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Working Together for Our Children

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FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL'S DESK

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>No School</i>	5/28
<i>Memorial Day/No School</i>	5/31
<i>Used Book Fair</i>	6/2-6/4
<i>6th Grade vs. Staff Softball Game</i>	6/15
<i>PTSA Board Meeting</i>	6/15
<i>Spring Arts Program</i>	6/16
<i>6th Grade Promotion Ceremony</i>	6/17
<i>Field Day</i>	6/22
<i>Last Day of School</i>	6/23

Last Day Schedule

The last day of school is three hours in length, starting at the usual time.

Half-day kindergarten will follow the schedule below:

The last day of school for PM kindergarten is June 22.

Classes follow a normal schedule.

The last day of school for AM kindergarten is June 23.

Dear Marvista Families,
Wow, we are already so close to the end of the school year! What an adventure it has been starting the school year in our new building. While we have had many transitions, the high standards, hard work and excellence have continued to remain the culture at Marvista!

Our latest celebration was at the Washington Achievement Award ceremony that took place earlier this month at Hazen High School. Our

schools.

We have much to celebrate with all of our teachers, K-6th grade, for all their hard work and dedication to delivering quality instruction, focusing on the scientific inquiry process.

Field Update

In other exciting news, we are opening of one of our new fields! We will be able to open field #1 (located closest to the playground) during the first week of June. We look forward to being able to allow our students to enjoy the field for the remainder of the school year. They have all been so patient throughout the transition into our new building, including last year. We look forward to using the field for our great spring event—the annual 6th grade vs. staff softball game. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their students, and of course, the staff! We are planning on holding the event at 1:30 on Tuesday, June 15th.

Shorts, dresses and skirts should fall at or below the fingertips
Flip-flops should not be worn on PE days, students should wear close-toed shoes they are able to run and jump in.

Optional Exchange of Information

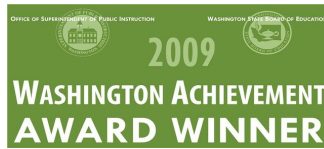
Staff and I will soon begin the process of creating classes for the 2010/11 school year. As in previous years, you will be given the opportunity to complete an Optional Exchange of Information form. This form allows you to tell us what you would like considered when making placement decisions. We respectfully 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, needs and ability level. The forms are due no later than Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Forms are available in the office. Classroom assignments will be posted in mid-August with an opportunity for students to meet and greet their new teacher in the first week of September.

Spring Dress Code

As a reminder during the warmer spring weather, please help your children follow the dress code guidelines:

No spaghetti straps, halter tops or bare midriffs.
(Straps should be at least two finger-widths wide)

~ Rebekah Kim



Pictured: Superintendent Randy Dorn, Cristina Roberts, Ginnie Brossard, Lisa Shafer, Rebekah Kim, state school board member

5th grade teachers represented Marvista as recipients of the state award from our state superintendent, Randy Dorn. The Washington Achievement Awards use the statewide school accountability index to recognize Washington's top performing

TEACHER FEATURE



Mrs. Shafer
5th Grade



Mrs. Schneeman
3rd Grade

Where did you work before coming to Marvista?

Mrs. Shafer: I worked for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society before becoming a teacher.

Mrs. Schneeman: Before Marvista, I taught with the Challenge Program at Sunnydale and then Hazel Valley. I also taught the Visual Arts block here at Marvista for a year and before that I taught second grade in St. Paul, Minnesota.

What is your favorite thing about working at Marvista?

Mrs. Shafer: I love Marvista! I love the students at Marvista who work so hard to always do their best. I love our staff and PTSA. And, I love Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Brossard who are so wonderful to teach 5th grade with.

Mrs. Schneeman: The thing I enjoy most about this year at Marvista is the new building; I especially love the beautiful glass mosaics that Leigh Fenster made. They are knock-

outs!

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

Mrs. Shafer: We're studying astronomy and are getting ready to take a field trip to the University of Washington's Planetarium.

Mrs. Schneeman: This spring the third grade is going on a field trip to The Museum of Glass in Tacoma and we're all looking forward to that. Recently our class finished an author study of Dr. Seuss and wrote some really funny Dr. Seuss books of our own.

What do you like to do on the weekends?

Mrs. Shafer: I like to spend time with my baby boy, Matthew, and my husband, read, visit friends and family, and spend time outdoors when the weather is nice.

Mrs. Schneeman: On the weekends I like to kayak with my husband John when the weather permits and I'm enjoying my last year with our

son Miles before he goes off to college. I also like long walks, reading, making collages and visiting our daughter Jill in Salem.

What book are you reading right now?

Mrs. Shafer: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff.

Mrs. Schneeman: I just finished reading *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell, it's full of surprises.

Name 2 songs currently on your iPod.

Mrs. Shafer: "Mercy" by Duffy and "Dixieland Delight" by Alabama.

Mrs. Schneeman: Um, someone in my family adopted my iPod but 2 car songs I like are "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz and "Ave Maria" by Andrea Bocelli.

What is your favorite dessert?

Mrs. Shafer: I like dark chocolate truffles and pie.

Mrs. Schneeman: My favorite desserts are the pies John and Miles make.



Pictured -- 6th Grade Math Club at the Mount Rainier Invite (January 2010)

OUR MATHLETES EARN HIGH HONORS

Marvista's 4th, 5th and 6th grade math clubs meet twice a week from October through May. The 67 students worked hard this year to complete weekly advanced math lessons and prepare for several competitions including the Olympiad, Mount Rainier Math Invitational, Math is Cool, Washington State Math Championship and 4th graders competed for the first time at The Elementary Math Bonanza.

On Saturday, May 1st, math teams from across the state competed at the Washington State Math Olympiad. There were 46 teams (5th - 8th graders) from local Puget Sound schools that competed at Marvista. The Olympiad be-

gins with a long problem which challenges each team to complete a series of tasks laying out the numeric and verbal explanation of their solution within 60 minutes.

This session is followed by five (twenty minute) tests covering number sense, measurement, geometric sense, probability and statistics and algebraic sense. What a fun way to spend a Saturday!

Well done to all our mathletes who worked hard to prepare for this competition, Julie Sutherland who coordinated this event, and to all those who volunteered to make this year's Math Olympiad held at Marvista a great success!!

Kudos to our three 6th grade teams whose members earned ribbons (second highest honor): Kristina Flanagan, Stephen Baklund, Julia Toone, Mack Duncanson, Brady Tomlinson, Carly Strayer, Demie Wamsley, Adriana Laigo and Ariana Mafi.

Bravo to our medal winning (highest honor) 5th grade team : Nathan Sheffield, Ahmed Osman, Regan Pease and Katie Jenkins.

And **congratulations** to our 6th grade medal winning (highest honor) team: Jack Hohimer, Daniel Song, Lena Shelley and Annie Rencher.

Way to Go!

CLUB CONNECTION: LEGO CLUB



Space stations, castles, airports, zoos, pirate ships and sky scrapers are what you can see built by Marvista's LEGO club students on any given Friday afternoon in the multi-purpose room.

This weekly club is led by Dan Parker, one of only eleven certified LEGO professionals in the world. Each session Dan takes the students through the four formats of LEGO building; miniature, mosaic, sculpture and mechanical, while focusing on a weekly theme (Space/Star Wars, Town/Transportation, Castles, Pirates and Animals).

Through the sea of brightly colored LEGO blocks spread across tables you can see thirty students hard at work. They develop team work, cognitive and fine motor skills while building their imaginative creations. As students search for the perfect piece to complete their project you can see the wheels turn in the minds of our future engineers, city planners, inventors, architects and artists.



PTSA BOARD NEEDS YOU!

The Marvista PTSA Board needs YOU for the 2010-2011 School Year

Be part of the fun and hard-working Marvista PTSA Board! The positions listed below each come with a committee of helpers. Interested or want to learn more? Please contact Ashley Fosberg at fosberg5@comcast.net or any current PTSA Board member.

Community Outreach Chair: Marvista gives back! You get to organize to who

and how!! Use what's been done in the past (used book sale, canned food drives, etc.) or come up with new ideas!

Penny Harvest Coordinator: Help our Student Liaison Chair coordinate this fantastic and rewarding student-led fundraising effort!

Enrichment Chair: Coordinate the Marvista Club program and parent enrichment nights. "Clubs" are well established and ready to roll but new ideas are welcome!

Staff Appreciation Chair:

Coordinate fun ways to show the Marvista teachers and staff how much we love them! Back to school surprises, staff appreciation week, special treats, etc! It's up to you!

Volunteer Coordinator: Gather volunteers at the Back to School Rally and get them assigned to committees! A great way to dive in, meet people, and learn about how the PTSA Board works! Most of the volunteer coordinator's job can be managed from a home computer!

ART GALLERY NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!

One of the first warm, sunny evenings this year bought out a large attendance at Student Art Gallery Night. Families mingled while children proudly showed off their work and enjoyed refreshments. A large variety of artistic techniques, mediums and styles were shown including watercolor, ceramics, pencil sketches, print making, collage, pop art and much more. Famous artists such as Monet, Andy Warhol, Eric Carle & Georgia O'Keeffe were

inspirations for much of the work. Each class also created a collaborative project which was sold via silent auction and altogether raised \$1500 to directly benefit the PTSA Art Docent program. Our Art Docent volunteers have spent many hours on these projects as well as others throughout the year. Their dedication to our children has enriched the school community greatly! Through art exploration, these volunteers provide an opportunity for kids to express

themselves and learn to better appreciate the world around them. The PTSA Art Club also displayed examples of artwork from around the world they have created. Thank you to everyone who helped to execute or attended this wonderful evening!



I Got Caught Grand Prize Winners

March

Lily Olson-Barker

Ellario Guajardo-Matthews

Amy Hudson-Gardner-Young

They received McDonald's lunch with

Mrs. Kim!

April

Kristian Eadie-Sutherland

Ellie Kawaguchi-Cox

Emma Cavanaugh-Barker

Chase Cain-Schneeman

Dominic Eberhardt-Brossard

They received a popsicle party with

Mrs. Kim!

BULLETIN BOARD

Auction Kick-Off Party!
Thursday, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
at the Tin Room

The Marvista Auction is a fantastic, wildly-successful event that the entire community looks forward to! Come learn about next year's Auction set for March 19, 2011. You'll meet the Auction leadership team and learn all about what makes this Auction so unique! A few surprises will be unveiled--including next year's Auction theme! Enjoy light appetizers and a glass of champagne along with a no-host bar! Questions? Call Ashley Fosberg at fosberg5@comcast.net.

Please join us for our Spring Arts Event
Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30!
5th and 6th grade orchestra, band, marimba and visual arts students will be presenting.

Clubs will be back next year!
 Thanks to all of you who participated in our Club program this year--Clubs will be back in full force next Fall! Club registration forms will be available to students in September.

YEARBOOKS ... ORDER EARLY & SAVE!
 The 2009-2010 Yearbook is on sale now ...order early to guarantee your copy and to save \$10 off each book! With many color pictures and high quality photos, this book will surely be a lasting keepsake of your child's school year at the "new & improved" Marvista. **Order before May 28th and pay only \$20 per yearbook;** requests received after this date will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis for \$30 each. Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school. Don't miss this opportunity to capture some of the wonderful memories that are made every day at Marvista!

A huge thank you to our team of Marvista parents and students who worked together to assemble the bleachers for our ball fields!
 Walt Hunt, Scott Willott, John Willott (2nd grader!), Clayton Bryant, Dave Scott from South Highline National Little League, Ryan McLaughlin (6th grader), Scott McLaughlin, Tom Wells, Tim Tallar and Brian Russell
Thank you for your time and great work!

Marvista Messenger
Submitting an Article
 Email Articles to
Communications@marvistapta.org
 The June submission deadline is June 11.

To all residents of Normandy Park
 The City is planning on allowing Clearwire Communications to erect a wireless/cell phone tower in City Hall Park. Clearwire's next objective is to erect a similar tower in Marvista Park. Please attend the next City Council meeting on June 8th at 7:30 p.m. and let your opinion be heard.
 For more information contact Mike Ditchik at mike@ditchiklawoffice.com

COMMUNITY CORNER

4th Annual Burien Festival 5k & Family 1k
June 20th @ 9:00 am - in the Heart of Burien

Hey Marvista kids and families come and run in the last local 5k before school is out. All students from K-12th grade run for only \$15. The group of 10 or more students with the best average time will win a pizza party! So get your friends together and compete! Special Father's Day "Dad & Me" 2 for \$25 registration. Proceeds benefit the kids at WhiteWater Aquatics & Ruth Dykeman Children's Center. Information at www.getmeregistered.com. See you there!!

Summer Arts Academy – July 12-23
Grades 3-7, 8:30-12:30
 Highline High School Registration form due by June 1
 More information: 206-433-7117

Summer Concert Band 2010
July 6-July 23, 10-12 pm,
Grades 5-8th
 Highline High School Band room
 Register Early, Forms in office
 Information: 206-433-2418

City of Burien – Parks & Rec Camp Craz 2010
June 28-September 3 Information 206-988-3700

Summer Reading Skills Programs Classes offered in Kent and Seattle 1-800-470-3728 or
www.wsu.readingprograms.org

Tiger Kid Family Martial Arts Summer courses
 More information call 206-870-6527 or www.desmoineswa.qov

Summer Horse Camp www.ChastainMist.Com

Peter Fewing Soccer Camp www.Peterfewingsoccercamp.com

 * **Running Blind** *
 * **5K Run and 1K Run-Walk** *
 * **Sunday, June 6th** *
 * Begins and ends at Archery *
 * Bistro in Normandy Park *
 * Towne Center *
 * Register today to help the *
 * **Hear See Hope Founda-** *
 * **tion** fight Usher syndrome, *
 * the leading cause of deaf- *
 * blindness. *
 * \$5 of your registration fee *
 * will be donated back to the *
 * school of your choice. *
 * www.hearseehope.com *
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Congratulations to the Marvista students who participated in the 2009-2010 Reflections program sponsored by the National PTA organization! All projects were returned to school on May 17th. Students can start creating artwork this summer for the 2010-2011 school year for the theme: *"Together we can..."*

MARVISTA PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Literature

Molly Marquis, Giselle Ortiz, Darius Saelee

Photography

*Ryan Aggen, Gabriel Coluccio, Sophie Kanyer
Esmeralda Kupusija, Tristan Miles, Ben Weisman
Alex Wilhite, Sara Tasic*

Visual Arts

*Charles Erickson, Cassia Gilbert, Taryn Gural,
Aiden Hilsen, Sam Johnson, Ainsley Keane,
Tori Keeth, Matthew Lamar, Kacie McLaughlin,
Tristan Miles, Cesar Ponce, Abhijeet Sanga,
Alex Wilhite, Kaylee Wray, Shawn Gilbert,
Nicholas Ankuta, Laci DaCosta, Matthew DaCosta,
Juliet Hertel, Clare Johnson, Elizabeth Kawaguchi,
Liliana Mafi, Kellen Nelson, Ryan Sokoloski*

DISTRICT PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Literature

*Amanda Whitesitt - Award of Excellence
Solie Grantham, Lucas Thomson, Shawn Gilbert,
Cassia Gilbert*

Photography

*Ryan Aggen - Award of Excellence
Anuraag Sanga - Award of Excellence
Jonathan Anderson, Dominic Eberhardt,
Tristan Miles, Carly Strayer*

Visual Arts

*Maddie Johnson, Sophia Van Geystel, Alexander Ankuta,
Kolton Curtis, Rachel Ring, Inderjit Singh,
Eva Eberhardt, Reyde Grantham, David Sokoloski*

Musical

*Cassia Gilbert - Award of Excellence
Shawn Gilbert - Award of Excellence*

DISTRICT FINALISTS FOR STATE RECOGNITION

Visual Arts

*Atticus Bishop - Outstanding Interpretation
McKinley Beard - Outstanding Interpretation
Kaitlyn Vomenici - Award of Excellence*

Photography

Mark Kanyer - Award of Excellence

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