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President's Corner

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, filled with special memories that you will cherish. I also hope your child's first week back to school was filled with smiles and little or no tears!

If you are like me, starting back to school is never easy...it feels like one of those roller coasters that shoots you out of the gate at 120 miles per hour. Unfortunately, unlike a roller coaster, it is not over in a few seconds, but seems to last about a month! To make things a little easier, we handed out an information page at each building orientation to help you keep track of what is coming up in the next month. Please be sure to put the important dates on your calendar. You may also check our website, marspto.org, to get the most up to date information.

Every year I am always amazed at the number of parents who give of their times and talents to make the many events and programs we sponsor a success. I often hear from friends in other school districts, some near our area, others out of state, and how they struggle to find enough people to volunteer. They cannot believe the response we get from parents in our district. Someone once told me that Mars was the best kept secret in the North Hills area. After living here for a long time and watching how people consistently step up year after year, I know without a doubt,

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be held on this Tuesday, September 5th at 9:30 AM in the PTO room at the Primary Center. All board members, as well as the building principals will be there. Please plan on joining us.

Have a wonderful month!

Carol Knox
cknox522@yahoo.com

Important Dates

September 3rd- No School-Labor Day

September 4th-PTO meeting 9:30AM PC PTO Room

September 6th- Centennial Parent Orientation 6pm-8pm

September 11th-PC Picture Day

September 13th-Elementary School and Centennial Picture Day

Contact Parent Meetings:

September 13th: 9:30 - 10:30 AM - Kindergarten

10:30 - 11:30 AM - 1st Grade

September 14th: 9:30 - 10:30 AM - 2nd Grade

10:30 - 11:30 AM - 3rd Grade

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - 4th Grade

September 28th-Two-hour Delay

PTO Primary Center Building Chairs and Committees

Head Building Chair: Katie Ray
Building Chair: Kim Cenci
Building Chair: Amy Riggio
Building Chair: Rachel Steigerwald

Committees:

Contact Parents- Katie Ray
Decorating- Kim Cenci
Holiday Shop- Rachel Steigerwald
Fundraising- Amy Riggio
Teacher's Luncheon- Kim Cenci
Olympic Fun Day- Katie Ray, Amy Riggio, Rachel Steigerwald

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Welcome back! We hope you are adjusting to your first week back at school! Hopefully you had a chance to come in for the Parent Orientation last night. As a PTO we are involved with running the Book Fairs, the Holiday Shop, Classroom Parties, etc. If you did not have a chance to sign up and volunteer for a committee during Visitation Day or Orientation, you may contact the committee chair in charge of that committee and do so anytime.

For parents of children in grades 2-4, if you have any questions on a PTO function or would like to volunteer please contact the person in charge of the committee. You can also get more info on our website at www.marspto.org

Diana Volkar: Diana.volkar@gmail.com Head Chair, Contact Parents, Book Fair, World Record Day

Jody Gagnon: jody_gagnon@yahoo.com Decorating, Teacher Luncheon

Sheri McMaster: ssmcmaster@zoominternet.net Fundraising, Book Fair, World Record Day

Cara Schultz: caraj3@live.com Holiday Shop, Spring Book Fair

Centennial School Welcomes You Back!

We would like to introduce the Centennial PTO board to you:

Laura Schultheis-candlechik@zoominernet.net
Head Chair; Holiday Shop; Fall Party; Decorating

Susan Cable- cable_susan@yahoo.com
Holiday Party; Fun Day; Talent Show; Decorating

Jacki Kearney-kearneyjk@zoominternet.net
Fundraising; Fun Day; Talent Show; Decorating

Karen Harvey-Kmharvey21@gmail.com
Spring Party; Teacher Luncheon; Decorating

If you did not get a chance to sign up for one of the above committees, you may contact the chair for that event. We are different from the K-4 grades with class parties. We do not have Contact Parents or individual class parties. There will be 5th grade and 6th grade group parties. From the Centennial PTO, enjoy your 2012-2013 school year!

CONTACT PARENT MEETING

Are you interested in being a Contact Parent? A Contact Parent helps plan the classroom parties, secures volunteers for various events, such as the Holiday Store and Book Fairs and offers aid to the teachers when necessary.

If you are interested in being a Contact Parent for your child's classroom, please plan on attending the Contact Parent meetings, to be held in the PTO room at the Primary Center on

the following dates and times:

September 13th: 9:30 - 10:30 AM - Kindergarten
10:30 - 11:30 AM - 1st Grade

September 14th: 9:30 - 10:30 AM - 2nd Grade
10:30 - 11:30 AM - 3rd Grade
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - 4th Grade

If you cannot attend your meeting and would like to be a Contact Parent, please call Katie Ray (Primary Center Contact Parent Chairperson) at [724-591-8050](tel:724-591-8050) or Diana Volkar (MAE Contact Parent Chairperson) at [724-625-0211](tel:724-625-0211) by September 12th. We look forward to seeing you!

will not be allowed to volunteer until you have your license scanned. You must be scanned the Friday before the event you wish to volunteer for.

Primary Center Decorating Thank you to all of the parents at the Primary Center Open House and Orientation, who volunteered to help out with the decorating and teacher luncheon responsibilities for the 2012-13 school year. I also wanted to thank Katie Ray for helping me get the decorations set up for the open house and the first day of school. Hopefully, all of your children are enjoying the rocket ship that landed in our school last week. For those of you who are on the decorating committee, please keep in mind that the rocket ship will be taking off in the near future and we need to be geared up with our fall ideas. As for the teacher luncheon committee, it is never too early to start brainstorming for great ways to honor our staff and teachers. I will be in touch regarding the luncheon, once we get closer to the event. Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in assisting with either of the committees. Hope you and your children have a terrific school year!

Kim Cenci
PC Committee Chair
Decorating and Teacher Luncheon

PTO Fundraiser's or "OPT-OUT" ...???

The PTO will be sponsoring various fundraisers throughout the 2012-2013 school year. The PTO will hold a fall catalog sale, spring Sarris candy sale, monthly Market Day frozen food sales, the PC Photo sale, various Pizza nights and the MAE book fair to name a few. But, if you are involved in organizations outside of school (and honestly who isn't) I know that the fall can be inundated with fundraisers. Thus, to make it easier, the PTO is offering a "fundraiser OPT OUT" for the 2012-2013 school year. The OPT-OUT is the option to simply write a check for \$30.00 per child to the PTO and be done with fundraising the remainder of the year. Yes, simply put, you can throw the fundraiser information away, write a check to the PTO and relax.

If you don't like fundraising, please consider our Opt-Out program. I will be sending a form home with your child the week of August 31st that further explains the program. Or Opt-Out forms are located on our web site at www.marspto.org (under fundraisers).

All Opt-Out forms and money can be sent in with your child to my attention to any of the elementary school buildings. We have many fundraising opportunities for you to support your school this year. Or you can simply "opt-out" too! Whatever

all....it is your PTO. And we truly could not do everything for your children and their school without all of your generosity!!!

If you have any questions, please contact me at [724-772-2201](tel:724-772-2201) ordschlegs@gmail.com

Thank you!
Diane Schlegel
Treasurer

IT'S FUNDRAISING TIME!!

It's back to school time and with that comes our annual PTO fall fundraiser! Please keep an eye out in your child's backpack for our catalog sales packets scheduled to be distributed on Friday, August 31. The cover letter will tell you everything you need to know. You will have until September 14th to sell, sell, and sell! All money and order forms will be due on Friday, September 14th. On October 10th the products will be delivered to the MAE school and pickup of the items will be scheduled for that evening in the cafeteria.

An "opt out" letter will also be distributed around this time so keep an eye out for that. If you prefer not to fundraise, just opt out by sending in a check and you are done for the entire year! We truly appreciate all your support with our fundraising efforts. Without your help the PTO wouldn't be able to provide field trips, assemblies, and other special events to all the elementary students.

If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact the PTO Chairperson for your school below:

Primary Center - Amy Riggio [\(724\) 553-5068](tel:724-553-5068)

Elementary - Sheri McMaster [\(724\) 625-3997](tel:724-625-3997)

Centennial - Jacki Kearney [\(724\) 625-8686](tel:724-625-8686)

Thanks and happy fundraising!!

Amy, Sheri and Jacki

MARKET DAY ~ HELP YOUR SCHOOL & FEED YOUR FAMILY

We'd like to welcome new and returning Market Day supporters! This September get a FREE on-the-go carrier with purchase of 3 qualifying items plus get a FREE Apple Pie with your \$90 online purchase with promo code: SEPBONUS! Please look for your September order guide to come home soon or visit marketday.com to order today.

or send in your order sheet to the school by Tuesday, September 4, 2012. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Sheri McMaster at [\(724\) 625-3997](tel:7246253997).

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www.marslibrary.org

Contact: Mary Jo Simons, Director
[724-625-9048](tel:7246259048) msimons@bcfls.org

**Fall Story Time Begins at the Mars Area Public Library on
September 10 through November 2.**

Story Time - Ages 3-6
Monday at 10:30 AM
Tuesday at 1:00 PM
Fridays at 10:30 AM

Story Tots - Infants/Toddlers
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

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