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Newsletter for the Families of James M. Marlowe Elementary

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**AUGUST 2016**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 31st - Volunteer Orientation – Media Center 9:00 am

September 5th- No School

September 8th - Open House

Primary 6:00–6:45 pm

Intermediate 6:45-7:30 pm



**PTO NEWS**

Parents, Ask yourself…Are you ready to be part of something great? Do you want to make a difference? Then perhaps you may consider joining the PTO or becoming a Board Member.

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) at Marlowe Elementary is planning another great year. Our goal is to continue to provide the support needed to maintain the excellent programs and educational opportunities our children enjoy. We need you to accomplish this goal! You can help by being involved with the PTO. When everyone helps a little, we can accomplish a lot! By joining the PTO, you help support the students and staff at Marlowe Elementary. Your donation will help us meet some of the needs in the classroom directly benefiting your child’s education. PTO Membership forms are in your first day packet.

The positions available for the 2016-2017 year are:

***Treasurer and Secretary***

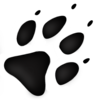
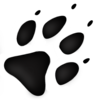
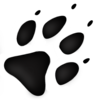
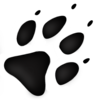
Enclosed in your first day packets are nomination forms. Please complete and return by September 1, 2016. Elections for the 2016-2017 School Year will be held at Open House.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Every public school must have a School Advisory Council (SAC) as mandated by Florida Legislature. It is composed of an appropriately balanced number of teachers, educational support employees, parents and other businesses and/or community partners who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school. Council members are people like you participating in identifying our school’s needs and developing plans for meeting those needs.

Each year, SAC positions become available and an election is held to fill those openings. Nomination forms will be sent home with students. Parents can self-nominate or nominate other parents (with their knowledge). During Open House, parents participate in an election after which elected parents are notified and invited to attend SAC meetings.

We need parent input and encourage you to become part of the decision-making process here at Marlowe Elementary School.



**MESSAGES FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS**

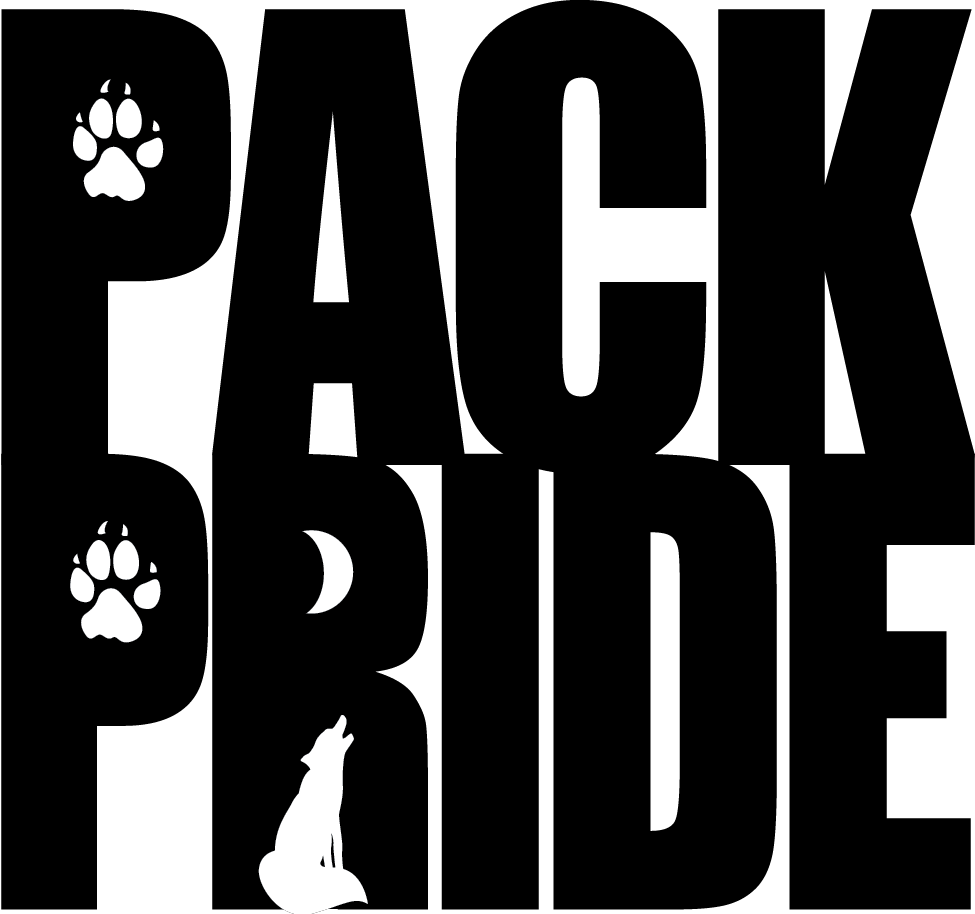
Welcome to James M. Marlowe Elementary. We are excited to have you here and look forward to a successful school year. Your involvement and participation in your child’s education greatly influences your child’s success. We encourage you to build a positive relationship with your child’s teacher and want you to know that we are available to assist you as needed.

Marlowe takes great pride in developing students who are perseverant, accountable, caring and knowledge seeking. Promoting and supporting our “P.A.C.K. Pride” is critical in maintaining a positive school family culture. Encouraging your children to set high expectations for themselves and take pride in their work allows them to grow academically and feel successful.

We look forward to seeing you at our Marlowe events and hope to build a positive relationship throughout the year.

Hilda Martin Robin Fish

Principal Assistant Principal



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**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**



**We Want You!**

James M. Marlowe Elementary wants you to come and get involved! Only approved volunteers may help out and accompany classes on field trips. You may fill out an online application at the districts website at pasco.k12.fl.us.

Volunteer Orientation will be on

August 31st

At 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center.

**NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS**

**AND PARENTS**

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING

MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA’s) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for James M. Marlowe Elementary have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the Governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the District School Board of Pasco County Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

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**MARLOWE’S BOX TOP CHALLENGE**

Marlowe Elementary will be collecting Box Tops for our Box Top Challenge. All you need to do is clip and send them to your child’s teacher. Throughout the year we will be having classroom competitions to see which class can collect the most box tops!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

Our Open House and our annual Title I Meeting are scheduled for Thursday, September 8th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Open House gives you the opportunity to meet teachers and hear plans for the upcoming year. (Conferences will be scheduled at another time for parents needing to discuss individual concerns.)

The classroom visitation schedule is as follows:

**6:00-6:45** Grade, K, 1 and 2

**6:45-7:30** Grades 3, 4 and 5

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**OTHER NEWS**

To ensure a safe, focused learning environment, we ask that you support us by following the procedures listed below:

**Arrival:**

• At 8:20, teacher supervision and student breakfast begins.

• ***Please do not arrive on campus prior to 8:20 a.m.***  Staff begins supervision at that time.

• Free breakfast for students only is available until 8:35 a.m.

• Students on campus between 8:20 – 8:35 am must report to the cafeteria

• At 8:30, students may enter the supervised hallway.

• Parents may not enter the cafeteria, classroom or hallways during arrival.

• At 8:37, our morning “HOWL” will begin. At this time, students go directly to class and parents/families exit campus.

• At 8:40, school starts. Anyone arriving after this time should report to the front office for a tardy slip.

**Dismissal:**

• Student Dismissal begins at 2:50 p.m.

• The front of school is for car riders ONLY.

• When picking up students in a car, use the car loop, display your car tag and stay in your vehicle until staff assists.

• All walkers and bike riders are dismissed to designated walk-up/pick-up areas. Walk-up/pick-up areas are the only designated parent waiting areas for these students.

• Dismissal routines should stay consistent. Changes should be communicated in writing but in an emergency, please call as early as possible to ensure arrangements are communicated.

• Early dismissals are disruptive to child’s learning.

• Students will not be called out of class for early dismissal after 2:30 p.m. Please make any appointments accordingly.

**Remember: Attendance is critical for your child’s academic success. Being on time and present makes a huge difference in your child’s development!**

**Volunteers/Visitors:**

• Check in at Front Office

• Photo IDs are needed for verification.

• Visitor badges will be issued upon entrance.

• For safety, staff is encouraged to direct visitors without badges to the front office for visitor badges.

• Visitors at lunch must be approved and on the student’s emergency card. Lunch is limited to your own child.

• Visitors are limited to lunchtime visits. Access is not permitted at recess or in the classroom without appointment.

• Volunteers need to be approved. Please complete an online application.

**Remember: Your child’s school day is most productive when they are on time, present and ready to learn.**

**Let’s work together to create the most productive learning environment possible!**

**District School Board of Pasco County**

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