



Mars Area Elementary PTO

December Meteor

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy December everyone and hello to the holidays!

I realize how busy everyone is getting ready for the holidays...there never seems to be enough time to get it all accomplished! However, we hope that you can take a few hours out of your busy schedules and volunteer your time. As you know, the holiday stores will be up and running throughout the next week and we welcome you to come and shop with your child. We also appreciate any extra time you are willing to give to help other children make their selections. I know it is a hectic time, but it means so much to the children whose parents are not able to come in and participate with them. The process can sometimes be a little overwhelming for them!

Also, the holiday parties will be held in a few weeks. I did want to review a few items regarding the parties at the schools:

1. Please remember to ask about any allergies in your child's classroom. If there is an allergy issue, please do not forget to contact the parent of the child with the allergy to determine a snack that will be acceptable for that child.
2. Latex balloons are not permitted for any reason...this has been a rule for as long as I remember and is specifically mentioned in our contact parent meetings at the beginning of the year. So please do not attempt to bring them in the school as you will not be allowed to enter with them.
3. Parents must be scanned the Friday before the holiday party. You cannot be scanned the day of the party and plan to attend the party. There are no exceptions! In addition, if you would like to volunteer at the Centennial 5th or 6th grade parties, you must let the Centennial office or Susan Cable know of your intent to do so the Friday before the holiday party. You will not be allowed to come to the Centennial parties if you have not given advanced notice.

If you have any questions on any of these items, please do not hesitate to email me.

Finally, as hectic as this month will undoubtedly be, please find the time to enjoy your family and friends...it is so easy to get caught up in all the craziness that we don't stop to appreciate what really matters. Hold your family close this holiday season and make the most of this special time!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and best wishes for the New Year!

Carol Knox

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IMPORTANT DATE

Dec 3 & Dec 4 Centennial Holiday Shop

Tuesday Dec. 4- PTO Meeting PC PTO Room

Dec. 6 & 7 MAE Holiday Shop

Thursday Dec. 20th PC Holiday Parties

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Thursday Dec. 20th Centennial Parties

Friday Dec. 21st - Tuesday January 1st NO SCHOOL

Tuesday January 8th- PTO Meeting PC PTO Room

Happy Holidays everyone!

A big Thank You to all of the class volunteers and Contact Parents for doing such a wonderful job on the Fall Festival Parties. Storm Sandy had caused some changes in the party schedules so thank you all for understanding and making the best of the situation. The students and teachers really appreciate all of your time and efforts.

Thank you to those Contact Parents and class parents who helped with the Thanksgiving Feasts for some of the classes. A special time for the students to share what they are thankful for. Great job!!

Lastly, a big Thank You to all of the Contact Parents and volunteers for the Primary Center Holiday Shop this week. The students love this event and it could not be possible without the help of many, many volunteers. The Holidays can be a busy and hectic time for us all, so any time that you can give volunteering is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Rachel Steigerwald for organizing and running this special event, fantastic job!

Remember the Holiday Parties for PC are right around the corner so please set your planning meetings and start planning!!!

You must have your license scanned by Friday, December 14, 2012.

PC HOLIDAY PARTIES:

Thursday, December 20th

AM Kinder- 10:15-11:15am

PM Kinder and 1st- 2-3pm

Hope you all enjoy this fun and festive time. Happy Holidays!!

Thanks for all you do.

Katie Ray

PTO

PC Head Chair- Contact Parents

Hi Everyone!

The Fall decorations at the Primary Center are put away until next year . Members of the PC Decorating Committee have already replaced them with a holiday scene. Thank you to Jen Grabowski, Debbie Todd, Bharti Nadwani and Katie Ray for helping!!

Happy Holidays!

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HOLIDAY SHOP REMINDERS:

Centennial Holiday Shop will be Monday the 3rd and Tuesday the 4th. If you have any questions on when your child will be shopping, please contact Laura Schultheis candlechik@zoominternet.net
Please let me know if you are interested in coming in to help shop.

MAE Holiday Shop is being held Thursday the 6th and Friday the 7th. If you have any questions please contact Cara Schultz caraj3@live.com

MARKET DAY ~ HELP YOUR SCHOOL & FEED YOUR FAMILY

This December get a FREE 1 lb. Pork Tenderloin with a \$90 on-line purchase, Promo Code: DECBONUS and also remember that Bonus Days are here again for December, there are 11 different types of cookies to choose from, order some cookies for Christmas and help your school earn money at the same time!

Please order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, December 6, 2012 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the MAE Cafeteria. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Sheri McMaster at (724) 625-3997.

MAE SCIENCE FAIR

The kick off for the MAE Science Fair will be coming in January! Look for information to come in the next few weeks!

Attention parents of Mars Area Centennial School 6th graders:

There is one week remaining to submit your child's Kindergarten photo for this year's yearbook! All photos must be submitted to the school office on or by Friday, December 7th. As a reminder, please submit your child's photo in an envelope marked with their name and teacher on the outside. Do not write on the back of the photo. Any size photo can be used as long as it is clear and not too dark. Photos will be available for pick-up at the end of the school year. Please do not delay as this is a firm deadline. Many thanks to those parents who have already submitted their child's photo! --Yearbook Committee

Sincerely,

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