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Newsletter for the Families of James M. Marlowe Elementary

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**AUGUST 2017**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 29th - Open House

 Primary 6:00–6:45 pm

 Intermediate 6:45-7:30 pm

August 31st - Volunteer Orientation – Media Center 8:45

September 4th- No School



 **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.

 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. PTO Membership forms are in your first day packet.

**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

**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 8:45 a.m. in the Media Center.

**OTHER NEWS**

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

**Arrival: (Notice New Breakfast Procedure)**

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

• ***Please do not arrive on campus prior to 8:20 a.m.***

• All students have access to a free breakfast from 8:20-8:40 a.m.

• Students arriving on campus between 8:20 – 8:40 am should pick up breakfast at a cart and report directly to their grade level hallway.

• Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms between 8:25-8:40. Parents will no longer be able to eat breakfast at the picnic tables with their children.

• Parents may not enter classrooms or hallways during arrival. Parents should exit campus once their child enters the hallway.

• At 8:37, our morning “HOWL” will begin. This will signal students that the tardy bell is approaching.

• At 8:40, the tardy bell will ring, gates will close and the school day starts. Anyone arriving after 8:40 will enter campus through the front office and will get 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 your child’s learning.

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

 Our Open House and our annual Title I Meeting are scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th 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** Grades: K, 1, 2 and Pre K

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

 **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**EMERGENCY CARDS**

 It is important to maintain current emergency information in the front office. Please ensure that you have completed the emergency contact cards with operating phone numbers and designated emergency contacts. All individuals coming to the school to interact or pick up students must be listed on the card. Updated information is vital in an emergency.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

 It is important that students attend school and arrive on time on a regular basis. Your child's attendance patterns have a direct link with achievement. Absences are considered excused for the following reasons:

Student illness, student medical appointment (please attempt to schedule after school hours), bereavement, and some religious observances

 In the event of an absence, please send a note to your child’s teacher that includes your child’s full name, student number, teacher name, the date and reason of the absence in order to ensure our records are accurate. If absent for 3 or more consecutive days, there must be a doctor’s note.

**ACCIDENTS HAPPEN**

 Students have accidents on occasion. When possible, the clinic has a change of clothes, but not always. We recommend you pack a spare pair of clothes in your child’s backpack in case they need it in an emergency situation.

**PREVENT LOST ITEMS**

 Help prevent your child from losing items. Please write their name on or in backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets or any other belongs you don’t want lost.

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