

December 2013 Meteor



Presidents Corner

I can't help but think of many of you who are traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday. I wish you all safe travels!

Please be sure to look through this month's important dates, as there are many activities planned. Probably the area that the most volunteers are needed is the Holiday Stores. I know, I know, the Holiday Stores are famously chaotic and this is such a busy time of year, but the children absolutely love the opportunity to shop for their families. For many of these kids, this is the only opportunity they will have to shop for the holidays. In addition, keep in mind many of these gifts mean just as much to the family members as they do to the kids. My mother still has a pin I bought her at my Holiday Store (then known as a "Santa Shop") nearly forty years ago! Every time I come across it in her jewelry box I cringe, for it truly is not one of my better purchases! However, she loves and cherishes it because at the time I told her it was "the most beautiful present I had ever given her". So if you are able, please make some room in your schedule to help! Whether it means shopping with your child, another child or helping us with the setting up or tearing down, every little bit helps. Maybe you may be the one to help a child get there loved one "the most beautiful present!"

I know many of you are beginning to plan holiday parties. The new classroom snack list is available on the district website, so please be sure to check it out and use it to help plan the snack for your child's classroom party. Also, be aware of the scanning deadlines for the holiday parties.

Remember, YOU MUST BE SCANNED THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE PARTY! Finally, even though we are still a few months away, I thought it was worth mentioning that we will be kicking off the Science Fair right after the New Year for both MAE and the Centennial Building. Please look for more information to come home after the first of the year!!!

We would love to see you at our PTO meeting this Tuesday, December 3rd, 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. We will have more information about all the above topics, so plan to join us!!!

I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and all the best for the new year!

Carol Knox

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Important Dates

PTO Meeting: 12/3 Starts at 9:30 PC PTO Room

PC Holiday Shop: 12/5-12/6

Centennial Holiday Shop: 12/9-12/10 Gymnasium

Market Day Pickup: 12/11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. MAE Cafeteria

MAE Holiday Shop: 12/11-12/13

Centennial Holiday Concerts: 12/17 High School Auditorium

Primary Center Holiday Parties: 12/20

10:15-11:15 AM Kindergarten

2:00-3:00-PM Kindergarten and 1st Grade

MAE Holiday Parties:

9:00-10:00- All Classrooms

Centennial Holiday Parties: 12/20 Cafeteria and Gymnasium

1:00-2:00 5th Grade

2:00-3:00 6th Grade

NO SCHOOL: December 23rd-January 1st

PTO Meeting: 1/7 Starts at 9:30 PC PTO Room

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

This December you can get a FREE 1 lb. Pork Tenderloin with a \$90 online purchase PROMO Code DECBONUS plus FREE 7 oz. Sample of Kraft Mac & Cheese with purchase. You can order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, December 5, 2013 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, December 11, 2013 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.

PC News

Happy Holidays,

The Primary Center has many exciting activities this month. First we have our annual Holiday Shop on Thursday and Friday December 5th and 6th. You should have received a packet home including your envelope you will want to return to school with your child the day of the shop. You may come shop with your child on their scheduled time. You must have had your license scanned. The shop has items from \$.25 - \$10.00. We will only be able to accept cash or check made out the Mars PTO. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Vactor, chirolmr@yahoo.com.

The Holiday Parties are going to be held Friday December 20th, AM Kindergarten 10:15-11:15am and the PM Kindergarten and 1st grade will be held 2-3pm. All Party parents must have had their license scanned. Also, there is an updated approved snack list so please use that when planning these parties. Just a reminder, parents cannot send in any edible items to go home in treat bags.

Thank you so much for all parent volunteers who help to make these events such a success, I hope you all have a bright and safe Holiday Season.
Rachel Steigerwald

MAE News

MAE Contact Parents

Hello Everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and wanted to give my many Thanks to all of you. Thanks for organizing the class parties, helping coordinate volunteers and most importantly all of your time and effort with your child's class. I appreciate all that you do.

Holiday Party Planning is in full swing~ enjoy this festive time of year and remember to have all license scanned by Friday, Dec 13th. Get all snacks approved by nurse 2 weeks prior and make sure you all check out the updated, approved snack list I sent out via email or on the PTO website.

Have a blessed holiday with family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Katie Ray~ PTO MAE Building Chair

The Mars Elementary Holiday Shop

December 11 - 13th

The Holidays are just around the corner and to help your children get ready, we are hosting our annual Holiday Gift Shop December 11 - 13th. This program allows children to purchase Holiday Gifts for the special people in their lives. Gifts will range from approximately .25 cents to \$10.00 and we will also have Mars Spirit wear, Pittsburgh Sports Team items, and a variety of other goodies. The Holiday Store is designed to be a safe, child-centered environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience "the joy of giving".

Parents are welcome to shop with their children. If you plan to come in during your child's class shopping time, please sign up with your head contact parent by Tuesday, December 3rd. All visitors need to register to come in that day. And you **MUST HAVE YOUR LICENSE SCANNED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

If you are sending a check please make it payable to:

Mars Elementary PTO

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with the Holiday Shop please contact Cara Schultz caraj3@live.com

Centennial News

Centennial Holiday Parties:

"The Centennial Holiday party will be held on Friday, December 20th. The 6th grade party is from 1-2 and the 5th grade party is from 2-3. Flyers will be sent home on Friday, December 6th. If you would like to assist with an activity during your child's class time, you must email Tracey Smith (natetray@zoominternet.net) by December 13th. You also must be scanned by December 13th in order to attend. Thanks!"

Centennial Holiday Shop:

The Holiday Shop this year is being held on Monday December 9th and Tuesday December 10th. If you did not receive your letter and money envelope from your student, please let me know. The schedule of class times is located on the back of the Holiday Shop letter. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help during shop times. If you are interested in helping your child, and a few others shop...please have your license scanned no later than Friday December 6th!!! Also, please do not bring siblings to the shop!!!

Unfortunately we missed a teacher on the schedule, Mrs. Slowick. She will be shopping at the same time as Mr. Zima. Tuesday Morning from 11:00-11:30 If you have a child in her class, please make a note of this.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Laura Schultheis candlechik@zoominternet.net or 724-244-9523

6th Grade Parents Kindergarten Photo Needed:

The yearbook committee is in need of a Kindergarten photo of your 6th grader for the 2013-2014 Centennial School Yearbook. You can send an email with a picture attached or you can send a hard copy in an envelope. Both need to have the child's name and teacher. Please refer to the note sent home with your child last week for full details on how to send the picture. If you have questions please contact me at jodygagnon5@gmail.com. All submissions are due by Friday, December 13th 2013.



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