

March Meteor Mars Area Elementary PTO



Presidents Corner:

You are all very lucky, as this will be a very short President's Corner this month!

We are all so excited about the MAE Science Fair, to be held on Wednesday, March 12th, from 6:00 - 8:15 pm at Mars Area High School. We have reviewed all the Scientific Method Forms and are so impressed with the projects the participants are working on. Everyone should be so proud of their children's hard work...it promises to be a memorable night!



Over the next few months we will be planning the year end festivities! Yes, the teacher luncheons and field days are just around the corner. If you would be interested in helping out, please do not hesitate to contact the building chairs in charge of these events...they would indeed appreciate your time!

We look forward to seeing you all at our meeting this coming Tuesday, 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. Only three meetings left this year, with our annual meeting and elections to be held at our May meeting. We will have a few openings on our board next year...please consider giving of your time to make your child's school a better place....you won't regret it!

Carol Knox
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Important Dates:

PTO Meeting: Tuesday March 4th
9:30 am- PC PTO Room

Centennial Mardi Gras Party: Friday March 7th
5th Grade 1:00-2:00
6th Grade 2:00-3:00

MAE Science Fair: Wednesday March 12th
6:00-8:15 pm Mars High School

Market Day pickup: Wednesday March 19th
6:30-7:30 p.m. MAE Cafeteria



End of 3rd Nine Weeks: Thursday March 20th

PTO Meeting: Tuesday April 1st
9:30 am-PC PTO Room

MAE Change Wars: March 31-April 4th

MAE Spring Book Fair: April 7-11th

Sarris Easter Candy pickup: Monday, April 7th
3:20-7:00 p.m. MAE Cafeteria

MAE Family Night for Book Fair: Monday, April 7th
3:30-7:00 p.m. Room C-17 & C-021 (same evening as Sarris candy pickup)

Primary Center News:

Hello All

We are starting to plan our Teacher Appreciation luncheon. The planning meeting will be held on Monday March 3rd at 9:30 am at the Mango Bean. Please come and help if you can. Thank you to all those who helped with the Valentines Parties they were a big success.

Rachel Steigerwald



Mars Area Elementary News:

MAE Contact Parents

Hello Contact Parents. I hope all of you have enjoyed the class parties, shopping at the book fair and holiday shop days. All of your time and effort has been truly appreciated and I would personally like to say Thank You. I can't believe the school year is winding down and we still have wintry, freezing weather...Spring has to get here sometime soon!!

I hope all of you enjoy the rest of the school year with your kids and enjoy the end of the year activities. Thanks again for all of your work, creativity, license scanning, snack approval and most of all the happiness that you brought into the school for the kids!

Sincerely,

Katie Ray
PTO MAE Building Chair



MARS ELEMENTARY SPRING BOOK FAIR
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALANDARS

CHANGE IN DATES: April 7-11, 2014

The PTO sponsored spring book fair will be held during the week of April 7-11, 2014 at MAE for Grades 2-4; starting with our Family Night, Monday, April 7, 2014 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. in Rooms C-017 and C-021 and classes will be shopping on Tuesday through Friday, April 8-11, 2014 from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A flyer will come home with your child later this month with more details regarding what day and time your child's class will shop.

Also, this year we will be participating in the All for Books program again as well as doing the CHANGE WARS fundraiser! This program is run through Scholastic and for every dollar we collect they will purchase a book for a child in a distressed situation.

We will run the Change Wars the week before our spring book fair, starting Monday, March 31st will be pennies, Tuesday, April 1st nickels, Wednesday, April 2nd dimes, Thursday, April 3rd quarters, and Friday, April 4th dollars. You can send these in with your children daily for collection in the classrooms. This is purely voluntary! Each grade will have a winning class that collects the most money. That class will receive a voucher for a "FREE" paperback reading book for each student, valued at no more than \$7.

Winners will be notified on Monday, April 7th and will be given vouchers on their classroom's shopping day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheri McMaster at ssmcmaster@zoominternet.net or (724) 625-3997.

Centennial News:

Our Spring party is next Friday March 7th! We are providing a FREE piece of pizza for each student, waters, and cookies!! Thank you to all parents that have sent in donations of all items needed to help make this a great LAST party of the year!!!!!!



Yearbook News:

THE LAST-CHANCE YEARBOOK SALE IS GOING ON NOW!

If you have not ordered your 2013-14 school yearbook yet, this will be your LAST OPPORTUNITY to do so. The sale ends next Friday, March 7th. All students who have not previously ordered the current yearbook should have received a sales flyer in their backpack last week. Extra sales flyers are also available in the office of each school building (K-6). All checks should be made payable to "Mars Elementary PTO" in the amount of \$15.00. Parents, please note: We DO NOT order extra yearbooks, so be sure to order your child's yearbook by the firm deadline of Friday, March 7th!!

Tina Richard



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Julie Ford
Jody Gagnon
Yearbook Committee

Field Trip News:

Class Field Trips are Coming!

With Spring just around the corner (hopefully!!), it's almost time for field trips! The following is a list of destinations for each grade.

First Grade - Phipps Conservatory

Second Grade - Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium

Third Grade - Heinz Field and PNC Park

Fourth Grade - Consol Energy Center (Dates TBD)

Fifth Grade - Carnegie Science Center

Sixth Grade - PNC Park with Baseball Game

The cost of the field trips and the transportation for the students and teachers is covered by the PTO. Chaperones are chosen by the teachers for each class and if you were chosen to be a chaperone, a form was sent home. For those parents chosen as chaperones, please send your form back asap. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Diana Volkar

Field Trip Chaperones

Please be aware that to be eligible for chaperoning field trips this Spring, all volunteers must have the appropriate clearances along with license scanning. Please refer to the school website for more details.



Market Day News:

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

This month is another Bonus Days dessert month and Market Day is featuring 11 pies (look on page 3 of the order guide sent home earlier this month) and just in time for Easter!! This March you can also get FREE

Munchtables Combo Pack with a \$90 online purchase using Promo Code: MARBONUS. You can order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, March 13, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, March 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.

Community News:

Mars Area Soccer Club

Spring Registration NOW OPEN!

InHouse Soccer: Ages 5-10

Travel Soccer: Ages 10-19

For more info and to register, go to
www.marssoccer.org



Sarris Candy Fundraiser:

You should have received your Sarris Easter Candy brochure and order form already through your child's take home folder last week. Just a reminder that the sale dates for this 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. **CHANGE OF DELIVERY DATE:** Our new delivery date is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 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

Mars Elementary - Sheri McMaster: (724) 625-3997 or
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Mars Centennial - Jacki Kearney: (724) 625-8686 or kearneyjk@zoominternet.net



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