



*Next PTO Meeting:*

*Tuesday, March 3 @9:30 a.m.  
PTO Room (218 Centennial)*

*Children are welcome.*



***IMPORTANT DATES:***

- March 10 - Centennial Teacher Luncheon Planning*
- March 13 - Centennial Spring Party*
- March 18 - Sarris Candy & Market Day Delivery*
- March 23 - Spirit Wear Delivery and Family Night/MAE  
Book Fair*
- March 24 - 27 - MAE Book Fair*

## *President's Passage*



*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."*

*~Charles Dickens*

*For now, it's all winter. A girl can dream.*

*In spite of the many delays and cancellations that we experienced in February, the PTO was still at work planning for spring and the fun activities that we offer for the students. We have Sarris candy, Market Day, and Spirit Wear deliveries coming up this month. We post reminders on our Facebook page, so if you haven't "Liked" our page, it's a good time to do so. The Centennial Spring Party is planned for March 13, Teacher Luncheon planning has begun, and field trips have been scheduled. If you were selected as a field trip chaperone, you should have been notified by your teacher. You'll find details on these activities below.*

*Recently, I was alerted to the fact that the directory we provide to parents was used in a manner not in keeping with our intent. The contact information that we collect and disseminate is never to be used for commercial or solicitation purposes. The data should be used by Contact Parents in planning parties and teacher gifts or by parents who have a need to reach out to other parents for things related to their child's classroom social and educational experience. I am crafting a disclaimer that will be included on next year's Directory and will be posted on our website. I apologize to anyone who received communications outside of the intent of the PTO.*

*I regret to announce the resignation of Centennial Building Chair, Lisa Vactor. We wish Lisa the best and look forward to seeing her at PTO events as a parent volunteer. Jacki Kearney, Alison Painley, and Tracey Smith will work together for the remainder of the year to coordinate events at the Centennial School.*

*Given that winter is not yet in the rearview mirror, please note that if we have a weather delay or a cancellation on the day of a PTO meeting, we will hold the meeting the following Tuesday at the regularly scheduled time.*

*Finally, please consider lending your talents to the*

*PTO next year. Elections are at the May meeting, but conversations about openings are starting now. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or speak to any PTO member.*



*Think Spring!*

*Susan Cable*

*PTO President*

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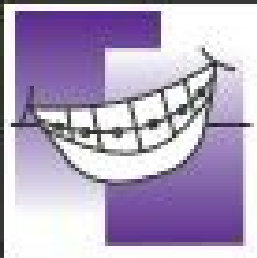
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LAST CHANCE YEARBOOK SALE

Friday, February 27th is the final day to submit an order for a 2014-15 yearbook for your student.

The only exception to this deadline would be in the event of a school district closure on Friday, February 27th. The final deadline would then change to Monday, March 2nd. We do not order extra yearbooks, so be sure to place your order by the deadline to ensure your 2014-15 copy!

Tina Richard  
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Julie Ford  
Jody Gagnon  
Yearbook Committee

### **Sarris Candy**

Sarris Candy orders should be picked up on Wednesday, March 18 from 3:20 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the MAE cafeteria. Please contact your building's PTO representative if you are unable to pick up your candy that evening.

PC - Jessica Black, jessicablack@hotmail.com  
MAE - Tanya Yoshioka, TYoshcolors@gmail.com  
Centennial - Jacki Kearney, kearneyjk@zoominternet.net

### **Spirit Wear**

We extended our spirit wear order deadline to February 25 because of our many snow days. We hope that this allowed you to place your order and that you found items to your liking. We welcome feedback about the kinds of things you'd like to see offered in a Mars Spirit Wear sale in the fall.

Spirit Wear orders should be picked up at MAE on Monday, March 23 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This delivery will be held in conjunction with the Family Night for the MAE Spring Book Fair. If you have any questions or know that you cannot be at MAE that evening to fetch your order, please contact Tanya Yoshioka at TYoshcolors@gmail.com.

### **Field Trips**

If you were selected by your classroom teacher to be a field trip chaperone, you will likely have heard by now.

As a reminder, parent chaperones must complete the appropriate clearances (in addition to a license scan). Clearances are good for three years. If you received your clearances in the first year that the District required them, you have one year remaining before you need to renew. You can find more information at MarsPTO.org under Committees/Field Trips or under Forms. The following URLs will direct you to the appropriate sites. For residents of PA for more than three years: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>. For residents of PA for fewer than 3 years: <http://www.pa.cogentid.com/>

### **Volunteers Needed at PC**

Ms. DeAndrea, the art teacher at the Primary Center, is looking for volunteers to help with the set up and execution of the Art Showcase, which will be held on April 16 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you would like to help with set-up the week before the event -- April 8 - 16 -- or can assist during the event, please use the following link to her Volunteer Spot page to let her know. You can select one of two shifts during the event if that suits your schedule:

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Volunteer Spot -- <http://vols.pt/ZeN3ya>

You do not have to be a current PC parent, but you must have your license scanned by April 1.

### **Kindergarten Welcoming the Zoomobile**

The Kindergarten will be welcoming the Zoomobile from the Pittsburgh Zoo in lieu of a field trip destination this year. The PTO is providing extension activities for the students, including a craft and refreshments, after the program concludes. Each Kindergarten teacher will be permitted to have three parent volunteers assist with these activities. Parents selected must have their license scanned by March 27 to participate.

Tracy Ashbaugh  
ashbaugh6@zoominternet.net

### **MAE Spring Book Fair**

Family Night Monday March 23rd 3:30 - 7:00 pm.  
Classroom shopping Tuesday March 24-Thursday March 26th

Volunteers Needed! If you can spare some time to help with the fair, as it is put on by parent volunteers, so we need a lot of help to make this fair happen. We will be setting up Monday, March 23rd from 12-2 please sign up to help!! We also have shifts to work during the fair and a lot of help is needed to tear down the fair Friday, March 27th. If you would like to help please use Volunteer spot link: <http://vols.pt/HLG4X1>

Class schedules and notes about the fair will be coming home soon. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Rachel Steigerwald at 412-848-3860.

Any one coming to volunteer or shop with their child will have to have their license scanned by Friday, March 13th!!!

### **Centennial Teacher Luncheon**

The Centennial Teacher Luncheon planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Mango Bean in Brickyard Plaza. If you cannot attend we still welcome your assistance. Our coordinator will select a theme and then seek contributions of food, supplies, and raffle prizes that are suitable. Please contact Alison Painley at [alipain0515@gmail.com](mailto:alipain0515@gmail.com) if you would like to



participate.

### **Centennial Science Fair**

As a reminder, the Centennial Science Fair will be held on March 12th at the Centennial School from 6-8. If your child has not registered, but would still like to take part, please email Tracey Smith at [natetray@zoominternet.net](mailto:natetray@zoominternet.net).

A big thanks to all who took part in the MAE Science Fair. Look for the April Meteor to read more about both Science Fairs.

### **Centennial Spring Party**

The Centennial Spring Party will be held on Friday, March 13. Sixth grade will gather from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; fifth grade will meet from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Our theme is a very hopeful "Think Spring!" so we are asking students and parent volunteers to wear neon or other brightly-colored shirts in anticipation of the vibrant colors of spring. As usual, we will offer a variety of games and activities for the students, and we provide a DJ for dancing and limbo.

We will offer pizza for \$.50 per slice, as well as free cookies and water to each student. We are looking for parents to donate Oreos and regular Chips Ahoy. If you would like to make a contribution but find a monetary donation more convenient, we are happy to purchase the cookies for you. Please direct your contributions to Jacki Kearney through the Centennial Office by Wednesday, March 11.

Since the entire grade meets at one time, we need plenty of parent volunteers. Please use the following link to Volunteer Spot to indicate at which party or parties you would like to help out. <http://vols.pt/HuZkby> We really appreciate your time.

If you have any questions about the Centennial Spring Party, please contact Jacki Kearney at [kearneyjk@zoominternet.net](mailto:kearneyjk@zoominternet.net).

### **Centennial Talent Show**

The Annual Centennial Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 1st from 1:00 -3:00 in the Centennial School Gym. Start thinking of ideas of the talents that you would like to perform. In the past years, we have watched many students light up our stage with dancing, singing, jump roping, magic, playing musical instruments, etc. Tryouts will be held after school in April. Please look for more information in the coming months in your child's Friday folder and the Meteor.

### **MARKET DAY ~ HELP YOUR SCHOOL RAISE MONEY & FEED YOUR FAMILY AT THE SAME TIME**

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the order guide for all the choice. Also NEW to Market Day "Introducing Fresh Produce" 3 options to pick from. Please check these items out on the front cover of the order guide. You can order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 or send in your order sheet to the school by Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015 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, PTO Market Day Chair at (724) 625-3997.