



MAY PTO METEOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Isn't it amazing how powerful the sense of smell can be? As I was walking...o.k., rushing... through Target the other day, I caught a whiff of Coppertone suntan lotion...and was immediately taken back to the first day of summer when I was a kid, my mom lathering me with Coppertone before we headed off to the pool. That absolute blissful feeling knowing I had three months of bike riding, swimming, sleepovers, just about anything I was allowed to do. What a great feeling!

That is how many of our children will feel in approximately three weeks as they put away the books, paper and pencils. Another school year is almost complete and it is time to sit back and enjoy three months of down time. How will you and your family spend your summer? Maybe you will be poolside, watching your child go down the slide for the first time or watching them as they ponder a leap into the deep end. Some will go to the beach, enjoying the water, building sandcastles or hunting for seashells. Or maybe you will do some camping, sitting by a fire, telling stories or catching lightening bugs. There will be some nights spent huddled under the covers as a thunderstorm approaches or going out for ice cream to beat the heat and humidity. However you decide to spend your time, I hope you make the most of it with your children, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

I say this because one summer day in the not too distant future, instead of lathering sunblock on your child, you will find yourself driving them to their first job...or taking them to an SAT prep course. You will be teaching them how to drive or maybe visiting a college or two. You won't be teaching them

to swim or catching them as they jump in the pool. Those days will be gone. So spend time with your precious children now. That way when they turn to wave good-bye as they head off to the new chapter in their life, you will have no regrets, just a smile and warm memories of what you shared! Have a safe and happy summer and we will see you in August, when yet another school year begins!

Carol Knox

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Important Dates:

PTO Meeting-Tuesday May 14th 9:30am PC PTO Room

Cyber Bullying Program-Monday May 13th 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Mars Area Centennial School and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Mars Area Middle School on Monday, May 13.

P.C. Play Date Kindergarten Preview-Wednesday May 15th-two sessions from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

PC First Grade Parent Picnic-Thursday May 16th

Centennial Choral and Band Concert-Tuesday, May 21, at Mars Area High School auditorium. Fifth-graders will perform at 6 p.m. and sixth-graders will perform at 7:30 p.m

Centennial School Student Talent Show-Wednesday May 22nd at 12:50

Market Day Pickup-Wednesday May 22nd 6:30-7:30pm

PC Fun Day-Thursday May 23rd

MAE 2nd Grade World Record Day-Friday May 24th

NO SCHOOL- Monday May 27th

MAE 4th Grade World Record Day- Tuesday May 28th

MAE 3rd Grade World Record Day- Wednesday May 29th

Centennial Field Day- Thursday May 30th

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS- FRIDAY MAY 31ST

Monday August 26th- First Day for Students 2013-2014 School Year

PTO MEETING

Our last PTO meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. At this meeting, we will be holding our annual elections. If you are interested in a position on the PTO board, please plan to attend this meeting. If you are interested in a position but cannot make the meeting, please contact Carol Knox at cknox522@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you!

THANK YOU!!!!

Every year, a number of dedicated women work extremely hard to coordinate and implement the different activities that the PTO sponsors during the school year. Countless hours are spent and quite often these ladies do not get the recognition they deserve. I am talking about our wonderful PTO executive board, building chairs and committee members. Therefore, I would like to thank, Jenny Ivory, Diane Schlegel, Karen Lussier, Katie Ray, Kim Cenci, Rachel Steigerwald, Amy Riggio, Diana Volkar, Sheri McMaster, Jody Gagnon, Cara Schultz, Laura Schultheis, Susan Cable, Jacki Kearny, Karen Harvey, Lisa Vactor, Kim Doyle, Tina Richard and Julie Ford for a job well done. If you happen to run into any of these amazing women, please thank them for their service. They have done a fantastic job!
Carol Knox

Primary Center News:

Hi All!

I just wanted to let everyone know, that because of the donations and generosity of the parents at the Primary Center, we were able to provide the teachers and staff with a fabulous appreciation week. I again want to thank all of the moms who took time out of their weeks to help with the planning and preparation! I wish everyone could have caught a glimpse of the children walking their flowers in on Monday! The amount of "old-fashioned" candy we received was phenomenal!! So fun to see the variety...everything from Mary Janes to Moon Pies!! All of the food and drinks provided for the luncheon were "scrumptious" and so appreciated by

the staff! On Thursday, we provided the staff with chocolate chip cookies in a jar which they can bake at home and enjoy with their families. Lastly, because of the kindness of all of our parents we were able to purchase a much needed microwave to be used by all staff. Another big thank you to the Primary Center School staff! After having the opportunity to spend lots of time at the school this year, I feel truly blessed and grateful that my daughter has spent these past two years at such an outstanding school! Have a great summer!

Kim Cenci

PC Committee Head

Hello Primary Center Parents

PC Olympic Fun Day is right around the corner and there are still spots available to volunteer.

Olympic Fun Day is Thursday, May 23rd
You can volunteer for an AM shift, PM shift or all day

Directions for volunteering:

DO NOT GO TO volunteerspot.com - Please use this link <http://pt/h7kndU>
This will take you straight to the OFD sign ups, where you can enter your email and name and choose a shift that you would like to volunteer for.

Remember all licenses must be scanned by Friday May 17th
Deadline for volunteering is May 17th

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for this special day. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Katie Ray

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MAE Contact Parents

I would like to thank all the MAE classroom contact parents, party parents, and classroom volunteers for all their hard work and dedication throughout this school year. You all made the parties and classroom activities run smoothly. All your hard work is greatly appreciated and you deserve a great big THANK YOU!

Thank you as well to all the parents who donated treats, supplies, and time for all these events.

Diana Volkar - MAE Building Chair

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!

To the Centennial luncheon committee and volunteers ~

Many thanks to all of you for creating a wonderful picnic for the Centennial teachers and staff on Thursday! Everyone enjoyed the tasty main dishes, salads, desserts and raffle prizes. I sincerely appreciate all of your time, effort and contributions. Thank you for helping to honor the Centennial staff in a special way!

Karen Harvey

MAC Field Day -- Volunteers for May 30

If you haven't already volunteered for the Field Day at the Centennial School on May 30, please contact Susan Cable as soon as possible at cable_susan@yahoo.com or 724-625-1868. Please note that flyers requesting parent volunteers for this event were dropped in teacher boxes on Friday, April 26.

Volunteers must have their licenses scanned by May 24 and will be needed at the Mars Athletic Complex on May 30 from 8:30 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who are taking time out of busy end-of-year schedules to help us put on this event. We really appreciate your participation. A special thank you to Julie Ford for getting the planning moving in the right direction and to Laura Schultheis, Susan Scurci and Deborah Hessinger for making it a group project instead of a solo act!

Yearbooks

Near the end of the school year, the 2012-13 yearbooks will be distributed to each student who placed an order. This wonderful keepsake would not have been possible without the work of many photographers. Please join us in thanking Maria Bisceglia, Alison Butler, Jody Gagnon, Sherri McEwen, Beth Muchnok, Cara Schultz, Susan Scurci, Kristi Thompson, Belinda Terzich, Claudine Valentine and Julie Wright. Our apologies to anyone we may have missed!

Yearbook Committee
Tina Richard
Julie Ford

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Monday, June 3 to Friday, July 26th
Infants through 17 yrs. Old

Read-to-Me: infants to 1st graders
Kids: 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders
Tweens: 4th, 5th and 6th graders
Teens: 7th grade to 12th grade

Online or manual record keeping.
Prizes and incentives!
Programs for all ages.

Registration begins Monday, June 3rd.
Please register for ALL programs.

Sincerely,

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