

# Mars Area Elementary PTO June Meteor



## Presidents Corner

### A FOND FAREWELL...

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. Weren't we just in the midst of a winter that wouldn't end? Time goes so fast... Unfortunately, the end of the school year also means saying good-bye to some very special people. This year we have four people "retiring" from the PTO Board and one leaving the Board, but continuing to help out on a few of our committees.



Sherri McMaster is leaving the PTO Board, but will continue with our Market Day and Meteor, so luckily we won't be losing her altogether. Cara Schultz, one of our MAE Building Chairs is leaving us after three years. Cara was not only a hard worker, but so much fun to be around...she made the room light up whenever she entered. She will be sorely missed!

Unfortunately, after seven years, we are losing Laura Schultheis and Diana Volkar. It is hard to imagine the PTO without these two ladies. At one time or another, they have either been head of or involved in every event the PTO sponsors. Laura, in addition to her Building Chair responsibilities, took on the tremendous task of the Spring Carnival a few years ago. Diana, also in addition to her role as a Building Chair, has been in charge of the field trips for K through 6 grade...quite a feat. Every job they have been entrusted with was done to perfection. They are truly two special people who will be tough to replace. I think I can speak on behalf of the PTO Board when I say they have our utmost respect and gratitude for all they have done for our children.

Finally, I also find myself in the position of having to say good-bye after eight years on the board. I have seen so many changes in my time...when I started, there were Halloween parades, no license scanning, no snack guidelines and no limit to the number of parents at a party! Unfortunately, times change and we have to change along with them I suppose. Being a part of PTO was the best decision I ever made. It gave me the opportunity to work with and meet so many different people in the district; from principals to custodians, administrators to teachers, tech people to the lovely

secretaries I have enjoyed getting to know all of them and I appreciate each role they play in our school community. It also enabled me to embrace my children's time in the elementary system and hopefully make it a better place for all of our kids.

There are so many people to thank that I could probably fill a few pages, so I will just say one big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make my job easier and supported us through the years. I will miss this organization and this time in my life so much, but look forward to the next chapter in my life as I ready my youngest child for middle school, my middle child for high school, and my oldest for his senior year in high school. As I said above, times goes so fast. Enjoy this time with your children...it is truly precious!

Have a safe and happy summer with your families! Good-bye and best wishes to you all.

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PTO President  
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## Important Dates:

Monday June 2nd- 4th Grade World Record Day  
Tuesday June 3rd- 2nd Grade World Record Day  
Wednesday June 4th- 3rd Grade World Record Day  
Thursday June 5th- Centennial Fun Day  
Thursday June 5th- Last Day of School  
Thursday June 5th- Class of 2014 Graduation Ceremony  
Wednesday August 27th- 1st Day of School 2014-2015 School Year



## 2014-2015 PTO BOARD

On Tuesday May 13, 2014, the PTO held its annual elections. Below are the women that were elected to the PTO board for the 2014-2015 school year.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Susan Cable  
Vice President - Katie Ray  
Treasurer - Amy Riggio  
Secretary - Kim Cenci

### PC BUILDING CHAIRS

Karen Goul - Head Building Chair



Susan Tirch  
Jessica Black  
Kristen Lutzic

## MAE BUILDING CHAIRS

Jody Gagnon- Head Building Chair  
Karen Harvey  
Rachel Steigerwald  
Tanya Yoshioka

## CENTENNIAL BUILDING CHAIRS

Jacki Kearney - Head Building Chair  
Tracy Smith  
Lisa Vactor  
Alison Painley

Market Day, Meteor and Directory - Sheri McMaster  
Field Trips - Tracey Ashbaugh  
Spirit Wear - Tanya Yoshioka  
Box tops and Premiums - Tracey Ashbaugh  
Science Fair - Tracy Smith  
Yearbook - Tina Richard

Congratulations to these special ladies!

## Primary Center News:

I would like to thank all the volunteers for both the Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Olympic Fun Day at the Primary Center. I am so grateful for the time, energy, and talents offered by so many generous and hard-working volunteers. It takes a small army of dedicated people to pull off events like this, and you all made both events a HUGE success.



The PTO's heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our volunteers. THANK YOU! We couldn't do it without you.

Susan Tirch

## MAE News:

MAE Contact Parents and Volunteers

The year has finally come to an end and I just wanted to take a few moments to say Thank You to all of the Contact Parents and volunteers this year. Your hard work and time is greatly appreciated and we are lucky to be in a district with many helpful parents. The class parties are so special to the kids at MAE and all the other volunteer events throughout the year that I really want to say thanks!!



As the kids get older and move from school to school the volunteer time is less and less so enjoy the end of the year with your kids and I hope you all have a wonderful summer break.

Katie Ray- PTO Chair MAE

MAE Teacher Luncheon

A big THANK YOU to all who donated items, food, money, time and energy to make the teacher luncheon a huge success!! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Jody Gagnon - PTO Chair

MAE Decorating

Thank you to all who have helped throughout the year decorating the MAE lobby! It could not have been done without such a dedicated team of volunteers!!

Jody Gagnon - PTO Chair

MAE World Record Days

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped with 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade World Record Days!! These fun-filled days for the students can't happen without all your dedication and hard work!

Sheri McMaster - 4th Grade Coordinator

Katie Ray - 2nd Grade Coordinator

Julie Ford - 3rd Grade Coordinator

## Centennial News:

### **Fun Day:**

"Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers working to make Centennial Field Day a success. The day wouldn't happen without you and I appreciate all of your help and support. Have a wonderful summer!

Tracey"



## 6th Grade Kindergarten Pictures

All 6th grade kindergarten pictures can now be picked up in the lobby at the Centennial School. If pictures are not picked up by June 4th they will be sent home in backpacks.

## CENTENNIAL TALENT SHOW

Congratulations to the 87 talented students who performed in the Centennial Talent Show last Friday! The audience was wowed with the amazing singing, dancing, acting and playing of musical instruments. Special thanks go to Mrs. Ingoldsby for choreographing and leading the Dance Club's fabulous routine and Mrs. Kennedy for directing the Jazz Band's awesome performance.

Kudos to Mr. Dorsch who did a great job as a DJ in his first Talent Show for us this year. Much appreciation goes to Karen Harvey, Susan Cable, Laura Schultheis, Katie Ray, Jody Gagnon and Tracey Smith for assisting in the Dress Rehearsals and the Show. Thank you, parents, for allowing your children to share their amazing talents with us! It was very impressive!

Jacki Kearney  
Centennial Building Chair

## Mars Library News:

Summer Story Time - Mars Area Public Library will offer Summer Story Time beginning in June.

STORY TIME  
Ages 3-5

Mondays -10:30 am  
June 9, 16, 23, 30  
July 7, 14, 21

Tuesdays -1:00 pm  
June 10, 17, 24  
July 1, 8, 15, 22

Fridays - 10:30 am  
June 13, 20, 27  
July 11, 18



STORY TOTS  
Infants - age 3

Wednesdays- 10:30 am  
June 11, 18, 25  
July 2, 9, 16

PLAY GROUP

Infant - age 2

Tuesdays - 10:30

\*This group will meet every Tuesday year round\*

DROP IN CRAFT DAYS

All ages

Wednesday 11:00am - 8:00 pm

June 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Please call the library to register 724-625-9048.

Sincerely,

Mars PTO  
Mars Area Elementary PTO



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