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Marvista Elementary School PTSA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Mid Winter Break/</i>	<i>2/21-2/25</i>
<i>No School</i>	
<i>Auction RSVPs Due</i>	<i>3/4</i>
<i>Challenge Testing</i>	<i>3/5</i>
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<i>Cove 2 Clover</i>	<i>3/13</i>
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<i>Deadline to buy Mariner's Tickets</i>	<i>3/28</i>

FROM YOUR PTSA PRESIDENT

Dear Marvista Families,

The countdown has officially begun! The invitations are headed out and the auction committee and volunteers are operating at full tilt. In an auction year, we spend quite a bit of time anticipating, planning for and procuring for this event. It is where the majority of our PTSA funds are gathered, allowing us to continue to support our children, teachers and staff as fully as possible. But is this the only place PTSA money comes from?

Certainly we rely on the auction, but there are so many other ways to support Marvista day to day. It helps us all to be aware of them! Our community will be out in force on March 13th walking, dashing, running, (panting, sweating and cheering) for the Cove to Clover 5K event. The tireless event organizers (many of

whom are Marvista parents) create ways for local PTSA organizations to compete for cash! Make sure to register for the race and mark MARVISTA as your registration code!

Another way to support Marvista every time you go grocery shopping is through the Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education programs. The links for product lists are on our website. Go have a visit as you compile your next shopping list!

Box Top program items range from water filters to storage containers to cereal. The Campbell's Soup program is not just soup! Their list of items includes BIC brand pens and labels, popcorn and Pepperidge Farm products. Just clip the symbol and bar code from the container and send them to school. I have a small vase next to the sink where mine live. When it is full I place

them all in a baggie and send them to the office.

A goal in the next month is to get a nice box for depositing these labels set up outside the office so it's very easy to make the drop off.

Marvista parent volunteer Ann Eng is the behind the scenes coordinator of these programs, spending countless hours getting the labels organized so that we can benefit from our collections.

Many items in our gym have been purchased this way and the lists of ways to spend our points earned gets longer each year! There are options to buy books, balls, art supplies and more!

Please start a family Box Top and Campbell's label saving program in your own home today so that we can continue to support Marvista!

Betsy Boyer



MARVISTA AUCTION MARCH 19, 2011

The Marvista Auction is a wonderful community celebration to benefit our children--and it happens only every other year!

Invitations went home in back packs this week. Please RSVP by March 4th either with the RSVP card you received or online at <http://marvista.maestroweb.com>

Info to assist you in your RSVP.

Tables seat ten. You can organize who you sit with on the back of your RSVP card or during the online registration process.

Anyone can attend the Marvista auction! Family, friends, neighbors--anyone who is interested in support-

ing our community is welcome! They can register on line at the address listed above.

Those who have RSVPd to attend the auction will receive a full auction catalog listing all items for bid by Tuesday, March 15.

Questions? email
auction@marvistapta.org



Mrs. Bailey
FDK Assistant



Mrs. Holt
General Music/Orchestra

Let's TOOT

Our Own Horn Marvists!

Marvista had 11 new volunteers for the month of January bringing our total to 259 Volunteers for the 2010-2011 School year! Our Awesome Volunteers have given Marvista 578 hours of their time!



TEACHER FEATURE

Where did you work before coming to Marvista?

Mrs. Bailey: Before Marvista I worked at Maywood preschool.

Mrs. Holt: Marvista is my first job as a teacher.

What is your favorite thing about working at Marvista?

Mrs. Bailey: My favorite thing about working at Marvista would have to be the dedication that all of the staff and parents have to giving their best to each student here.

Mrs. Holt: My favorite part about working at Marvista is the great students who come to class everyday excited to make music! We have a lot of talent here.

Tell us about something you're working on in your classroom--special projects or fieldtrips?

Mrs. Bailey: I work in

two different kindergarten classrooms right at this moment and we are all very involved in pre-reading and reading skills. It is so rewarding when you arrive at that ah-ha moment and a child understands a new concept.

Mrs. Holt: In kindergarten and first grade, we are learning to play the xylophone this month. We are also playing some great classical music in 6th grade orchestra, and some famous folk songs in 5th grade orchestra.

What do you like to do on the weekends?

Mrs. Bailey: I enjoy having time to spend with my husband and my 90 year old mom. I also love working in my yard, swimming and golf.

Mrs. Holt: On the weekends, I play trumpet in the Sounders FC marching band, and play cymbals in the Seahawks Blue Thunder Drum line. I

also enjoy hiking and bicycling.

What book are you reading right now?

Mrs. Bailey: I am reading a book titled Daughter of Fortune. It is historical fiction about two friends and their adventures as settlers in California.

Mrs. Holt: I just started Moby Dick, but have not gotten very far!

Name 2 songs currently on your iPod.

Mrs. Bailey: My taste in music is very eclectic so you might find almost any thing!!

Mrs. Holt: Don't have an iPod, but listening to lots of Dave Matthews and The Arcade Fire lately.

What is your favorite dessert?

Mrs. Bailey: My favorite dessert would be anything with caramel.

Mrs. Holt: Home-made blackberry pie.

HEART & SOUL HONOREES NAMED!

Congratulations to our Heart & Soul Auction Honorees!

The following Honorees were announced at the Marvista Variety Show:

Tom Wells

for his inspiring and positive contributions as Parent Honoree

Dan Johnson

as the well deserved Community Honoree

Our beloved *Mrs. Vicki Hagen*
as a our Marvista Staff Honoree

What amazing representatives – you make Marvista proud!



GIVE THE WORLD A GIFT !



The winner, Olivia Gibson, entered a drawing called "Give the world a gift" that showed the life cycle of a seed becoming a tree. In her submission she said, "My picture is about little things like a seed [that] can make big things that can help the earth."

January 28 the Environmental Science Center (ESC) presented the grand prize award in their Earth Day Kids Art Contest to a 4th grader at Marvista Elementary.



ESC Trustee
Jacqueline Drumheller,
Grand Prize Winner
Olivia Gibson,
Teacher Keith Matthews,
Principal Mike Fosberg
(L to R)

Way to Go Olivia!

MARVISTA MATHLETES MEDAL



Recently, 16 sixth graders, and 12 fifth graders attended the Mount Rainier Math Invitational competition.

One student from each team won a medal: Trey Hunt, Mohamud Osman, and Anders Hunt in the 5th grade, and Lucas Thomson, Andrew Senkhamyong, Kyle Evanger, and Ahmed Osman in the

6th grade. In the team competition, the fifth grade teams took fourth place in their division, and the sixth grade teams took first place!

All competitors did a fantastic job!

5th Grade Participants: Carly Johnson, Anders Hunt, Karianne Bolma, Erik Harang, Zachary Thornton, Trey Hunt, Joel Willott, Blake Thompson, Abem Tessema, Mohamud

Osman, Natnael Abayneh, Chana Gefkovicz

6th Grade Participants:

Regan Pease, Andrew Senkhamyong, Amber Thatcher, Katie Jenkins, Taryn Gural, Kyle Evanger, Darius Saelee, Nathan Sheffield, Jamal Abdi, Kate McGrath, Lucas Thomson, Anika Anderson-Monson, Josh Markovich, Ahmed Osman, Victor Petrik, Aid- en Hilsen

December

**I Got Caught
Grand Prize Winners**



**Tori Keeth
Esmeralda Kupusija
Treyvon Edwards
Raegan Marek
Chloe Suarez
Enjoyed Ice Cream with
Mr. Fosberg.**

MARVISTA STUDENTS' TALENTS' SHINE!

What do you get when you combine singers, dancers, actors, gymnasts, athletes, illusionists and musicians? The Marvista annual Variety Show! Held February 1st at the Highline Performing Arts Center, the Variety Show featured thirty-one

acts – everything from dancing pillow heads to an original piano composition. The enthusiastic audience cheered the performers and had a chance to dance and sing themselves during a stirring rendition of "YMCA" during intermis-

sion. Thanks to Mrs. Leigh Fenster and Mrs. Kathleen O'Grady-Graham who coordinated the event and to all the performers for their willingness to share their talents!

BULLETIN BOARD

Cove to Clover 5K and Family Walk/Run Sunday, March 13th

Celebrate the Irish in all of us, get fit with your kids, and support the Highline Area Food Bank! Register now for the Cove to Clover 5K and Family Walk/Run on Sunday, March 13th! It's easy! Go to: www.covetoclover.com, be sure to enter "MARVISTA" in the registration code box (you won't be prompted to do this) and show up on Race Day on March 13th for all the fun and festivities. Do this before March 1st and we have the potential to earn \$1500 for the many PTSA-sponsored events and activities at Marvista. Last year--Marvista came out strong, loud and proud and took first place--let's go for the repeat!

Marvista Family Night at Safeco Field on May 6th

Enjoy a great evening of major league baseball at a discounted price (regular \$22 view seats for only \$11) with all your Marvista friends! Order forms were sent home and additional forms are available in the Main Office. Order forms and payment are due by **Monday, March 28th**. Questions? Please contact Laurie Weisman at [the-weisone@mac.com](mailto:weisone@mac.com).

Sweatpants Needed

Please bring gently used or new sweatpants to the school office,

Check out these other ways to earn money for Marvista!

Target Visa Card: Use your Target Visa or Target Card and register Marvista as your school. Marvista will receive a 1% donation on your purchases. For more information, visit www.target.com/tcoe.

Office Depot: Office Depot awards 5% in credits to Marvista towards free supplies. You can place an order online or tell a cashier to credit Marvista Elementary ID #70106943. (Please see their website for a complete list of qualifying items.)

Mamapedia.com: Sign up for the daily deals (no cost to join, one email per day, easy to delete if not interested!) When you sign up, pick Marvista from the drop down menu as your school to support with your purchase. Then enjoy up to 60% off on dining, services and entertainment.

Fall Applications for CHOICE Academy Middle School

The Highline CHOICE Academy is now accepting applications for middle school enrollment in the Fall. CHOICE is small, smart and safe middle school option. We are a fully accredited, public middle and high school in Highline. We serve less than one hundred students at a time, and with our recent award as a *2010 Washington State School of Distinction*, will have only limited seats available next year. In addition to our small and close knit "family style" learning community, we provide many opportunities for parent involvement and participation in all of our student's education. For more information visit our school website at <http://choiceacademy.weebly.com/> or the district site at <http://www.hsd401.org/ourschools/altprograms/choice.htm> CHOICE will hold parent information nights on March 3rd and March 15th at 6pm at the school. (CHOICE is located on the Woodside Campus). Applications are due to the CHOICE office on **Friday March 18**, and available online or in the Marvista office.

Challenge Program Testing

Phase 1 testing sessions will be March 5th and March 19th. The Phase 2 test sessions will be accomplished with selected students mid-March through mid-April at ERAC in the early morning and later afternoons. In some cases testing may be arranged in the building. Brochures will be available from the teacher or office.

The Marvista Heart & Soul Auction is now on Facebook!

Go to the search bar at the top of your Facebook page, type in "Marvista Heart and Soul Auction", and then press the "like" button. You've got a new "friend"!

Thank you to our wonderful Heart & Soul Auction Sponsors!

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Email Articles to

Communications@marvistapta.org

The March submission deadline is March 18.

Math Madness Contest

Kindergarten – 1st Grade

1. Which is more?
A – 2 quarters + 3 dimes + 1 nickel + 9 pennies
B – 1 quarter + 5 dimes + 2 nickels + 6 pennies
C – 1 quarter + 1 dime + 3 nickels + 27 pennies
2. It is now 2:35 p.m. School gets out at 3:40 p.m. How many more minutes until school is dismissed?

2nd – 4th Grade

1. (3 answers) Marcus draws 5 stars on the first page, 6 stars on the second page, 9 stars on the third page and 14 stars on the fourth page. Following this pattern, how many stars will he draw on the fifth and sixth and seventh pages?
2. Miranda ate at a restaurant for two meals. For breakfast she had cereal for \$2.50, a banana for .65¢ and orange juice for .85¢. For lunch she had a hamburger for \$4.75, soda for \$1.50 and peach pie for \$2.00. How much more money did she spend at lunch?

5th – 6th Grade

1. (2 answers) Your brother left college at 1:15 p.m. to come home for break. At 2:20 p.m. he had traveled 75 miles and stopped at a rest area for 10 minutes. He traveled another 87 miles and got home at 3:30 p.m. What was his average speed? Should he have gotten a speeding ticket?
2. (2 answers) A family goes to a restaurant for dinner and orders the following items:
 - Lasagna - \$13.25
 - Spaghetti and meatballs - \$9.95
 - Caesar salad - \$7.50
 - Garlic bread (2 orders) - \$2.50 each
 - Iced tea - \$2.00
 - Coffee - \$1.50
 - Milk - \$1.00
 - Tiramisu (3 orders) - \$3.50 each
 - Tax is 9% of the total bill

They pay with two \$50 bills. How much change will they get? How much money should they leave for the waiter if they tip 15%?

Submit your answers to the Marvista office by 3:40 p.m. Monday, February 28th

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Answers (draw pictures/show work for complete credit):

All correct submissions will be entered into a drawing. One winner will be drawn for each grade category (K-1, 2-4 and 5-6). Each winner will receive a gift certificate to Goodie Gumdrops! The drawing will be held on Tuesday, March 1st. Good luck and happy calculating!