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Marvista Elementary School PTSA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>6th Grade Photos Due</i>	4/29
<i>Teacher Appreciation</i>	5/1-5/7
<i>District Calendar Art Contest Submission Due</i>	5/1
<i>Band Concert</i>	5/3
<i>MSP Test Taking Grades 3rd-6th</i>	5/2-5/26
<i>Family Night at the Mariners</i>	5/6
<i>Friday Clubs End</i>	5/6
<i>PTSA Board/General Meeting</i>	5/17

FROM YOUR PTSA PRESIDENT

Happy Spring to us all! Now that it is beginning to feel a bit like a new season, I feel like we can wish this to one another out loud!

Many of you may be setting aside time for Spring Cleaning fever that is catching this time of year. The PTSA will be working toward some tasks of cleaning out and beautification as well; hopefully you will be seeing signs of some changes soon.

If you were a part of this school community at the "old Marvista", you may have had favorite places on the school grounds. One of mine was the blue bench. It was a happy day when I could say to my first grader, "meet me at the blue bench" and he would actually do it! That was a reuniting place for many folks, placed next to the office with the lovely mosaic planter pots. Well, it has just come to our attention that the blue bench lives! It has been in storage along with the blue picnic tables that graced the grounds of our former home. One change you will be seeing, hopefully very soon, will be the return of that bench

and some new ones near the school entrance, close to the mosaic planter pots which now proudly stand sentinel. The picnic tables will find a new home near our new playground.

Another exciting project will be the addition of some raised garden beds on our school property. The old school had a spot for growing and we have missed that in our new home. Grounds Committee Chair Therese Champion and 4th Grade teacher Keith Matthews have been working hard toward a kick off for getting these beds established. These April showers will result in May flowers and soon we will have a place to plant them!

Inside the school, two new art projects are coming soon, both purchased then donated back to Marvista at the Heart & Soul Marvista Auction in March. One is the mosaic "Sparky" orca created by Mrs. Barker's 4th grade class and the other is a beautiful "Marvista" wood table top donated by Mick Kelly's Irish Pub. These items will find places of honor in our school.

Look for them!

The PTSA is beginning to talk about growing and changing as well. Board positions are normally held for two years and some members will be taking on different roles. Please keep an eye on the Orca Time for PTSA positions that will be available next year and a description of each. There is a place in the Marvista PTSA for all who are interested, just right for each different skill set, schedule restraint and interest level. We would love to have you join us! Also watch for the opening of nominations for the Executive Board.

So, again, get out and enjoy the sun when it shines and enjoy the changes that will occur around our school as the bulbs start to bloom and we settle more comfortably into our new home!

Betsy Boyer
PTSA President

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS



The Twentieth Annual KCTS 9 **Golden Apple Awards** for Excellence in Education nomination process is underway. The purpose of this awards initiative is to honor and share innovative and successful

teaching models and programs among Washington state educators.

To request a nomination form, call the Golden Apple Information line at 1.800.766.0900 or send an email to

GoldenApple@KCTS9.org
Nomination forms can also be obtained by visiting the KCTS 9 website at www.KCTS9.org/.
Nominations are due

April 30th.

MSP SCHEDULE FOR MARVISTA

MSP Administration Schedule for Marvista Elementary

The busy month of May includes MSP test taking for our 3rd-6th graders. Our 3rd and 5th grade students will take the paper and pencil test and our 4th and 6th graders will take the test online (except for the 4th grade writing tests, which are paper and pencil). For the grades that take the paper and pencil test, all classes

must follow the district-created schedule for testing. For the grades that take the online test, the schedule is developed at each school and each class takes it on a different day.

Below is the schedule for these mandatory state tests. Students test best when they take the test at the same time as their classmates, so please schedule any upcoming appointments

so that they don't conflict with your child's test schedule. The MSP will be administered in the morning, but is an untimed test. Most students are able to finish in about two hours, but some take advantage of the whole school day to do their best work.

If you have any questions about the MSP, please call Mr. Fosberg at 631-4200.

3rd grade

Reading Wednesday, May 4
Math Tuesday, May 10

4th grade

Writing Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12 (*all classes*)
Reading Ms. Pothier, Tuesday, May 17; Ms. Barker, Wednesday, May 18; Mr. Matthews, Thursday, May 19.
Math Ms. Pothier, Tuesday, May 24; Ms. Barker, Wednesday, May 25; Mr. Matthews, Thursday, May 26

5th grade

Science Tuesday, May 3
Reading Thursday, May 5
Math Wednesday, May 11

6th grade

Reading Ms. Sutherland, Monday, May 2; Mr. Watt, Wednesday, May 4; Ms. Soule, Thursday, May 5; Ms. Roberts, Thursday, May 5
Math Ms. Sutherland, Monday, May 9; Mr. Watt, Wednesday, May 11; Ms. Roberts, Wednesday, May 11; Ms. Soule, Thursday, May 12

March

I Got Caught

Grand Prize Winners

SAMUEL GOMEZ-HENRY

VIVIAN CAMPBELL

CAMERON MILLS

JOSELYN GARCIA

KYRA BECKER

**Enjoyed Ice Cream with
Mr. Fosberg.**

NATIONAL TAKE-BACK DAY

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring a National Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. This one day event takes place at sites that are staffed by participating local law enforcement officials. It's a great opportunity for our community to clean out their medicine cabinets and properly dispose of unwanted medicines, including controlled substances.

Why take unused medicines to this event?

- Unused medicines are a danger to our children, families and the environment.
- Washington State has one of the highest teen prescription drug abuse rates in the nation.
- Medicine poisoning among children and seniors is increasing.

• Medicines that are flushed or put in the trash can end up in our surface waters, groundwater and drinking water - exposing our families and hurting our environment.

To find a medicine take-back location near you or for more information about this event visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html or call 1-888-869-4233.

DONATIONS FUND FIELD TRIPS

Auction donations fund Anchor Field Trips at Marvista for 2 Years!

Thanks to those of you who donated to the "Field Trip Fund-An-Item" at this year's Heart & Soul Auction--transportation and

program costs for the following field trips for each grade level will be funded for the next two years. This list was developed by our Marvista teachers and Mr. Fosberg, who worked hard to identify key field trips that tie

to each grade's curriculum. Funding is fairly distributed among grade levels--some grade levels have two field trips listed because costs of those field trips are higher. Congratulations and thank you, Marvista supporters!

Kindergarten

Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium; Beach - Cover or Seahurst Park; Pacific Science Center

1st Grade

Seattle Children's Theater; Nutcracker

2nd Grade

Seattle Children's Theater; Woodland Park Zoo; Pacific Science Center @ Marvista - Sandtastic

3rd Grade

Burke Museum/ U.W.; Museum of Glass; Tillicum Village @ Blake Island

4th Grade

Camp Waskowitz (day trip); Seattle Children's Theater

5th Grade

Pacific Science Center - Planetarium; Seattle Children's Theater; Benaroya Hall

6th Grade

Downtown Seattle - Pioneer Square; Downtown Seattle - International District; Environmental Science Center

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April is National Poetry month

so we will be celebrating poetry at Marvista. There is a large tree just as you come into the hall at the main doors. That is going

to become our "Poet Tree". Students are encouraged to write original poems, copy them onto green leaves (available in the library), then drop

them in the basket by the tree and we will hang them on the tree. We hope to have the tree in full bloom by the end of the month.

CLUB CORNER: GYMNASTICS

Building strength, flexibility, balance ability and confidence.

Led by three instructors from the Jungle Gym in Burien the gymnastics club members are led through activities such as balance beam, vault, tumbling and bar exercises. Members are broken up into groups and instructed through the various stations. If that's not exhausting enough there are free play games at the end of each class.

Look for this and other clubs in the next fall session.



A Pocket Poem

*With a poem in your pocket
and
a pocket in you pants
you can rock with new
rhythms.
You can skip.
You can dance.
And wherever you go,
and whatever you do,
that poem in your pocket is
going there, too.
You could misplace your
homework.
You could lose your left shoe.
But that poem in your pocket
will be part of you.
And nothing can take it.
And nothing can break it.
That poem in your pocket
becomes
part of ...
YOU!*

-Bobbi Katz

BULLETIN BOARD

Staff Appreciation Week

Mon 5/2
A Flower

Tues 5/3
A Pen or Pencil

Wed 5/4
A Note or Card of Thanks

Thurs 5/5
A Sweet Treat

Fri 5/6
Color or Draw a Picture

Look for more information
coming home soon.

ATTENTION 6th Grade Parents!

It's official! The 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be **Thursday, June 23rd**. The Planning Committee is in need of any photos you might have of our sixth graders in action. We are looking for photos from as far back as Kindergarten, so dig through those photo albums and let us share them in a slideshow that will be presented during the ceremony. Please send the digital photos to: yearbook@marvistaptsa.org. If you have pictures that need to be scanned, please send in an envelope marked with your child's name to their teacher by **Friday, April 29th**.

Looking for a way to express your creativity? We are in need of people who would like to help decorate for the ceremony. We would especially love to hear from someone who is good with balloons! Please e-mail Heather Evanger at evanger1@comcast.net.

Get involved at Pacific – join the PTSA!

To the parents of all incoming 7th grade students at Pacific Middle school - there is a great way you can be involved and make a difference at your student's school. JOIN the Pacific PSTA!

There are many volunteer opportunities for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Please take advantage of them!

Contact Karen Rencher for additional information at rencher@comcast.net.

More 6th Grade

Fun in the Works

The 6th Grade End of the Year Pool Party will be held on the last day of school, **Monday, June 27th**. Consent forms with more information on cost and times will be coming home soon.

2011-2012 District Calendar Art Contest

Be a part of next year's school calendar by submitting an original photo, drawing, painting or other 2D art by **May 1st!**

The theme is: College, Career and Citizenship at Highline. For registration forms and more information, please visit www.hsd401.org or pick one up in the Main Office.

Order Your 2010/2011
Marvista Year Books
Soon!

Now in full Color!
Order today and your
price is \$20 dollars.
The price is \$30 after
May 27th.

PTSA FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AT MARVISTA FOR JAPAN

Many thanks to Asami Sheffield, Ms. Latimer's 3rd graders and Ms. Sutherland's 6th graders for the many hours of work resulting in lovely hand-made bookmarks, origami cranes, and calligraphy cards sold before Spring Break.

Over \$325 was raised! Thanks, Marvista community.

Tuesday, May 3rd
Band Concert at the
Highline PAC
7:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Burien Parks & Rec presents
SpEGGtacular

Featuring Peter Rabbit & Friends
Breakfast & Entertainment - \$4
Saturday, April 23

9-11:00 AM – www.BurienParks.net

BearCats Football

NJFL divisions are organized by age and weight with five levels of play for ages 7-14. For more information visit our website

www.eteamz.com/Burien Bearcats

FREE Parenting Speakers Series:

May 4 – "Cybersafety"

May 11 – "Sex Ed 101"

May 18 – "Transitions"

All sessions 6-8 p.m. Free childcare provided.

More information at www.npucc.org

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