



# MESSENGER

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Working Together for Our Children

Marvista Elementary School PTSA  
[www.marvistapta.org](http://www.marvistapta.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Open House</i>	<b>9/23</b>
<i>Picture Day</i>	<b>10/7</b>
<i>AuKtionfest Kickoff Party</i>	<b>10/1</b>
<i>No School</i>	<b>10/8</b>
<i>Bingo Night</i>	<b>10/22</b>

Mark your  
calendars for a night  
of fun at Marvista!  
BINGO is coming on  
Friday, October 22nd!  
Details to follow soon

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Marvista Families,  
We have had a great start to the new school year. Students seem happy to be here and are definitely eager to learn. They have been hearing from me and their teachers about how important it is to be CURIOUS learners by asking lots of questions and listening to understand. Whenever I get the chance, I have been sharing with parents and students a story about how the mother of a famous scholar talked to her son about school. Instead of asking, "What did you learn today?", Albert Einstein's mom always asked her son, "What questions did you have today?" I think this subtle difference in the way she talked to her son each night encouraged curiosity and the idea that learning is a dynamic, lifelong endeavor.

I have also shared with our students at our first all-school assembly how important I think a good attitude is. In fact, we have a new school cheer that starts by me asking them "Hey, Marvista, how is your attitude?" (Their col-

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attitude?"

lective response is GOOD!, G-O-O-D, GOOD!, and then they grunt while moving their bent arm toward their body—trust me, it is way cooler when you hear it than my description suggests). Coming to school with a positive attitude toward learning helps students make learning an exciting adventure and allows them to view challenges as opportunities. So, now

you have two new questions to ask your child at the dinner table or in the car heading to their next activity . . . what questions did you have today and how is your attitude? Try them out.

I look forward to getting to know all of you and your children as the year unfolds. I have been overwhelmed by Marvista families' commitment to supporting their children's education. Your involvement is such a critical part of their academic success. I hope to see all of you at our annual open house, which is set for Thursday, September 23, from 5:30-7:00 pm.

As always, if you have any questions, celebrations, or concerns to share about your child's experience at Marvista, please give me a call at 206.631.4200.

Mike Fosberg, Principal

## Reflections Art Program

Marvista PTSA is excited to participate in the Reflections Program, a national PTA arts recognition and participation program for students.

This year's theme is **"Together We Can"**.

There are six categories for which your student can submit artwork: Visual Arts,

Photography, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, and Musical Composition. You can access student entry forms and guidelines at [www.marvistapta.org](http://www.marvistapta.org) to get started. You can also pick up entry forms and guidelines at the Marvista Open House.

**Entry deadline is Thursday, November 18th, 2010.**

For additional information, email Kerry Hansen at [creativexpress@comcast.net](mailto:creativexpress@comcast.net).





Mrs. Adlum  
1st Grade



Mrs. Barker  
4th Grade

## TEACHER FEATURE

### ***Where did you work before coming to Marvista?***

Mrs. Adlum: I worked at Seahurst Elementary, left to get a Landscape Design Degree and returned to teaching here at Marvista.

Mrs. Barker: My previous experience in elementary school was in the Edmonds School District at 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### ***What is your favorite thing about working at Marvista?***

Mrs. Adlum: The student engagement and family involvement makes it a wonderful place to work.

Mrs. Barker: I love the students, their parents, the staff, our new beautiful building, and the scenic views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains on a sunny day.

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

Mrs. Adlum: We are learning about magnets right now, and of course, at first grade many of us are learning to read!

Mrs. Barker: We are working on developing a love for reading and learning strategies to go deeper into our books. The fourth grade is currently having a competition between classes on learning all of the multiplication facts. We're hoping all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have a quick recall of all multiplication facts by winter break in December.

### ***What do you like to do on the weekends?***

Mrs. Adlum: Read, garden, go out for meals and walks with my husband.

Mrs. Barker: I like to hang out with my family and catch up on everything that I couldn't do during the week.

### ***What book are you reading right now?***

Mrs. Adlum: I'm reading two right now, Growing Readers by Kathy Collins and Citizens of London by Lynne Olson.

Mrs. Barker: I'm currently reading a stack of professional books on reading instruction that were given to us before school started.

### ***Name 2 songs currently on your iPod.***

Mrs. Adlum: "Defying Gravity" from the play *Wicked* and "Seasons of Love" from the play *Rent*.

Mrs. Barker: I don't have an iPod but I listen regularly to country music because my son-in-law is the host on a country music radio station. I'm also trying to practice the new Marvista chant.

### ***What is your favorite dessert?***

Mrs. Adlum: Anything chocolate but chocolate bread pudding ranks pretty high for me.

Mrs. Barker: I like sorbet or icy frozen yogurt. I like it even better with fresh berries.

### **Let's TOOT**

#### **Our Own Horn Marvista!**

Did you know that our Marimba program (part of our arts elective for 5th and 6th graders) is unique to Marvista? Auction dollars and the time and talent of music teacher Mr. Stults make this program happen at our school--and you won't find it anywhere else!

Toot Toot!



## AREA WOMEN'S SHELTER NEEDS OUR HELP

### **Marvista to Serve Meals at Hospitality House!**

We need Marvista parents and students to help serve three meals at **Hospitality House** in Burien (the shelter is housed in the Lake Burien Presbyterian Church): Our three days of service are October 13th and November 2nd and 3rd.

We need volunteers for each night to help with shopping, cooking and serving a meal for 10. This is a wonderfully

positive way to represent the Marvista community and to model volunteerism for your kids!

An additional way to support Hospitality House is to visit their website to view their current Donations Needed List or to register for their ninth annual "Walk for Women" 2-mile fundraising event. The registration fee is \$25 and the Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 25th.

Visit their website for further details

[www.hospitalityhousesouthking.org](http://www.hospitalityhousesouthking.org).

To volunteer for the meal service please contact: [marditi-lyoudrop@hotmail.com](mailto:marditi-lyoudrop@hotmail.com) or 206.669.2197



## BULLETIN BOARD

### Reminder:

Early Release Clubs begin this Friday 9/24. These includes Drama Club, Art Club, YETI Club, Choir Club, Running Club, and Gymnastics Club.

Robotics and Lego Clubs will begin 10/15.

Piano and Typing Clubs will begin the week of 9/27. Math, Spanish and Chess Clubs will begin in October.

**THERE IS A MONKEY ON THE LOOSE AT MARVISTA!**

**HAS YOUR STUDENT FOUND GEORGE, THE 40" STUFFED MONKEY THEY CAN WIN FOR SELLING COUPON BOOKS? IF YOU SHOP AT TRADER JOE'S YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH FINDING SAMMIE, FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AT MARVISTA LET'S TRY TO FIND GEORGE!**

### Safe Arrival

To excuse a child's absence a parent must call the school office every day the child is out. Otherwise our Awesome Safe Arrival Team will call your home.

Upon your child's return to school a note with the days and dates your child was absent is needed. Absences *and* tardies will only be considered excused when the office is contacted.

Please call the office at 631-4200 to report their absence or you may email Janell Olson at [olsonjm@hsd401.org](mailto:olsonjm@hsd401.org).

### Art Docent Volunteers Needed!

Explore art with your child and his/her classmates.

This is wonderful way to be involved in the classroom. Help students express their creativity by giving a little of your time as an Art Docent. No experience or art education necessary! Flexible schedule determined by each teacher. Guidance and supplies will be provided. More volunteers are needed, especially for the following teachers:

WYSE, WATT, MEYERS, MATTHEWS, HOLBROOK, and HANSEN.

**ART Docent Training Meeting - Wednesday, September 29 at 9:15 in the Flex Room. Come and learn more about this fun program!**

For more information, please contact Kelly Hunt at [skrahunt@gmail.com](mailto:skrahunt@gmail.com) or 295-1021 and/or Leigh Fenster at [leighfenster@comcast.net](mailto:leighfenster@comcast.net) or 246-6470.

### Student Government Volunteer Recruitment!



Were you in student government? Do you have a great desire to lead kids in becoming great civic leaders?

*Marvista needs you!*

We would love to explore the idea of student government at Marvista.

Interested? Contact Betsy Boyer: [btotheb@comcast.net](mailto:btotheb@comcast.net), 206/849-9848 for more information!

**Thanks** for the generous contributions to the **Back to School Supply Drive!**

### Marvista PTSA is going...!BANANASI

Help support our school by selling our very own neighborhood coupon books (NCB), Marvista's new fundraiser!!

With just a few purchases the coupon book pays for itself and 50% of the sale proceeds go directly to Marvista. By purchasing NCB you are not only supporting Marvista, you are also supporting our community.

All unsold books should be returned to the school and all money collected should be placed in the white envelope provided and returned to your student's teacher.

Let's kick off school year 2010/2011 with an abundance of great savings. Thanks for your participation and support.

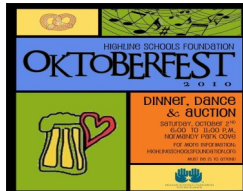
Questions? Please contact Slavka Bishoff at [slavka66@comcast.net](mailto:slavka66@comcast.net)

The Sale runs until October 1st and the more NCB you sell, the higher your chances of winning a *giant 40 inch monkey!*

So go bananas for Marvista! Good luck in selling all you can!



## COMMUNITY CORNER



**Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence**  
**OKTOBERFEST**  
**Dinner, Dance and Auction**  
**Saturday, October 2**  
**6-11 pm Normandy Park Cove**  
[www.Highlineschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.Highlineschoolsfoundation.org)

Check out Burien's Fall Programs and Events.  
[www.BurienParks.net](http://www.BurienParks.net)



Come out to support our community's talented young performers in the final weekend of performances of

**"Les Miserables" at the Highline Performing Arts Center**

September 25 at 7:30 pm & September 26 at 1:30 pm.

For information visit [www.hi-liners.org](http://www.hi-liners.org)



Barnes & Noble is having a "My Favorite Teacher" contest. Teachers and students have until March 18th, 2011 to submit entries. Teachers have a chance to win **\$5000** for their school! plus other prizes. For entries please contact Mandi Holstrom at Barnes & Noble, Southcenter, (206)574-3010, [crm2607@bn.com](mailto:crm2607@bn.com).

# Auction Connection ♥

The **Heart & Soul** Auction scheduled for on Saturday, March 19, 2011 is Marvista's largest fundraising event. Last week an Auction packet was sent home to get us started. You can also access Auction info at: [www.marvistapta.org](http://www.marvistapta.org) throughout the auction season. We look forward to the Fall Auktionfest on October 1st as an opportunity to kick-off the auction activities and connect with Marvista supporters!



## Procurement ♥ Procurement

Start thinking of fun experiences to procure for the

**'Heart & Soul'** Auction.

Procurement forms are available online at [www.marvistapta.org](http://www.marvistapta.org).

Procurement Deadline is February 10, 2011.

## Heart & Soul Honorees

Throughout the auction season, we will honor people who exemplify the "Heart & Soul" of Marvista for their positive contributions to Marvista and the surrounding community. Nominations for Marvista staff members, parents, and community representatives are encouraged.

**Nomination forms are available online at [www.marvistapta.org](http://www.marvistapta.org) and DUE by November 1st** by returning to the school office or email to [auction@marvistapta.org](mailto:auction@marvistapta.org).

Selections will be made prior to Auction Showtime based on your nominations as well as committee consensus.

# AuKtionfest

Join the harvest festivities to kick-off the Marvista Auction activities!

**Date: Friday, October 1st**

**Time: 7:00 pm**



Special LIVE entertainment featuring

MANUELA HORN, a local Yodeling favorite, who performs across America at galas and corporate events including performances at Seattle's Teatro Zinzanni Dinner theater.

Enjoy hearty appetizers & beverage tasting.  
Bavarian Oktoberfest attire optional!

### Hosted at the Home of:

Ron & Kerry Hansen  
226 SW 193rd Place  
Normandy Province Neighborhood  
Normandy Park, WA 98166  
(206) 824-4667  
RSVP to [auction@marvistapta.org](mailto:auction@marvistapta.org)

Bring a procurement item or experience of food & libations!

Gift cards & non-perishable items encouraged

*This event supports the Marvista Elementary PTSA Heart & Soul Auction celebrated on March 19, 2011*