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Mars Area Elementary PTO

November Meteor



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, I can here the wind picking up outside, school has been canceled for tomorrow and trick or treating has been postponed until Saturday...who would have thought this could happen in October? I hope you all stayed safe, dry and sustained minimal damage from this very unusual storm.

Unfortunately, the school cancellation caused the rescheduling of the Primary Center's Fall Festival party to November 5th, following the same time schedule. Hopefully, this will not cause to much of an inconvenience for

anyone. Also, the Primary Center's kindergarten field trips were canceled and will need to be rescheduled for the spring. More information on the field trips will be forthcoming. Thank you to all for your understanding.

November always seems to be a short month, with two In-Service days and the Thanksgiving holiday. For those of you with MAE students, please remember parent visitation days will be held on November 13th for 2nd grade, November 14th for 3rd grade and November 15th for 4th grade. Please try to attend, it is a great opportunity to experience your child's day at school.

Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. Yes, it is also election day, so why not come by before or after you vote? We look forward to seeing

you then.

**Have a safe and happy
Thanksgiving!**

Carol Knox

cknox522@yahoo.com

Important Dates:

**Monday November 5th-PC
Fall Parties**

**Tuesday November 6th-
PTO meeting PC PTO Room**

**Friday November 9th-No
School**

**Parent/Teacher
conferences**

**Monday November 12th-
No School**

**Tuesday November 13th-
2nd Grade Visitation**

**Wednesday November
14th-3rd Grade Visitation**

**Thursday November 15th-
4th Grade Visitation**

**Thursday November 22nd-
Monday November 26th-**

**No school
Thanksgiving Break**

**Thursday November 29th-
Friday November 30th**

PC Holiday Shop

**Monday December 3rd-
Tuesday December 4th**

**Centennial
Holiday Shop**

**Tuesday December 4th-
PTO meeting PC PTO Room**

**Thursday December 6th-
Friday December 7th**

MAE Holiday Shop

Kindergarten Field Trips

**Due to the weather
conditions and for
safety of the students,
the administration
cancelled the
kindergarten field trips
to Soergels. The**

Kindergarten Field Trips will be rescheduled in the spring.

Happy Fall Everyone!

Our next assignment for the Primary Center Decorating Committee is only a couple days away. We will be taking down the spooky haunted house and getting the school ready for Thanksgiving. The scheduled day for take down is this

Wednesday, October 31st. I plan on starting around 9:30 for those of you who had volunteered to help. If anyone has any Thanksgiving items to add to our display, please let me know!

Thanks in advance,

Kim Cenci

kim.cenci@gmail.com

PC Decorating Chair

Hello PC Parents.

I would like to thank all of the PC Contact Parents and party volunteers for doing such a fantastic job on

all the Fall Festival Parties. Everyone was scanned and took the time to make sure the parties were run smoothly and well organized, so a big thanks to you all!!

I would also like to thank Tanya Yoshioka for taking on the task of Black and White Photo Sale this year. She did a great job getting all the photos taken this Fall and of course it could not have been done without the help of the volunteer photographers and helpers!! Thanks so much, you all did great!!

I hope you all have a fun and safe Halloween, try and stay dry and warm. As the Holiday parties come closer please get your license scanned if you have not already done so. Just a reminder the Holiday Parties for PC this year are as follows:

Thursday, December 20th

Kinder am Holiday Party- 10:15am- 11:15am

Kinder pm and First

Grade- 2pm-3pm

Please get your license scanned by Friday, December 14th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me.

Thanks for all you do,

Katie Ray

PC Building Chair- PTO

Contact Parents

raysinmars@gmail.com

Elementary School:

Thank you to all the fall festival party parents at MAE! The parties were a success and the children had a great time! A big thank you also goes out to all the parents who donated items for the parties. Without your help, the parties would not be possible.

Diana Volkar

MAE Building Chair

Book Fair Thanks!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the book fair at the Elementary School! We were able to provide some great books for the library and the classrooms.

"Elves Wanted"

The Holiday Shop at MAE will take place on Thursday December 6th and Friday December 7th. It's not too late to join our wonderful team of Elves to assist with set up, tear down, and the best part....helping the children shop for their loved ones.

If you are available to help please contact Cara Schultz @ caraj3@live.com or 724-432-2410.

Thank you and Happy Holidays

Centennial Party:

Thank you to all parents

out there who helped set up, and run the Fall Festival! After all the dancing and playing games, we hope your child enjoyed themselves!!

MAC Parties:

Important Note Regarding Parent Attendance

While all parents of 5th and 6th graders are welcome to attend their child's parties, please note that you must be scanned -- whether you are signed up to volunteer or not -- by the Friday before each party. The next deadline is

December 14 for the holiday party.

In addition, please notify PTO by the Friday before the party if you plan to attend, as we are the liaison with Mr. Lape's office and compile the list of expected attendees for their review. That list of attendees is at the door of each party in order to permit admittance and guarantee student

safety.

**Laura Schultheis
Head Building Chair
Mars Area Centennial
Building**

Centennial Holiday Shop:

Our holiday shop will be Monday December 3rd, and Tuesday December 4th. If you are interested in helping set up, run or tear down...

please contact

Laura Schultheis

candlechik@zoominternet.net

"Elves Wanted" MAC Holiday Party

If the stores can sell peppermint- and eggnog-flavored International Delight and set up photo shoots with Santa, then it's not too early to tell you that it's time to get the ball rolling for the Centennial Holiday Party.

The party will be held on Thursday, December 20, the last day of school before vacation. The entire 6th grade will gather between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., and the entire 5th grade will whoop it up between 2:00

p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you already signed up for the MAC Social Committee, I'll be contacting you after Thanksgiving to ask for your assistance before and during the party and to secure donations to cover the cost of the DJ and the food/beverages. If you would like to help and did not get your name onto the list for the Social Committee, please feel free to contact me. With a scanned license you are welcome to attend either or both parties. Many hands make light work, and we couldn't do it without you.

'Tis the season for another great MAC celebration.

Susan Cable

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SCIENCE FAIR

We will be meeting in November to begin the process of planning for the MAE Science Fair. This Science Fair includes 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. If you are interested in

helping with the Science Fair this year, please email me at the address below as soon as possible so that we can choose a date to meet. We will be kicking off the Science Fair at the beginning of January, so we need to have preliminary discussions before the holiday season begins! The MAE Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Mark your calendars!

Carol Knox

cknox522@yahoo.com

General Mills Box Tops Contest

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for the annual box tops contest! This year the students collected a little over 99,000 box tops! Each school principal will be receiving a check for the total their school earned to be used for their school. Congrats to all of our students for their great efforts during this contest!

A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers who assisted with the cutting and

counting of the box tops coupons. We value our volunteers and appreciate everyone's support. We could not have done this without your help. Thank you!!

While this year's contest has come to an end, remember to save your box tops coupons all year round. You can find collections boxes in each building or you can save for next year's contest.

Onto the exciting part! The winners of the contest are as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Zollner PM

1st: Mrs. Wright

2nd: Mrs. Thompson

3rd: Mrs. Semler

4th: Mrs. Petrini

5th: Mrs. Banze

6th: Mrs. Jones

Contest Prizes: Students in Kindergarten, 5th & 6th grades will be receiving holiday shop coupons and students in grades 1-4 will be having a pizza luncheon. Congrats!

General Mills eBox Tops - Giant Eagle

Giant Eagle has a new way to help your school earn bonus box tops this school year. You can log onto boxtops.gianteagle.com and register your Giant Eagle advantage card, select your school and set up an account. Every month there are new offers on various products. If you purchase these specific products and shop using your advantage card your designated school can earn cash. There are also many opportunities to click on various videos and earn bonus eBoxTops for your designated school. This is an easy and quick way to help our schools earn more money for our students throughout the entire school year.

Giant Eagle Advantage Cards

Giant Eagle has a program called Apples for Students. To enroll, simply go to www.gianteagle.com and click on Apples for Students. Follow the links to enroll your Giant

Eagle Advantage card and earn points for your designated school every time you shop and use your advantage card. Points can be redeemed for educational tools for our schools.

Campbell's Labels -
www.labelsforeducation.com

Clip those labels for education (complete product listings can be found at labels for education) and turn the labels in with your students or in the bins that can be found near the offices at each building. Our schools can earn points for the labels to be redeemed for various items that can be utilized in the classrooms.

Tyson Labels -
www.tyson.com

Labels from various Tyson products can be turned into the schools throughout the school year. The labels will be turned in to earn points which can be redeemed for various educational items for the schools.

Target - www.target.com

Target offers a "Take Charge for Education" program. Log into target.com and designate a school to earn cash when making purchases with your Target credit card.

POSTI'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to close Posti's pizza will be donating 50% of their total sales to the MARS PTO. This is at the Mars location only. Dine-in...Take-out...Delivery, anything on the menu!!! Tuesday Specials are 2 medium plain pizzas for \$12.99 or a large 2-topping pizza for \$9.99. www.postispizza.com

NO COOKIN' FOR MOM'S (or dad's) IN MARS TUESDAY NIGHT!!!!

Posti's is located at: 130 Grand Ave., Mars (by Foodland) 724-687-0663

**Attention all Parents of
6th graders!**

**The Yearbook Committee
is in need of a
Kindergarten photo of
your 6th grader. Please
submit the photo in an
envelope with your
child's name and teacher
noted on the front.
Please DO NOT write on
the back of the photo.
Any size photo can be
submitted as long as it is
clear and not too dark.
Photos will be available
for pickup in the office at
the end of the school
year once yearbooks are
delivered. We would
appreciate all photos
being submitted by
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.
If you have any
questions, please call
Tina at 724.776.9166
email at
tinalynn105@hotmail.com.
Thanks in advance!**

**MARKET DAY ~ HELP
YOUR SCHOOL & FEED
YOUR FAMILY**

**This November get a
FREE Pie Carrier with a
\$90 on-line purchase,
Promo Code: NOV Bonus
and also remember that
Dessert Bonus Days are**

here for November, get your pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas and help your school earn money at the same time!

Please order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, November 1, 2012 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, November 7, 2012 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 at (724) 625-3997.

Mars Youth Boys Lacrosse will hold its 2013 Spring Season Registration, November 15th-December 15th .

Register or get more details at www.marslax.org.

Sincerely,

Mars PTO
Mars Area Elementary PTO

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