

Happy Holidays

January 2014 Mars Elementary PTO Newsletter

Presidents Corner:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope your holidays were happy and that you made many new, wonderful memories to cherish.

We now enter a quiet time after the hustle and bustle of the last few months. Most of you chosen for the Valentine's Day parties will begin the planning of these parties over the next few weeks. Please remember to have your license scanned the Friday before the party and have your snack approved two weeks ahead of time. This has been a bit of a problem with the last two parties and we really need to make sure this rule is followed so the party days can run smoothly. You can find the most recent snack list on the district website and the PTO website.

Also, the field trips have been just about finalized for this spring and soon the teachers will be picking their chaperones. The chaperones are picked early so that those chosen may get their necessary clearances. Not only do chaperones need their licenses scanned, but also need to either obtain a State Criminal Record check or FBI Clearance. To determine which clearance you need, please go to the district website and look under the announcement section at any of the three elementary schools. You will find the information there under "Field Trip Chaperone Clearances". Please remember without the appropriate clearances you will not be able to attend the field trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Also, as stated above, the teachers pick the field trip chaperones. While the PTO funds the field trips and works with the teachers to select the venue, we have no say in who is chosen to chaperone the field trips. If you have a question on the selection process, please contact your child's

teacher.

Next week the Science Fair for MAE will kick off with former Science Fair participants visiting the elementary classrooms to discuss their projects and help generate interest in this year's Science Fair. Entry forms will be going home with every child next Friday. Please check your child's January 10th Friday folder for the form. The entry forms will also be available on the PTO website at marspto.org and on the district website. information on the Centennial Science Fair will be forthcoming.

Our next PTO meeting is this Tuesday, January 7th, 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. Hope to see you there! Have a wonderful month.

Carol Knox
PTO President
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Important Dates:

Tuesday January 7th-9:30 am-

PTO Meeting; PC PTO Room

Thursday January 16th- End of 2nd 9 Weeks

Friday January 17th-NO SCHOOL

Monday January 18th-NO SCHOOL

Wednesday January 22- 6:30-7:30 p.m.-

Market Day Pick Up : MAE Cafeteria

Thursday, January 23rd- 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM-

MAE Science Fair Parent Meeting; LGI room at the Mars Middle School.

Tuesday February 4th-9:30am-

PTO Meeting; PC PTO Room

ATTENTION PARENTS:

In the event of a school delay or cancellation on Tuesday January 7th, the PTO meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday January 14th at 9:30am in the PTO Room at the Primary Center.

PC News:

A great big THANK YOU for everyone's help with the Holiday shop and Parties!!! Also a big THANK YOU to Lisa Vactor, she did a great job!!!

MAE NEWS:

Contact Parents

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday break. Thank you all for giving the students at MAE such fantastic Holiday Parties. The parties were very festive and fun and I know the students and teachers really enjoy celebrating the Holidays. With the Holidays behind us and the New Year here the Valentine's Party is right around the corner.....

The Valentine Party for MAE students is Feb. 14 2014, 2-3pm Please make sure your license is scanned no later than Friday, Feb. 7, 2014

Stay warm and thanks so much for all of your help Contact Parents!!

Katie Ray
PTO- MAE building Chair

MAE Holiday Shop

Thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who came in to help with the MAE Holiday Shop this year. It is a gigantic group effort and it would not be possible without the help from our wonderful community. Everyone donated so much of their time during the busiest season of the year and we are so grateful to have helping hands and smiling faces to work with the students.

Many thanks to the holiday shop committee / super moms: Sherri McEwen, Amy Panneton, Carrie Jablunovsky, Michele McKee, Shaney Mitchell, Belinda Terzich, Beth Muchnok, Adrienne Winstead, Jennifer Howell, Becky Bostedo, Megan Prazer, Natalie Frazer, Tracey Weaver, Jennifer Mallin, Melissa DiLeo, Kim Mills, Mandy Burkert, Jamie Fleming, Michele Obid, Catrina Fritsch, Tammy Crouthamel, Nicole Clark, Laurie Dermitt, Jennifer Stoops, Laura Kleber, & Tanya Yoshioko.

MAE SCIENCE FAIR

It is that time of year again! We will be kicking off the MAE Science Fair on January 8th and 9th when former Science Fair participants will be visiting your child's classroom to talk about their projects and the Science Fair in general. On January 10th, entry forms will come home in your child's Friday folder. If your child is interested in entering the Science Fair, fill out this form and return it to the elementary office by January 21st. An informational meeting will be held for parents about the Science Fair on Thursday, January 23rd at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM in the LGI room at the Mars Middle School. At that time, informational packets will be handed out. If you cannot make either of these meetings, your child can pick up their packet in the elementary office. No packets will be sent home via the student's homeroom teachers.

The MAE Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

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

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Centennial News:

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Holiday Party. I really appreciate you taking the time out of your day during such a busy time of year. The party would not have been a success without each and every one of you.

Happy New Year!

Tracey Smith
Centennial PTO Building Chair

Our Holiday Store went wonderful! I hope your children enjoyed shopping for all their family and friends! Thank you to everyone that helped us make it happen!!!

Laura Schultheis

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

This January you can get a FREE 2014 Eat Well Calendar and GoGo SqueeZ Applesauce Pouch with any purchase. You can order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, January 16, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, January 22, 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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