



***Next PTO Meeting:***

***Tuesday, November 4 @9:30 a.m.***

*PTO Room - 218 Centennial*

*Children are welcome.*



*November 7 - Act 80 Day/no school*

*November 12 - Market Day Pick-up*

*November 27 - December 1 - Thanksgiving break*

*Looking ahead:*

*December 2 - PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m. (PTO room)*

*December 4-5 - PC Holiday Shop*

*December 8-9 - Centennial Holiday Shop*

*December 10-12 - MAE Holiday Shop*

***President's Passage***



*"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." ~ Elizabeth Lawrence*

*September and October are always packed full of activities and obligations for families. The PTO has been very busy, as well. After Spirit Wear distribution, we had close to 250 orders left behind and worked hard to get them to their homes. We still have about 20 orders on hand, so if you ordered Spirit Wear and have not yet received it, please contact Tanya Yoshioka at [tyoshcolors@gmail.com](mailto:tyoshcolors@gmail.com) or 414-807-6109 to arrange for pick-up. We kicked off the yearbook pre-sale and offered the MAE Book Fair and the Centennial Fall Festival. We collected and clipped 100,000 Box Tops and declared grade winners. Finally, now that our Contact Parent coordinators have most classrooms settled, we hope that the party parents enjoyed the K-4 Fall Festivals with their children. A*

*heartfelt thank you to all of the parents who helped in many ways during this very demanding time. As always, you make it possible for us to serve the kids. I'm looking forward to November, when there is a bit of a calm before the storm of the December holidays.*

*At the beginning of October, the electronic directory was sent to all households for which we have email addresses. If you did not receive your K-6 directory - or if you received it and your children should be listed but are not -- please let Sheri McMaster know at [ssmcmster@zoominternet.net](mailto:ssmcmster@zoominternet.net)*

*Sadly, amidst these many activities, we said goodbye to Kim Cenci, our Secretary. She has served the PTO for many years, and we'll miss her kind smile and support. Susan Tirch was voted in to replace Kim on the executive board. She will continue to serve the PC as a building chair until we determine whether a replacement is needed and can be found.*

*The Holiday Shops will be upon us right after Thanksgiving, so please watch your children's yellow envelopes for shopping schedules and be sure to have your license scanned before volunteering.*

*Please note that the PTO budget is always available on our website for your information.*

[www.marspto.org](http://www.marspto.org)

*I hope that you all have reasons to be thankful this November and can spend time with the people who mean the most to you.*

*-Susan Cable*

*PTO President*

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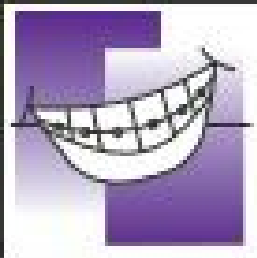
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We will be hosting our annual Holiday Gift Shops in December.  
More information will be sent home from your Building Chairperson in mid-November.  
We will also be contacting our committee members to sign up to work specific shifts.  
Please mark your calendars and get your licenses scanned so you can shop with your children!

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December 4 & 5

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December 8 & 9

Mars Elementary  
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December 10, 11 & 12

### **Spirit Wear Update**

Spirit Wear pick up was October 15th at MAE. If you have not received your Spirit Wear please contact Tanya Yoshioka at tyoshcolors@gmail.com to make arrangements. A great big thank you to everyone that helped distribute Spirit Wear. Look for Spirit Wear Sale again in Spring with new items and shipping options.

### **2014 General Mills Box Tops Contest Results**

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for the annual box tops contest! We collected more than 100,000 box tops! Each school principal will be receiving a check for the total their building earned to be used for their school. Congrats to all of our students for their great efforts during the contest!

Very special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with cutting and counting the box tops for the contest. We value our volunteers and appreciate your support. We could not have done this without your help!

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

Congratulations to the winning classrooms!

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Zollner -- AM
1st Grade:	Ms. Jarvie
2nd Grade:	Mrs. Sondej
3rd Grade:	Mrs. McGroarty
4th Grade:	Mrs. Lapiska
5th Grade:	Ms. Thompson
6th Grade:	Mrs. Martin

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This November you can help our school earn more profit by purchasing desserts, the more you purchase the higher our profit, plus with a \$90 online purchase you get a FREE Dessert Pedestal using Promo: NOV Bonus. You can order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11PM on Thursday, November 6, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, November 12, 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 Announcements



Have you seen these snazzy bandannas? The Middle and High School Cross Country teams have been selling them for \$5.00. If you're interested in owning one, you can contact Carol Knox at [cknox522@yahoo.com](mailto:cknox522@yahoo.com).



