

Mars Area Elementary PTO May Meteor



Presidents Corner

May is upon us and the school year is quickly coming to an end. This will be an extremely busy month so please pay close attention to the important dates and articles in this month's Meteor! You certainly don't want to miss anything!



As many of you begin to consider end-of-year class gifts for your teachers, please remember these few simple rules. First, you may send a note out to the classroom asking for monetary donations, but you are not permitted to ask for a specific amount. Also, every student in the classroom must have their name attached to the gift or card even if all did not provide a donation for the gift. We always review this information at the contact parent meeting in September, but sometimes with the passing of time, it is forgotten at the end of the year. These guidelines were instituted by the principals a few years ago and we agreed to pass on the information to the parents.

Tuesday, May 13th is the final PTO meeting of the year. We hold our elections at this meeting for the 2014-2015 PTO board. There will be some building chair positions open, as a few of us will be "retiring". Have you ever considered a position with the PTO? This is your chance to make a difference. I can tell you from experience that I have not regretted one moment of my time with PTO. I have not only experienced the satisfaction that comes with volunteering, but have also gained insight into so many different areas that would not have been possible if I hadn't been involved. Please think about it...your children will thank you for it!

Hope to see you this Tuesday, May 13th at 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center

Carol Knox
President
cknox522@yahoo.com

Important Dates:

PTO Meeting- Tuesday May 13th- 9:30am-PC PTO Room

No School-Friday May 16th

Market Day pickup-Wednesday May 21st- 6:30-7:30pm MAE Cafeteria

Primary Center Olympic Fun Day-Thursday May 22nd

Centennial Talent Show-Friday May 23rd- 1:00pm

No School-Monday May 26th

4th Grade World Record Day-Monday June 2nd-11:30-3:00 pm

2nd Grade World Record Day-Tuesday June 3rd-11:30-3:00 pm

3rd Grade World Record Day-Wednesday June 4th-11:30-3:00 pm

Centennial Fun Day-Thursday June 5th

Last Day of School-Thursday June 5th



Primary Center News:

The **Primary Center Olympic Fun day** is being held on May 22nd. This is a fun filled day for all the students and a great time for you to get involved and share in a special day with your child.



We are still in need of MANY volunteers to make this day a success for our children. Unfortunately, without the help of volunteers, we will not be able have this special day for our children. So come out and have some fun with your kids and get involved!!!

You can sign up to volunteer by using the following link:

<http://vols.pt/Uu69y1>

Please click on the link provided or copy and paste the link into your browser if it should happen to not work by clicking on it. You will NOT be able to sign up by simply going to volunteer spot. You have to use the link provided.

Thank you for volunteering as I know this will be a special day for all the kids.

Should you have any questions or any trouble with the link please do not hesitate to contact me.

Susan Tirch
Sdtpharmd@gmail.com

Elementary School News:

Mars Elementary World Record Days

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Please mark your calendars for the best event of the year "World Record Days" at the Mars Elementary School will be held the following days:

Grade 4 - Monday, June 2nd

Grade 2 - Tuesday, June 3rd

Grade 3 - Wednesday, June 4th

The start time for each of these days will be 12:00 p.m. and run through 3:00 p.m. with the whole grade participating in a Tug-of-War at the end. Volunteers will need to report by 11:30 a.m. at the ball fields near the Primary Center.

Volunteer sheets have been sent out to all grades, so please contact the appropriate person for your child's grade level to volunteer. Please remember that you must have your licenses scanned by Friday, May 23, 2014 in order to participate in this event.

If you have any questions concerning these events, please contact the following chairs:

2nd Grade - Katie Ray at raysinmars@gmail.com

3rd Grade - Julie Ford at julieford@zoominternet.net

4th Grade - Sheri McMaster at ssmcmaster@zoominternet.net

PTO Coordinators for World Record Days



SECOND GRADE WORLD RECORD DAY 2014

Tuesday, June 3rd 12:00-3:00 pm

Dear Second Grade Parents,

It is that time of year again. We are planning for World Record Day. An exciting day filled with fun, games and enjoyment for all! If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email me at raysinmars@gmail.com

Please respond no later than Tuesday, May 20th. Remember to have your license scanned no later than Friday, May 23rd.

Include in your email:

~Name

~Child's Teacher

~Phone number

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me anytime.

Thanks,

Katie Ray
412 352 5391
PTO- MAE

2nd Grade Coordinator

MAE Decorating Committee

A big thank you to my awesome decorating committee!! I appreciate everyone's hard work and time spent helping brighten MAE's lobby. It could not have been done without each and everyone one of you!!

Jody Gagnon

Centennial News:

Centennial Field Day is right around the corner! It will be held on Thursday, June 5th. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or donate water or oranges, please use the following link to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Smith at natetray@zoominternet.net. Thank you!



We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Centennial Field Day - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/9FKc1n>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually

Field Day is held at the Mars Athletic Complex (High School stadium) and runs from approximately 8:45-12:30.

Centennial Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped plan, prepared food, donated gifts, and volunteered their time to create a wonderful luncheon for the teachers and staff!

We had a fun time at our baseball themed event on Tuesday, and I know the teachers and staff are very appreciative of our efforts. I am especially grateful to the amazing luncheon committee members who offered to make all of the homemade food items we served and donated so generously of their time and resources. You are a fantastic group to work with and I really appreciate all of your hard work!

Karen Harvey

Centennial Decorating Committee

Our school year is wrapping up, and so are the decorations.

A big THANK YOU to the dependable committee members who donated a great deal of their time and creative efforts throughout the school year. Together we made some fun decorations and posters that helped to brighten up the halls at Centennial. Throughout each season, the staff commended us on the colorful and festive decorations ~ all thanks to you!

Karen Harvey

A CENTENNIAL SCIENCE FAIR THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the participants in the annual Centennial Science Fair! Over 55 projects in the Physical, Life Science, and Earth and Space Science fields were judged by representatives from Westinghouse and first, second and third place medals were given to all participants. All participants are to be commended for the time and hard work put into their projects.

Also, a big thank you to our Science Fair Committee members: Tracy Smith, Sherri McEwen, Christine Rocco, Teresa Bissett, Christine Valenta, Dede Khemani, Christi Kolarcik and Tonya Blank. Without their efforts, the Science Fair would not have been a success!

We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Carol Knox

Centennial Talent Show

Got Talent?

The Centennial School Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014 in the Centennial School Gym at 1:00.

Any 5th or 6th grader wishing to participate in this year's Talent Show MUST attend one of the two Dress Rehearsal dates, Monday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 14 after school in the Centennial Gym, starting at 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Previous acts have included singing, dancing, musical instruments, jump rope routines, etc. Students may participate in ONE act. They will have a maximum of 3 minutes to perform. Song choices should be appropriate in nature and appropriate dress is required. ALL ACTS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL. Parents may attend the show. Please note that we have a limited number of acts.

A D.J. will be present to announce the acts and will play any needed music on CD, not on an i-Pod.

Please provide the following information by FRIDAY, May 9 by e-mail to Jacki Kearney at kearneyjk@zoominternet.net

In the subject of your e-mail, please type, "Talent Show." Please list the following

information in your e-mail.

1. Name(s) of participants
2. Type of act
3. Song used/played
4. Instrument if any (A piano will be provided)
5. Any additional needs/equipment (microphone, etc.)
6. Which rehearsal date you can attend (Mon/Wed/flexible)

I will reply to your e-mail, when I have received your information. If you do not get a response from me, please resend it.

The order of auditions will be sent via e-mail. Parents may pick up their children, when they are finished with their audition.

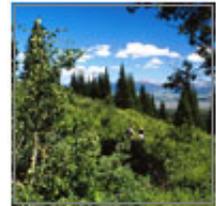
Students will need to bring all costumes, CD's, equipment, etc. to the rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Jacki Kearney or call 724.625.8686.

Thanks and "Break a leg!"

Market Day

HELP YOUR SCHOOL RAISE MONEY &
FEED YOUR FAMILY AT THE SAME TIME



This May you can get a FREE Micro Fiber Drying Mat with a \$40 purchase plus FREE 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops with a \$90 online purchase using Promo Code: MAYBONUS. You can order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, May 15, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, May 21, 2014 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.

Field Trips

Field trips are in full swing and will continue throughout the month and I wanted to thank all those who agreed to be head chaperones for their field

trips. It's a BIG job and I greatly appreciate it!

Remember to scan your licenses and get your clearances early next year in preparation for the field trips!



Mars Area Public Library Day

5/17/14



Model Train Display!

Presented by the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Museum!
!10:00am-3:00pm!

Children's Story Time!

Miss Jen!
11:00am - 11:45 !!

**Petting Zoo - Miniature goats, llama, horse
and !!!!! much more!!**

Party Pets & Ponies!
!12:00pm-3:00pm!

Historical Mars!

Presented by Mars Area History & Landmark Society!
!12:00pm-1:00pm!

Learn How to Use a Telescope!

Presented by The Kiski Astronomers !
1:30pm-2:30pm!

FUN AND FOOD ALL DAY

10:00am-3:00pm

Mars Area Public Library
107 Grand Ave.
Mars, PA 16046
724-625-9048

Feel free to contact us. We can be reached at marspto@gmail.com or visit our website at marspto.org

Sincerely,

Mars PTO
Mars Area Elementary PTO

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