



## Presidents Corner:

A warm greeting to all of you in the middle of this very frigid winter! I will readily admit I love winter. I love the snow and cold temperatures but I have to say, this is a little too cold for even me! Here's hoping for a slight warm up and fear not, spring is just around the corner!

The Valentine's Day parties for PC and MAE are just around the corner. If you have not already done so, please have your party snacks/treats approved by the nurse ASAP! Per guidelines, all snacks are to be approved two weeks before the party to assure they meet with the snack guidelines. At the MAE holiday parties, we had an issue with too many parents missing this cut off and bringing the snacks in the day of the party for approval. It is too difficult for the nurse to approve these snacks on such short notice and you run the risk that what you have chosen may not be approved. So please get your selections to the nurse...and enjoy this last party of the year! By now, all of the MAE students have had a chance to enter the Science Fair. At this time, we have 250 students who have expressed their interest in participating in this year's fair. That is by far the most we have ever had at this point in the process. We are all looking so forward to seeing the student's projects and ask that you continue to encourage and support them over the next month on their scientific journey!

The Centennial Science Fair will kick off next week and this is a new venture for the Science Fair Committee. Unlike the MAE Science Fair, this will be a competitive fair in which all students will be judged based on a rubric that has set criteria. We are all very excited to see the kids move on to this next step as we ready them for Science Fair competitions they will experience as they move on to middle and high school. Look for more information as you read through the Meteor.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 4th, 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. Won't you join us? Our meetings only

last about an hour and much information is covered in this short time period! We look forward to seeing you.

Stay warm!!!

Carol Knox

President

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## Important Dates:

PTO Meeting: February 4th, 9:30am PC PTO Room

2 Hour Delay: February 10th

PC Valentine's Parties: February 13th

AM Kindergarten 10:15-11:15

PM Kindergarten and 1st Grade 2-3pm

MAE Valentine's Party: February 14th 2-3pm

No School: February 17th

Market Day: February 19th 6:30-7:30pm MAE Cafeteria

Sarris Easter Candy Sale: February 24th - March 10th

PTO Meeting: March th, 9:30am PC PTO Room

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## PC News:

Hello All

This month at PC there will be Read Across America going on and

also the Valentine Parties. The party is Thursday February 13, AM Kindergarten at 10:15-11:15 am and PM Kindergarten and First Grade from 2-3 pm. You must have your license scanned if you are attending the parties. All snacks for the party must be preapproved by the school nurse prior to the parties. Also, just a reminder that no candy can be sent in to go home as treats. Many classes have allergies. I want to say thank you to all the parents that helped with volunteering for read across America activities.

Thank you for all your continued dedication and help!!  
Rachel Steigerwald

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## MAE News:

Contact Parent News from MAE:

Hello Everyone.

I hope all of you have been staying warm these past few cold and snowy weeks....I wanted to pass along some reminders concerning the Valentine's Day Parties at MAE.

The Valentine's Day Parties will be held on Friday, Feb. 14th 2-3pm

All Licenses must be scanned NO LATER than FRIDAY FEB. 7, 2014

~Please make sure ALL snacks are pre-approved by the nurse 2 weeks prior to the party.

~ No siblings are allowed, no balloons and no candy or edible treats in the Valentine cards or bags

~Please notify me of any changes of party parents attending the party.

I hope all the Valentine Parties are a huge success. Thank you for all the hard work and planning that makes these class parties so special.

Stay Warm!!

Katie Ray  
PTO Chair MAE- Contact Parents  
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## MAE SCIENCE FAIR

Thank you to all the parents who turned out for the informational meeting that was held on January 23rd. If you were not able to attend this meeting, please have your child pick up a Science Fair packet in the elementary office. This packet contains helpful information to help guide your child over the next few months, as well as frequently asked questions and most importantly, the Scientific Method form. This form will need to be completed and returned by February 14th. Please note that we use the Scientific Method form to complete the Science Fair program, so have your child print his/her name and project legibly so that it will be posted correctly in the program!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Centennial News:

At Centennial we do not have a Valentine's Party. Instead we have a Spring Party in the Month of March. Our party this year will be Friday March 7th. Planning is underway to make this last party of the year memorable and fun!! If you are interested in helping during or donating, you can contact Laura Schulthes  
candlechik@zoominternet.net I will be sending home more information soon!

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## CENTENNIAL SCIENCE FAIR

The Centennial Science Fair will kick off next week with the

distribution of entry forms to all students. As stated earlier, this Science Fair is competitive and will be judged by outside members of the scientific community. Students will be given three categories to choose from and will also be given the rubric that will be used to judge their project. There are many interesting and creative project ideas out there and we know that the students will enjoy this next step in their scientific development!

As with MAE, a parent meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6th at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM in the LGI room of the Mars Middle School. Since this is a new experience for all us, we urge you to attend so that we may answer any questions you or your child may have before they begin their project.

Since the weather has been so unpredictable, if there is a two hour delay the day of the meeting, our morning meeting will begin at 11:30 AM, with no time change for the evening meeting. If school is canceled, we will reschedule the meeting for a later date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

This February you can get FREE Five Cheese Garlic Toast with a \$40 purchase plus FREE Cheese Ravioli with a \$90 online purchase using Promo Code: FEBBONUS. You can order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11PM on Thursday, February 13, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, February 19, 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.

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## Sarris Easter Candy Fundraiser

It's time to start thinking SPRING and with that comes Easter, which means it's time for selling some Sarris Easter Candy! Your children will be bringing home an order sheet from Sarris with all the details regarding this annual fundraiser in their Friday folders on Friday, February 21, 2014.

The sale dates for our Sarris Easter Candy fundraiser will be Monday, February 24, 2014 through Monday, March 10, 2014, will all orders need to be returned to the school by Tuesday, March 11, 2014. 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, April 9, 2014 and all schools (Primary Center, Mars Elementary and Centennial orders will need to be picked up in the cafeteria of the Mars Elementary School on this day ONLY. 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 - Karen Goul: (724)772-2679 or [kkgoul@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgoul@yahoo.com)

Mars Elementary - Sheri McMaster: (724) 625-3997 or [ssmcmaster@zoominternet.net](mailto:ssmcmaster@zoominternet.net)

Mars Centennial - Jacki Kearney: (724) 625-8686 or [kearneyjk@zoominternet.net](mailto:kearneyjk@zoominternet.net)

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Sincerely,

Mars PTO

Mars Area Elementary PTO



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