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Marvista Elementary School PTSA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>No School/ Memorial Day</i>	<i>5/30</i>
<i>Student Parent Placement Forms Due</i>	<i>6/03</i>
<i>Cookie Dough Orders Delivered</i>	<i>6/07</i>
<i>Arts Block Concert</i>	<i>6/16</i>
<i>Dad's \$ Donuts</i>	<i>6/17</i>
<i>Full Day Friday AM/PM Attend</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Field Day</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>6th Grade Pool Party</i>	<i>6/27</i>

Last Day

Friday, June 24th

Full day of School- Last day of school for AM Kindergarten **ONLY.**

Monday, June 27th

Last day of school for PM Kindergarten & Grades 1-6; school will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.; breakfast will be served; lunch will not be served.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Marvista Families:

As we head into the last five weeks of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone – students, staff, and families – for a great first year at Marvista. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and have learned a ton about the culture and amazing spirit of the Marvista community. I am proud of the rigorous learning experiences that the Marvista staff provides our students every day, and look forward to what lies ahead as we continue to develop programs that support all students toward academic and social success.

We are already making staffing decisions for next year and have a few changes to share with you. We will be adding an addi-

tional 3rd grade class, for a total of four. Our large first grade class will “graduate” to second grade, so we will also have four classes at 2nd grade. First grade classes will go from the four we had this year to three next year. Grades 4-6 will have three sections each. These plans are always in flux, and are subject to change based on shifts in enrollment, but I wanted to provide you with the latest updates as we head into summer. Most of our students have completed their MSP testing for this year. Students took these tests very seriously. They were productive and focused, and should be proud of their efforts. A big thanks to our teachers and families for preparing the students to successfully “show what

they know”. Results of these state-wide assessments will be available sometime in late August or early September.

There is still lots to learn in these last weeks of the school year. Students will continue receiving literacy, math and other content area instruction right up to the last day of school. We appreciate your support in maintaining a safe, productive learning environment by sending your children to school every day ready to learn. When summer break officially arrives at 12:10 on Monday, June 27, I hope it is full of relaxed days enjoyed with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Mike Fosberg

STUDENT PLACEMENT 2011/2012

Soon, the staff and I will begin the process of creating classes for the 2011-12 school year. As in previous years, you will be given the opportunity to complete a Student Placement Parent Input form. This form allows you to tell us what you would like considered when making placement decisions. We respectful-

ly ask that you not request specific teachers. The staff and I will do all we can to make placement decisions based on your child’s best interests. Please also note that we have to create balanced classes according to gender, behavior needs and academic levels. The forms are due

no later than Friday, June 3. Forms are available in the office.

- Mike Fosberg

Congratulations to our Newly Elected PTSA Executive Board!

Theresa Coluccio
President
Betsy Boyer & Fran Doniego
Co-Vice Presidents
Jensen Nelson
Treasurer
Kristen Kerns
Secretary



Looking for an awesome, affordable Before & After School Program for your kids, you won't have to look any further than your local school! Experienced recreation leaders will plan, organize, and lead fun games, arts and crafts, study/homework time, and other activities for children enrolled in grades K-6th. Healthy snacks provided. To registration call the Des Moines Park and Recreation office at **206-870-6527**. Monthly, multiple child discount and drop in rates available. Scholarship available for families in need!

NEW VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES



The Highline School District recently amended the Parent and Community Volunteer Clearance Procedures. Below are some highlights:

- All volunteers must fill out a **Volunteer Application and Disclosure Form** each school year. You can download the form from the Marvista website or pick one up from the Marvista school office.
- Once your application has been completed, return it to the Marvista office (please note: a completed application includes an attached copy of your driver's license). The sponsoring teacher and the principal will then complete and sign the top portion of the form and send it on to the district's HR department. Approximately three days after you submit your application to Marvista, please call Betty Glanz at the district's HR department at 206-248-6671 to schedule an ap-

pointment to get fingerprinted (if applicable).

- The entire volunteer clearance process takes about two weeks to complete. If you are planning to chaperone a field trip, please take this timeline into consideration. You will receive a letter from the Highline Public Schools when you have been approved to volunteer at Marvista Elementary. Marvista will also receive a copy of that letter.
- Currently, we believe that volunteers who need to be fingerprinted will only have to do this one time. We are in the process of confirming this. However, all volunteers must fill out the Volunteer Application and Disclosure Form each year and be cleared through the WATCH background check process.
- Volunteers who have been previously cleared to volunteer for the 2010-11 school year are allowed to volunteer (including chaperoning field trips) for the rest of this school year.

When does a volunteer need to be fingerprinted?

- Anyone chaperoning a field trip.
- Anyone working alone with a child at any time.
- Anyone who will be monitoring children on the playground or anywhere else on campus outside the classroom.

The only volunteers who will not need to be fingerprinted are those working exclusively in the classroom under a teacher's supervision.

We recommend that all of our volunteers be fingerprinted to allow for flexibility in the volunteer opportunities available to them.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS



Spring has sprung, or at least it is trying to! Students are starting to wear some of their summer gear to school and, as such, we are seeing some articles of clothing that do not follow Marvista's dress code.

The purpose of the dress code is to reinforce and uphold the idea that the Marvista Elementary staff, students, and volunteers

are involved in creating a positive environment for academic study. The Marvista staff appreciates your efforts to send your student to school dressed appropriately. The following are the guidelines that will be strictly enforced:

- Shorts and skirts must extend to or below the student's fingertips.
- Tops must be designed so that the midriff is not exposed.
- Hats are not to be worn

inside the building.

- Clothing with graphics or writing that includes tobacco, alcohol, drug, violence, weaponry, sexual innuendoes, foul language, or the like is not permissible.
 - Spaghetti strap tops and tank tops are not allowed.
 - No ripped jeans in torso, rear or front.
- Parents will be asked to bring a change of clothing if a child arrives dressed inappropriately.

BULLETIN BOARD



The Marvista Used Book Sale

June 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Outside the Office

The sale is open to all students and parents! Books will range from pre reader to adult.

Please do some Spring Cleaning and bring us any books you are ready to donate!

Donations will accepted during the sale.

Books will be priced from 25 cents to \$2, so make sure your student has some pocket change for a new(ish) book!

If you would like to volunteer to help at the sale, contact Betsy at 206/241-8007 or btotheb@comcast.net

Lend Your Green Thumb to Marvista!

The PTSA is looking for a Grounds Committee Chair for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. The position can be what you make it! This year the committee planted all the tulip bulbs we are currently enjoying and got the Marvista raised garden beds going. Contact Betsy if you are interested: btotheb@comcast.net or 206-241-8007.



Marvista Field Day will be Friday June 24th Volunteers Needed

12 volunteers are needed from 9:00 to 11:30 for the Intermediate Field Day (4-6 Gr.).

12 volunteers are needed from 1:00 to 3:30 for the Primary Field Day (KG-3 Gr.).

Please e-mail samaraaa@hsd401.org if you can help and let us know morning or afternoon.

Thank you,
Marvista P.E. Department

Highline Schools Foundation Thanks the Marvista PTSA

The Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence supports all students in our district in areas where the district budget can't. The Foundation wishes to thank the Marvista PTSA for its history of giving to the organization. Marvista's gifts show great leadership and go a long way to support our entire community. Some of the things the **Highline Schools Foundation** supports :

- *classroom innovation*
- *college scholarships*
- *arts*
- *athletics*
- *students in need*

Thank you from the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence!

IS A CHANGE IN YOUR FUTURE?



If you know for certain your child(ren) will not return to Marvista for the 2011-12 school year, please complete the form below and return to the Marvista office by Friday, June 3 (This does not include 6th graders moving on to 7th grade). The more information we can get about our families' future plans, the better prepared we will be to create classes for next year that are most suitable for offering all students a productive learning environment. PLEASE NOTE: If you return the form below, your child(ren) will NOT be placed in a class at Marvista for the 2011-12 school year. The Marvista staff appreciates your attention to this.

Name of Student: _____

Current Grade: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Reason for not returning to Marvista for the 2011-12 school year:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date received (for office use only): _____

April

I Got Caught Grand Prize Winners

**COLIN SCHMIDT
MAYA WARNES
SOLIE GRANTHAM
STELLA FOSBERG
SETH RILEY**

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



FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN



The Strawberry Festival Family 5K is back for its 5th year!
 Saturday, June 18th, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. - Kicking off the
 Burien Strawberry Festival weekend!

A great race for walkers & runners, and don't miss the "Daddy
 and Me" category. Register at www.getmeregistered.com, where
 you can find the event in June's calendar of events.

Proceeds benefit **Evergreen Community Aquatic Center.**



Did you know there is a YMCA Summer Discovery Camp designed for kids entering K-6th grade? Kids create, learn and play throughout the summer with hands-on, structured activities in art, science, literacy, swimming at the Y, plus field trips. The program is located at Seahurst Elementary and runs from June 28th through Sept. 2nd. Y Summer programs fill up fast, so don't delay! For more information click ysummer.org/mgn or call the Matt Griffin YMCA at (206) 244-5880.



One World, Many Stories

KCLS Summer Reading Program
 Sign Up begins June 13th at KCLS.ORG



MUSIC AND MOVIES IN THE PARK
 JULY & AUGUST
BURIENPARKS.NET
 OR 206-988-3700

Normandy Park Preschool Summer Program

 *Ages 3 1/2-6*  \$150 per class/child 

6/27-6/30 Bugs & other Creepy Crawling Creatures
7/5-7/8 Pirate Adventure & Exploring the Ocean
7/11-7/14 Going on an African Adventure
 Class Hours 10:00-2:00
 Registration Deadline June 10th for all classes
 Call 248-8261 to Sign Up Today!

Camp KHAOS Age 5-11

Energetic and dedicated staff introduces your child to a sizzling summer filled with fun interactive activities that will spark their imagination and fill their day. Age appropriate activities such as arts and crafts, games, swimming, outdoor activities and a chance to make new friends all designed around the weekly theme.

K2 Teens Age 12-15

K2 blends teamwork, age-appropriate activities and crafts with exciting weekly adventures to ensure your teen's summer is packed with high-energy!

Des Moines Parks and Recreation
www.desmoineswa.gov

Independence Day Celebration

Monday 07/04/2011
 Marvista Elementary to the Cove Fun Run,
 Parade and Ice Cream Social.

Shake it Up Café VBS

Ages 4-9
 July 18 - 22,
 1 - 4 p.m. daily
 Normandy Park
 Congregational Church
 \$20 per child
 Register on-line at
www.npucc.org

Normandy Park Swim Club

Summer Swim Lessons!
 5 sessions each running for two weeks, everyday between the hours of 10:30am-12:30pm
 Cost is \$50 a session for non-members.
 Visit www.NormandyParkSharks.com for more information

Get your pick of the best weeks and days for this year's **CAMP CRAZ** program for kids entering 1st through 5th grades and **SUMMER TEEN SCENE** for those entering 6th-9th grades. And don't forget: CAMP CRAZ has 2 and 3-day-week options for those not needing full-week sessions. NEW parent-work-friendly camp hours are from 6:30 am-6:00 pm everyday!

Burien Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.
 Call 206-988.3700 to register
www.burienwa.gov

Summer swim lessons at **Olympic View Swim Club** -come check it out!!!
 You do not have to be a member
 \$30 per session for members; \$55 per session for non-members.
 Sign ups start June 13th
 Call (206) 824-6063 during business hours