



Mathews Elementary's Student Council OFFICER Election Information

2021-2022

Student Council is a wonderful opportunity to act as a role model for other students and learn to be a leader. As a 4th or 5th grader, you have the opportunity to run for **Vice President, Secretary, Communications or Historian OFFICER**. The office of **President** must be held by a fifth grader. In the Student Council, you will be involved in many projects that contribute to our school and the community, while having fun at the same time!

President (5th grade only) – The president is the leader of the Student Council. This important position includes many duties, from providing responsible leadership to running the meetings. This representative leads discussions and helps to make the Student Council an effective group.

Vice-President – The vice-president must know the president's job well and be able to replace him/her in an absence. He/she will assist the president and help form any committees that need to be formed.

Secretary – The secretary is responsible for keeping a written record of each meeting, reading minutes at the meetings, copying notes for the lower grade representatives and writing letters of correspondence.

Communications Officer – The communication officer must keep up with all of the information that needs to be given to the community. You will help Mrs. Noble with the video announcements on a regular basis.

Historian – helps create a pictorial record of our year and assists in communications with the secretary

If you choose to run for a student council office and are elected, you must be prepared to do the following:

- Attend meetings (Once a month on Tuesdays after school from 2:45-3:30 p.m.)
- Meet once a month with Mrs. Lowenthal and Mrs. Ma during lunch bunch meetings to prepare agendas
- Participate and contribute to activities that may be held before or after school
- Maintain passing grades and acceptable conduct each grading period

If you are interested in this opportunity **you must complete an application and turn it into Mrs. Lowenthal by October 8th.** If you would like to record a video message to be played for the student body you may, using the following information. Please be aware, there will be no live speeches. **All speeches must be submitted by October 8th ny 3:00pm.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Council Video Recordings:

- Fourth and Fifth grade students running for an officer position are encouraged to give a short (no longer than one minute) video recorded speech stating why they would be the best candidate for that position.
- **Speeches must be submitted by October 8th by 3:00pm in order to be included in the Election Day Video Compilation.**
- **Speeches must be shared through Google to Deanna.Lowenthal@pisd.edu**
- Speech may be no longer than 1 minute.
- Speech must not promise beyond what the student can accomplish within PISD guidelines.
- No dancing, singing, or throwing items. (Remember, this is not a talent show; it is a time to share your vision for service.)
- During the speech, school-appropriate costumes and props may be worn or held if they pertain to the theme of the candidate's speech.
- Please remember that your speech should be school appropriate as you are running to be a leader of our school.
- Speeches will be viewed by all grade levels, so the entire student body will have an opportunity to vote in the officer election.

Guiding questions: How will you promote school spirit? What type of school wide activities would you like the Student Council to become involved in? Why do you think respect, responsibility, honesty, and compassion are important qualities for a Student Council Representative to have? How do you show these traits each day? What makes you a good leader?

Posters

- Candidates may create one poster to hang in the hallway. Posters must be no larger than 22"x28" and can be hung on the **morning of Friday, October 8th from 7:15-7:40.** Students must hang posters with blue painters tape. Students should bring tape to hang their posters on the hallways around the outside of the library. Students should remove their posters at the end of the day on October 15th.

Timeline:

- **October 8** – Applications are due. Optional videos with speeches and posters are due if interested.
- **October 13-15** – Election (Videos shown and Voting)
- **October 15** – Officer Election Results
- *Class Representative Elections will be held between **October 18–October 29** for those individuals wanting to represent their class. This is another great opportunity to serve if you are not selected for an officer position.*