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Working Together for Our Children

Marvista Elementary School PTSA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Heart & Soul
Save the Date
March 19, 2011
Invitations go home
in mid-February

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Marvista Families,

I am constantly amazed by the PTSA support and parent involvement at Marvista. The financial and volunteer support provided by the parents truly helps we educators do our jobs even better--and gives all students at our school opportunities they may not have elsewhere. It is humbling--and the entire staff thanks you very much. It is evident that this PTSA organized support would not be possible without our renowned Marvista Auction. I've attended the Marvista Auction as a parent and have been overwhelmed by the generosity and spirit of the

families, teachers and community members who come together for one evening in support of our school. This year, I've been able to work with the PTSA to put some of the funds raised at the 2009 Auction toward:

- Starting the Accelerated Reader Program on line for all Marvista students.
- Supporting Math Whizz for every student in the 3rd grade.
- Purchasing composition notebooks for every student.
- Purchasing bleachers for our ball fields and securing them in concrete.

- Funding a number of field trips and providing scholarships so every student can participate.
- Supporting our Arts Elective program for 5th and 6th graders with the purchase of instruments, supplies, and staffing.

These only name a few of the PTSA Auction funded initiatives. Whether it be by volunteering your time, procuring items, or attending on the big night, I hope you'll join me in supporting the Heart & Soul Auction coming up on March 19th in whatever way you can.

Sincerely, Mike Fosberg

GET THE WORD OUT & VOTE!

Soon Highline voters will receive by mail a ballot for the Educational Programs Renewal Levy for Highline Public Schools (EPR Levy). The EPR Levy ensures a quality education for our children. This levy generates one out of every four dollars it takes to operate our schools. It pays for teachers, support staff, bus transportation, textbooks, classroom supplies, security officers and much more. 80% of the EPR Levy pays for teachers and staff – about 250 jobs.

Highline has been forced to cut its budget by \$14.5 million over the past three years due to state funding reductions. In the wake of the current state shortfall, the state is cutting our funding further in the middle of this school year.

The State Legislature is expected to slash even more in the next biennium. Our local levy could not be more critical.

This is not a new tax. The current levy expires in 2011. In order to continue local funding of our schools, voters must pass the levy. If the levy fails, the district will be forced to cut its budget by 25% – on top of the state reductions. Teachers and staff will be laid off and programs will be eliminated. A devastating blow to our children's education.

Highline Citizens for Schools is an organization of parents and community members who have come together to support this ballot measure. The Marvista PTSA has approved a financial donation to the High-

line Citizens for Schools. We are asking you to vote YES and to urge others to support the levy too. This is a mail-in election and all ballots must be postmarked by **February 8th.**

Here's how you can help:

Spread the word and direct friends and neighbors to www.supporthighlineschools.com for more information. **Make a financial contribution** – every dollar you given is spent on voter contact. **Get involved** in the campaign by contacting Lois Schipper at highlinecfs@gmail.com.

Excellent schools are the key to thriving communities. Working together, we can ensure that our children have great schools, safe neighborhoods and promising futures.



PTA REFLECTIONS
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts

*Reflections
Recognition Ceremony*
January 24, 2011
Performing Arts Center,
Time TBD
Students whose art projects were sent to PTSA District should attend.

TOGETHER WE CAN...

...create fabulous art projects from the talented and artistic students at Marvista!!

Congratulations to the students noted here in the Messenger who participated in the Reflections Program this school year! We received 41 amazing projects this year. The projects submitted to

the PTSA District level will be judged for further consideration at the PTA state level. A Reflections Award Ceremony recognizing students who were submitted to the PTSA District will be Monday, January 24th at the Highline Performing Arts Center. Details will be com-

ing soon.

This year we had a committed team of judging volunteers who recommended the top entries: Wendy Grantham, David Derickson, Lisa Hunt, and Kerry Hansen. Thank you for taking the time to judge our student's artwork.

Congratulations!

*To the Top Reflections Entries
submitted to PTSA District Level.*

Film Production

Trinity Heinsohn

Musical Composition

Cassia Gilbert

Photography

Mia Blankenship

Ali Reiff

Karianne Bolma

Quincy Bento

Visual Arts

Madeline Drumheller

Hannah Ziegler

Delaney Brummond

Erin Moine

Reyde Grantham

Emily Chen

All Student Participants

Great Job!

Photography

Sarah Williams, Eric Harang, Christian Belknap, Annalise Leaming, Jack Neer, Lindsey Weller, Quincy Bento, Abem Fekade-Tessema, Delaney Brummond

Visual Arts

Ryan Hubbard, Marissa Garrido, Makila Hoffman, Hailey Brewer, Anders Osterman, Tatyana Edwards-Gonzalez, Kiera Brown, Lauren Phelps, Heaven Solvang, Sean Leaming, James Kleebauer, Blake Thompson, Jillian Rhodes, Erin Davidson, Chase King, Annie Delich, Excellent McAfee, Beard McKinley

GET READY---IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Last Chance Procurement Party!

Britt and Tim Weber will host the final Auction procurement party of the season on Thursday, January 27th at 7pm at their home on Arrow Lake. Bring a bottle of wine for the Auction Wine Wall, come enjoy friends, learn about auction details and get a sneak peek into live auction item offerings! Everyone is invited! For details please e-mail auction@marvistapta.org

Save **Saturday, March 19th** to celebrate and support our amazing school at the Marvista Heart & Soul Auction at the Seattle Airport Hilton Conference Center in Sea-Tac. Invitations will be sent home in mid-February, and RSVPs will be due in early March. Right now we need you to *procure, procure, procure!* We need items for the home, wellness items, travel and dining related items, sporting goods and activities, and electronic gadgets! The funds raised at the Marvista Auction support two years of programs,

curriculum enhancements, and activities for the most important thing in all of our lives....our children! They are Marvista's Heart & Soul!

The procurement deadline is fast approaching. Please turn in all items with procurement forms to the school office by February 10th. Access a procurement form at www.marvistapta.org/auction.

•Watch the Orca Time emails for special weekend drop-off hours later this month!

•View the Heart & Soul video for inspiration about this PTSA hosted event. You can access the video on the home page of the Marvista PTSA website. www.marvistapta.org.

•Attend the Marvista Variety Show on February 1st to watch our talented students and hear the announcement of the 'Heart & Soul' Honorees.

•See you at the Auction!

A WORD FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Dear Marvista Families,
Thank you so much for your help and donations during the holidays. We were able to help several very needy families here at Marvista and in our HSD community. Your donations of kindness and love also went to our McKinney-Vento clothing depot. McKinney-Vento supports over 560 homeless students here in the district. We continue to need help and donations of gently used shoes and

clothing. If you are cleaning out closets and drawers please think of this program. You can drop items off here at Marvista for me and I will deliver them to the depot. (Clean and folded is also incredibly helpful...)

Another item I wanted to share with you is a new *Social Skills Club* being offered on Tuesday afternoons by the group, Outside the Box Pediatrics. Their program is a fun and motivating opportuni-

ty for children to develop their social thinking and communication skills. For further information, registration and insurance reimbursement call Stacey Goodrich at 206-371-8034.

Thanks again for all your continued support, generosity and kindness. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Louise Chandler-Hones
Marvista School Counselor

WINTER AND SPRING CONCERTS

Wednesday, February 9th 2011

Mount Rainier Service Area Band Concert
at the Highline PAC

Marvista's sixth grade band students will participate in this event, along with band students from four other area elementary schools, Pacific Middle School, and Mount Rainier High School.

Students are to arrive at the PAC at 6:30 pm, dressed in concert attire (black dress pants, white dress shirt with collar, black dress shoes and black socks.)

The concert begins at 7:00 pm, and should finish by approximately 8:00 pm. Sixth grade students need to stay for the entire concert. There will be a morning field trip to rehearse for the evening concert. Parent chaperones are needed for this event.

Please invite family and friends to this concert, which showcases the band program from grades 6 - 12. Contact Mrs. Brown at brownjm@hsd401.org to volunteer.

Save the date!

Spring Band Concert

May 3rd, 2011

Highline PAC

All Marvista 5th and 6th grade band students will participate in this Concert. Parent volunteers are needed to help before the concert. Students should arrive at 6:30 pm. The concert begins at 7:00 pm, and will end around 8:00 pm.

December

I Got Caught



Grand Prize Winners

Kaitlyn Nguyen

Carly Johnson

Eyoale Gedlu

Tony Perovich

Nicole Snedeker

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

BOOKS, ATTIRE & MUSICAL EQUIPMENT

Do you have an older student who participated in band in past years? The band program is looking for donations of used band books (Accent on Achievement Book One, and Essential Elements 2000 Books One and Two) and of outgrown concert attire (black dress pants, white

dress shirts, black shoes) to be loaned to students who cannot afford these items. Saxophone neck straps, new reeds for clarinet and saxophone, and percussion equipment including drum sticks would also be appreciated. Any donations would be put to use and

greatly appreciated. These will be loaned/given as needed to band students at the schools at which Mrs. Brown teaches. Please leave donations in the school office for Mrs. Brown/Band Program. Thank you!

BULLETIN BOARD

Cove to Clover 5K and Family Walk/Run on 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!

Please Make Note-- Snow Make Up Day

One of our snow days will be made up Friday, May 27 (the Friday before Memorial Day). It will be an early release day.



Full day Kindergarten lottery drawing will be at 4:00 on February 14. We will contact you if your name has been drawn.



Marvista Variety Show is fast approaching!

Tuesday, February 1st! at the Performing Arts Center!



Show Your Marvista Style & Order Your Spirit Wear Today!

Sale runs through January 24th.

Order forms were sent home last week.

Order your hoodies, tees, sweats or totes today. Visit the Marvista website forms section for youth size charts or contact angelahoschek@msn.com with questions.

Early Release Friday Clubs The spring club session will begin the week of February 7th with the first Early Release Friday Clubs starting on Friday, February 11th. Registration forms will be sent home with students the last week in January. We will also have the registration form available to print from the website that week. Forms and payment will still need to be sent in with students to confirm registration and availability in the clubs. We plan to post the confirmation information on the website for club participants prior to Friday, February 11th. We are still finalizing all of the clubs and hope to have many of the returning clubs plus a few new ones. If anyone is interested in helping out in the clubs, please contact Wendy McGrath at wendyhop@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Join the lacrosse club!

Highline Titans Lacrosse Club registration is now open. For more information, check out www.highlinetitanlax.com.

**5th grade—High School
Now forming a new 3rd/4th grade team**

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the country and in Washington State. Be a part of the growth of this exciting sport! For more information about our new program, contact us at hlaxtitans@gmail.com or talk to one of your classmates about the sport. There are many kids at Marvista who play and love the sport!

Join the **new CANNONS** Select Baseball Team for a

FUNraising dining experience Friday, February 4th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm California Pizza Kitchen, Tukwila 20% of your check will support Cannon tournaments, practice fields, & uniforms.

The Cannons include U12 Boys who attend Marvista, Parkside, and Des Moines Elementary.

Divorce Group for Families & Children starting February 16 at 6:30 PM. Offered through Burien Free Methodist Church. Call the church @ 206-241-0915 for registration and information.

The Young Environmental Photographer of the Year contest, organized by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM), is divided into two groups, 16 and under and 16 to 21.

Photographers are encouraged to highlight issues important to their generation, explore their place in society or celebrate people, places and animals that they value.

Entries accepted until **31st July 2011**. See competition details at www.epoty.org.