can donate through Amazon, Walmart, or Target wish lists, or drop off items at school sites.

## **Words on Wheels**

Finally, Words on Wheels, our new literacy pop-up, will be at Title I Parent Night in partnership with Micron — providing free books, reading resources, and take-home tips for families. Every story shared helps spark a lifelong love of reading.



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# FOOD DRIVE

## You can HELP!!!

Nourishing Ninjas supports our K-8 students struggling with food insecurity on the weekends. This teacher and community lead initiative needs our support. Please consider making a donation of goods or funds via the [Manassas Park Education Foundation](#).

Wishlists for needed items:

Cougar/Manassas Park Elementary: [Amazon](#) [Walmart](#) [Target](#)

Manassas Park Middle School: [Amazon](#)

- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Canned Pasta
- Ramen
- Canned fish, chicken
- Peanut butter crackers
- Individual Cereals
- Capri Suns
- Shelf-stable milk
- Granola bars
- Fruit cups



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# Winter Coat Drive



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Through December 5, 2025

## Coat Drop Off:

- Manassas Park City Hall
- Manassas Park Fire Station
- Manassas Park Community Center
- Manassas Park City Schools

Support our kids by donating new or gently used winter coats at the locations above. Can't get to the store? Check out our Amazon wish list and have your coats shipped directly to the coat drive.



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