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## *February Meteor*



### *Presidents Corner:*

Happy Valentine's Day!

The first half of the school year is now over and it is time to look forward to the second half!

The Valentine's Day parties are coming in a few weeks. If you have been chosen to attend your child's party, please remember to have your license scanned the Friday before the party. If you are not scanned by the Friday before the party, you may not attend. There are no exceptions!

Speaking of the parties, latex balloons are not permitted in any of the schools. We had an incident at one of the earlier parties where a parent brought in latex balloons. We have a few children with latex allergies. This has been made very clear to parents through the contact parents, so there should be no excuses for not knowing this guideline.

Our board members are beginning to plan for our springs events: Teacher Luncheons, Field Days, and the Bookfair. If you have signed up to help with any of these committees, you will be contacted in the next few months. Please make the time to help. We have had a few instances earlier in the year when people who had signed up to help with a committee either did not show up to help or cancelled at the last minute. While we all understand emergencies do arise, remember that we desperately rely on volunteers to help our events run smoothly. It is incredibly hard for this to occur when there is a lack of

volunteers. Please keep this in mind when you receive a call from a board member. We truly appreciate your time and efforts!

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 5th in the PTO room at the Primary Center. Our meetings are usually less than an hour...such a small amount of time to be informed of what is going on in your child's school.

Please plan to attend!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Carol Knox

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### *Important Dates:*

February 4th- Pre-scheduled 2 hour Delay

February 5th- PTO Meeting PC PTO Room

February 13th-MAE Valentine's Parties

February 14th-PC Valentine's Parties

February 15th- Last Chance Yearbook Turn In Deadline

February 18th-NO SCHOOL

February 19th-Sarris Candy Orders Turn In Deadline

February 20th-Market Day Pick Up

March 1st- Centennial Spring Party

March 5th-PTO Meeting PC PTO Room

### *Sarris Easter Candy Fundraiser*

It's time to start thinking SPRING and with that comes Easter, which means it's time for Sarris Easter Candy! Your children will be bringing home an order sheet from Sarris in their Friday folders this Friday, February 1, 2013. The sale dates for our Sarris Easter Candy fundraiser will be Monday, February 4, 2013 through Monday, February 18, 2013, with all orders being returned to the school by Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Please make checks payable to "Mars Elementary PTO" and include the check with the order form. Our delivery of the candy is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013 and all schools (Primary Center, Mars Elementary and Centennial orders will need to be picked up in the cafeteria of the Mars Elementary School. Times for pickup will be from 3:20 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the following PTO Chairperson for your school:

Mars Primary Center - Amy Riggio: (724) 553-5068

Mars Elementary - Sheri McMaster: (724) 625-3997

Mars Centennial - Jacki Kearney: (724) 625-8686

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## *Class Field Trips are Coming!*

With Spring just around the corner (hopefully!!), it's almost time for field trips! The following is a list of destinations for each grade.

Kindergarten - Soergels

First Grade - Phipps Conservatory

Second Grade - Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium

Third Grade - Heinz Field and PNC Park

Fourth Grade - Lutherlyn

Fifth Grade - Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Sixth Grade - PNC Park with Baseball Game

For more specific dates and times, please check the website at

[www.marspto.org](http://www.marspto.org)

The cost of the field trips and the transportation for the students and teachers is covered by the PTO. Chaperones are chosen by the teachers for each class and if you were chosen to be a chaperone, a form was sent home. For those parents chosen as chaperones, please send your form back asap. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Diana Volkar

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## *Field Trip Chaperones*

Please be aware that to be eligible for chaperoning field trips this Spring, all volunteers must have

the appropriate clearances along with license scanning. Please refer to the school website for more details.

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## *MARKET DAY ~ HELP YOUR SCHOOL & FEED YOUR FAMILY*

This February you can get FREE Five Cheese Garlic Toast with a \$40 purchase and FREE Cheese Ravioli with a \$90 online purchase PROMO Code

## FEBBONUS.

Also this month they have cookie dough again, so stock up and the more you buy the more you save! You can order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11PM on Thursday, February 14, 2013 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, February 20, 2013 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.

## *The Last-Chance Yearbook Sale Begins TODAY!*

If you have not ordered your 2012-13 school yearbook yet, this will be your LAST OPPORTUNITY to do so. The sale begins today and ends on Friday, February 15th. All students who have not previously ordered a yearbook will receive a sales flyer to bring home. Extra sales flyers will also be available in the office of each school building (K-6). All checks should be made payable to "Mars Elementary PTO" in the amount of \$14.00. Additionally, online ordering is available at <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

Please be sure to enter the appropriate school id number----

Mars Primary Center 10831613

Mars Elementary 1549613

Mars Centennial 10820613

Parents, please note: We DO NOT order extra yearbooks, so be sure to order your child's yearbook by the firm deadline of Friday, February 15th!!

Tina Richard

Julie Ford

Yearbook

## *Happy Valentine's Day!*

The Primary Center Decorating Committee will be adding some Valentine's to the snow scene on Friday, February 1st. Can you believe our spring things will be appearing not long after that?? This year is just flying by! If anyone has any great decorating ideas or things we could use to brighten up the school, please let me know.

Thanks!

Kim Cenci

PC Decorating Committee

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## *MAE Contact Parents*

Please remember to have your license scanned by February 8th in order to be able to attend the Valentine's Day parties.

## *MAE Science Fair*

WOW! Over 300 students have entered the MAE Science Fair to be held on March 19, 2013 in Mars Area High School gymnasium. Thank you to the Science Fair Committee along with our Science Fair "Ambassadors" who did a wonderful job in kicking off the Science Fair process.

The next step in the process is the completion of the Scientific Proposal. This form was included in the Science Fair packet handed out at the parent meeting. If you have not yet gotten your packet, your child can pick one up in the elementary office. The Scientific Proposal form can also be found on the district website or the PTO website, marspto.org. The Scientific Proposal form is due on Friday, February 8th.

We are so excited to be on this journey with your children! Please do not hesitate to contact with us with any questions.

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THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the following students who were Science Fair Ambassadors this year. We truly appreciate your help in sharing your Science Fair project and experience with the elementary students!

Lexie Knox

Caroline Richard

Amanda Scurci

Bruce Watson

Alec McEwen  
Cara Rocco  
Nicholas Valenta  
Ainsley Bissett  
Ryan Peaco  
Megan Smith  
Steven Papik  
Courtney Lisman  
Kiara Khemani  
Aiden McCormick  
Grace Huff  
Dryden Hawn  
Ruby Watson  
Ellie Coffield  
Noah Spurlock  
Mitchell Shultz  
Anna Kurpakis  
Ellie Howell  
Conner Bird  
Sophie Huff

## *MAE Spring Book Fair*

The PTO sponsored Book fair for the Elementary School will be held the week of March 11th. Look for information to come home in your child's backpacks by the middle of February. If you want to help or shop with your child during their class shopping times, please make sure your license is scanned. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help with set up, shopping days, or tear down please email Cara Schultz at [caraj3@live.com](mailto:caraj3@live.com)

## *Attention Centennial Parents:*

The Spring Party at MAC will be held on Friday, March 1st.  
6th Grade 1-2PM  
5th Grade 2-3PM  
Please look for more details which will be sent home in the coming weeks.  
If you have any questions, contact Karen Harvey at [kmharvey21@gmail.com](mailto:kmharvey21@gmail.com)

## Community News:

Mars Area Soccer Club

Spring Registration NOW OPEN!

InHouse Soccer: Ages 5-10

Travel Soccer: Ages 10-19

For more info and to register, go to

[www.marssoccer.org](http://www.marssoccer.org)

Late Fees apply beginning Feb. 16th -- do not wait to register your players!



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