



MESSENGER

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Working Together for Our Children

Marvista Elementary School PTSA
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FROM YOUR PTSA PRESIDENT

What do you remember about your elementary school experience? Have you told your child about a certain memory, good or sad from that time in your life? Do you remember some teachers with a glow and some with a shudder?

It may be that you remember many aspects of your time in early grades, but how many of us remember the PTA? I was talking to my father on the phone last night and he mentioned a time when he was president of the PTA at my school! Well that was news to me!

In the beginning of time, when the National Parent Teacher Association was started it was known as PTA. As this organization progressed and grew, new schools would add the "S" for Students into the name. It reminds us that the students in our school are the REASON that parents and teachers do what we do!

The PTSA here at Marvista was my first experience with a PTSA. When my son started kindergarten, I began learning what a marvelous thing it is! After comparing notes with parents of children in different schools, even different districts, I quickly realized how grateful I am to all of you who step up and join the PTSA. Whether you have time to physically be present at the school and volunteer or not, your presence in the body of the PTSA is very important! Why? Let me give you a couple of examples. ART! Every class from K-6 at Marvista gets time to do art. It is all led by parent volunteers known as Art Docents and supported with PTSA funds. When you walk through the halls at school and see the amazing projects up on walls outside of classes, that is your PTSA in action.

The PTSA actively supports the education our children

receive. A program like Accelerated Reader does not come from our school district, but from PTSA funds. How about those laser printers in each classroom and in the pods? PTSA! There are also funds set aside for each teacher to spend as they wish and the list goes on. Keep watching for the little box in the Messenger where we "TOOT TOOT!" our own horn. There will be examples of PTSA funded items and programs in each publication.

So THANK YOU Marvista parents, for caring about education in our community and for joining the PTSA! Oh yes, if you have not joined, there is always time! The fee is minimal and there are no requirements for joining! See the website under Membership or contact the office for more information!

Betsy Boyer

FAMILY FUN AT MARVISTA!

Family B-I-N-G-O Night at Marvista!

Friday, October 22nd,
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
in the Marvista gym.

Bingo games, popcorn, prizes, and a sing-a-long - what better way to spend Friday night with your Marvista family and meet new friends? This event is free to all Marvista family members!

Movie Night at Marvista! Friday, November 19th, 6:30-9:30pm in the Marvista gym.

Wear pjs, bring blankets & pillows, and curl up with your Marvista family for an all-ages appropriate movie & popcorn.

We'll be giving away free movie passes & other prizes in the pajama contest! This event (and the popcorn!) is free to all Marvista family members.

BINGO is coming
this Friday,
October 22nd!

Look for upcoming
family activities
throughout the
year.



Mrs. Clark-Rinstad
2nd Grade



Mrs. Hagen
Kindergarten

TEACHER FEATURE

Where did you work before coming to Marvista?

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: I taught the Gifted Program for second and third graders at Sunnydale, before that it was 15 years at Gregory Heights and before that I was a stay at home mom and before that I was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines for 10 years.

Mrs. Hagen: I taught half day kindergarten at Beverly Park Elementary in the Highline School District.

What is your favorite thing about working at Marvista?

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: The people at Marvista, including 'my kids' and all the wonderful adults who care so for kids.

Mrs. Hagen: I love the students because they are so excited to learn and they are happy to be at school. They beam with pride when they learn something new. The parents are very supportive and helpful to all of us at Marvista. Our teaching and student learning is enriched with their help and our PTSA is the best! I am very fortunate to be a part of Marvista!

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

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: We have a wonderful morning meeting each morning where we greet and learn something new about each other every day.

Mrs. Hagen: We have started our literacy centers where each day my students work in a different center to enhance their reading skills. They enjoy honing their skills in reading during center time.

What do you like to do on the weekends?

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: Weekends!!! Wow I read, and go have yummy food some place and chat with friends I do not get to see during the week.

Mrs. Hagen: I like to go out to dinner with my husband, friends, and parents and go to musicals. Whenever possible my husband and I travel to see our sons and their families who all live out of state. My two grandchildren are such a joy!

What book are you reading right now?

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: I am

wading my way through the five books that I was given at the beginning of the year on reading Growing Readers by Kathy Collins, On Solid Ground by Sharon Taberski and Shelley Harwayne and, Knee to Knee Eye to Eye by Ardieth Davis Cole.

Mrs. Hagen: I tend to look for quality books by authors like Karma Wilson, Eric Carle, and Victoria Kann to foster my student's love of reading.

Name 2 songs currently on your iPod.

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: I am a really oldies but goodies gal so it is "Fly Me To the Moon" by Frank Sinatra.

Mrs. Hagen: I don't have one but I love going to live concerts. My husband and I just went to see Heart and Ringo Starr's All Star Band and we are going to another concert next month.

What is your favorite dessert?

Mrs. Clark-Rinstad: Picking one dessert—that is hard—Really good chocolate cake and a cold glass of milk or almost anything with raspberries.

Mrs. Hagen: My favorites are chocolate decadent cake and dark chocolate.

Let's TOOT

Our Own Horn Marvista!

Let's hear it for Family Activities! This committee in the PTSA brings us fun ways to get together outside of school. With little to no cost to families, we can gather for an upcoming Bingo Night, then Movie Night later in the year. They get us going to Mariner games and, this year, Thunderbirds hockey! A big THANKS to this wonderful committee!



CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTS

We have a wonderful Arts Elective program at Marvista.

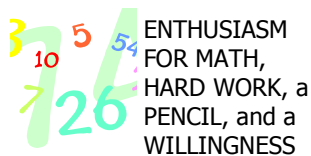
Our mission is to give all our students in the fifth and sixth grades the opportunity to participate in a musical ensemble.

But we need your help this year!

The orchestra is in need of help to put instruments (violin, viola, or cello) into the hands of Marvista students. If you have a string instrument and are no longer using it, please consider donating to Marvista. In fact, please consider donating any used instrument to the music program at Marvista. It will certainly be put to good use. Please bring instruments to the school office. Thank you for your support of the arts at Marvista!!



CLUB CONNECTION: MATH BASH



ENTHUSIASM FOR MATH, HARD WORK, a PENCIL, and a WILLINGNESS to get up a little early are what are needed to participate in Math Club. Math Club is open to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Fourth and fifth grade Math Clubs meet Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Fifth grade will add a Thursday meeting beginning in November. Sixth grade Math Club meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

Math Club is directed by Ms. Sutherland and supported by parent volunteers who teach lessons from the Math Club curriculum. In Math Club, fourth grade students have the opportunity to increase

their mathematical thinking skills through math games. Fifth and sixth grade students work on high level math on Tuesdays and then apply what they have learned on Thursdays by practicing for competitions. Students do not have to compete in competitions to participate in Math Club, but they need to be committed to come out and participate both days. Organizers of the Math Club are thrilled by this year's turnout of both kids and parent volunteers.

Both 5th and 6th Math Clubs will participate in the Mt. Rainier Math Invitational where 5th and 6th graders from all over the Puget Sound region compete for individual and team awards. They will also participate in the Math Is Cool competition

a statewide event for 4th-12th graders. Schools from the Seattle region compete for individual and team awards. Washington State Math Olympiad is a statewide competition for 5-8th graders, held at several locations around the state. Last year, and again in 2011, Marvista will be a host school for more than 150 5th-8th graders. Teams are recognized for having achieved at the levels superior, excellent, very good or good in each of six components: a long session problem, and five short session problems in the content areas of Number Sense, Probability and Statistics, Measurement, Geometric Sense, and Algebraic Sense. The 6th graders will travel to one additional competition in Blaine, WA.



MARVISTA'S MANY HELPING HANDS



Costume Donation

The *ghouls and goblins* are beginning to stir in preparation of the return of the Marvista Costume parade.... We would like to make sure that everyone who wants to be in costume to share in the fun and creativity has one. To that end we will be collecting donations of new or gently used Costumes (or even pieces of costumes or miscellaneous accessories) to create a Costume Rack. Any interested student may "shop" or exchange from the rack.

Coming Soon... information regarding the return of another October tradition: Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

Hungarian Relief Fund

Community is not just comprised of one's immediate neighborhood. Several of our Marvista families have friends and relatives impacted by the recent breached reservoir in Hungary. This disaster has displaced residents in now destroyed communities and caused extreme environmental damage due to the toxic waste. Donations of boots, (nose and mouth) masks, protective glasses and gloves are being collected in the Main Hall for shipment. Direct monetary donations to the Hungarian Relief Fund can be made through The Hungarian American Coalition www.hacusa.org, the American Hungarian Federation www.americanhungarianfederation.org or the Hungarian Red Cross.

Blood Drive

Imagine Saving a Life... Puget Sound Blood Center is having a Blood Drive on Monday 10/25 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (hours are 1:00-3:00 and 3:45-7:00 pm) located at 19030 8th Ave So. What an impact a half hour of your time can make..... plus you get cookies and juice for your efforts!

Hospitality House

Thanks go out to the Johnson family (Sam, Clare, Jana and Keith) for their time preparing and serving dinner at Hospitality House in Burien. This is a year long project for Community Outreach, with two dates done, two more scheduled in November and more to come.

The not so fine Print...
Halloween Parade and Donated Costume Guidelines

Donate clean costumes only
Bring costumes that go over clothes (no changing into a costume)
Avoid violent costumes or accessories

Please contact
Mardi Anderson marditiyouddrop@hotmail.com
With any questions about Marvista's community outreach programs.

BULLETIN BOARD

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Stop by the FLEX room
Friday, October 22nd
during Lunch/2nd recess
to learn more about the
Reflections program &
pick-up guidelines
& entry forms.

**September
I Got Caught**



Grand Prize Winners

- Blandy Inzunza*
 - Alina Campos*
 - Katelynn Haworth*
 - Rosario Gomez-Flores*
 - Ryan Hornus*
 - Matthew Lamar*
- Enjoyed Ice Cream with
Mr. Fosberg.**

UNLEASH YOUR ARTISTIC TALENT!! The **Reflections Program** is a great opportunity for students to explore their creative talents through their own original artwork, created around a specific theme, **"Together We Can."** Recognized by the National PTSA as a cultural arts competition for our students, last year we received 68 entries, and submitted 24 to the PTSA District level! Of those submitted, Marvista was very proud of the four students eligible for PTSA State judging and consideration: **McKinley Beard, Atticus Bishop, Mark Kanyer and Kaitlyn Vomenici!!** **Students are encouraged to enter artwork in any of the following categories (maximum of 2 entries per student).** ■ **Visual Arts** - prints, drawings, painting, collages, photographic collages, metal etching, fiber work and computer generated art. Artwork must be flat and not exceed 24" x 30" including matting. ■ **Photography** - prints up to 11"x14" in color or black and white, including techniques of photogram, retouched, montage, and multiple exposures. ■ **Dance Choreography** - create original choreographed dance and perform it on video. ■ **Film Production** - fiction or nonfiction video created as animation, a narrative, documentary, experimental, or music video. ■ **Literature** - works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories, and lyrics. ■ **Music Composition** - original musical composition, with or without lyrics. General Participation Rules and Student Entry Forms are available on the www.marvistaptsa.org website under Committees/Special Committees/Reflections. **Finished entries should be returned to the school main office on or before, Thursday, November 18th, by 3:40 p.m.** Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form which includes the student's name, grade, teacher's name, and parent's signature. Be sure to read the rules and comply with them, so that your entry is not disqualified. If you are interested in judging these imaginative and creative works of art for recommendation to the PTSA District level, please email creativexp@comcast.net. Judging will take place between November 20 - December 10th.

MARVISTA HAS GONE BANANAS!

Hats off to the amazing students and parents at Marvista that made the Neighborhood Coupon Book Fundraiser a huge success. Since we sold over 550 books, our profit increased from 50% to 55% and we brought in over \$7,000!! WOW!! The giant monkey "George" is ready to go to a new home and we will announce his new owner in the next issue. A banana split party will be awarded to Mrs. Adlum's 1st grade class since they sold the most books - 51! The student with the most books sold - 19 - is Star Howard from Mrs. Clark-Rinstad's 2nd grade class. Incredible!! Thank you all for participating and making our first stab at this new type of fundraiser incredibly successful.

Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels

Marvista benefits from your saved box tops and Campbell's soup labels. Look for our collection box in the main hallway!

COMMUNITY CORNER



**Election Day
Tuesday,
November 2nd**

The national and state-wide PTSA supports specific initiatives and referendums that benefit our children, schools and communities. Please take some time to become familiar with the issues and don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd! For more information, go to our website: www.marvistaptsa.org, click on "Standing Committees" from the left menu, choose "Legislative" and visit the page for additional links.

THE COVE
ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 30, 7-11 PM
TICKETS \$10.00
KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY
PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE
OCTOBER 31, 1-3 PM
FREE
INFORMATION 242-3778
WWW.NPCOVE.ORG

BOO in Burien
Trick or Treat in
OLDE Burien
October 31, 12-5 pm
www.discoverBurien.com

New City Dance Co.
Now enrolling for 2010/11
season newcitydance.com
*Our academy has been providing
dance instruction in the city of
Burien for 18 years.*

**Normandy Park
Athletic Club**
Youth Yoga
Classes on Fridays
Ages 4-8 and 9-12.
Drop-Ins Welcome
Call NPAC for Details 870-9000

**Moshier
Holiday Pottery Sale**
Saturday, December 4
10 AM-3:00 PM
430 S 156th, Burien
206-988-3700

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