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Newsletter for the Families of James M. Marlowe Elementary

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**SEPTEMBER 2016**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 5th- No School

September 8th- Annual Title I Meeting

 Primary 6:00–6:45 pm

 Intermediate 6:45-7:30 pm

September 8th- Open House

 Primary 6:00–6:45 pm

 Intermediate 6:45-7:30 pm

September 12th – 23rd Fall Fundraiser

September 16th – Progress Reports

September 19th – PTO Ice Cream Social 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**FALL FUNDRAISER**

 Our Fall Fundraiser kicks off on September 12th. All orders are due by September 23rd. We are looking forward to this year’s prize for students. Students who ***sell 10 or more items will earn a free field trip to the TAMPA BAY BUCANEERS STADIUM!*** Get a behind the scenes tour. Get to walk on the field and go in the Pirate Ship! See the locker rooms and more! Please remember no door to door sales. Ask your family and friends to purchase items or ask your parent or guardians to take it to work with them. Students can also earn Tuition Rewards. Just for selling $100 worth of fundraising items they can earn a $1000 Tuition Reward for college tuition.

**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 were in your first day packets. Forms are also available in the front office. 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.

**PTO NEWS**

 The PTO 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! The PTO is looking for classroom partners.



**OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL TITLE I INFORMATION**

 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** Grades, PreK, K, 1 and 2

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

 Be sure to join us for an informative and eventful night! Community representatives from the Scouts will be sharing valuable information regarding programs outside our school. The cafeteria will be selling snacks. Sign up for PTO memberships, Learn about Title I, Vote for School Advisory Council members and PTO Board all on this evening.

**WHAT IS TITLE I?**

 You’ve heard “Title I” but what is Title I? Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation’s schools. The goal of Title I is a high-quality education for every child, so the program provides extra help to schools who need it most. Schools must qualify to receive Title I funding. The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year.

 Title I brochures will be available at open house and upon request.



**PARENT INFORMATION**

 **Free and Reduced Priced Meals –**An application must be filled out for each school year. If you have not completed yours, please do so as soon as possible. Free and Reduced Price Meals are not permitted without a processed application. Parents are responsible for paying for children’s lunches until applications are approved and processed. UNTIL your application is processed and you receive notification of eligibility, you will need to give your child money to purchase school meals or send a lunch from home. Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. The School Board of Pasco County serves nutritious meals each school day that meet the nutrition standards as set by the US Department of Agriculture. Elementary school lunch cost is $2.25. You may apply for free or reduced price lunches any time during the school year. Applications are available in the office or online at: www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free\_reduced

**Breakfast is free for ALL Students!**

 **Your child’s account -** Children will never be denied a meal because they do not have money in their account or money that day. Instead, a charge will be placed on your child’s account. Please note there is a $10 limit. According to district policy, after the $10 limit is reached, your child will be given an alternative meal with fruit and milk. The Food Service Manager will send notification of money owed on a regular basis. We encourage you to prepay for your child's meals. You can prepay on line at www.mylunchmoney.com! All checks must have printed, not handwritten, name and full address. Each check must also have student number and a phone number. No starter checks, post dated or two-party checks will be accepted. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Richards at the school.

 **Extra Clothing –** Accidents do happen sometimes during the school day. Sending an extra pair of clothing in your child’s backpack will make sure they have something to wear.

 **Label It –** Please mark all of your child’s belongings with a permanent marker with their first and last name. This way if their lunchbox, backpack, coat, etc. are found we will be able to return it to them.

 **School Schedule** – Our school day begins at 8:20 a.m. Please plan your morning accordingly to make sure your child arrives on time. ***Children should not arrive on campus before 8:20 a.m.*** We do not have staff supervision until 8:20 a.m. Children arriving after 8:40 a.m. must be brought to the office for a tardy pass. Again, it is very important to make sure your child arrives to school on time. The school day ends at 2:50. Staying in and participating the full day is critical for your child’s success. ***Children will not be dismissed early from class after 2:30.*** If you have a scheduled appointment, please plan accordingly and arrange to pick up your child before that time. Car riders and walkers are dismissed at 2:50.

**District School Board of Pasco County**

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

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**THANK YOU**

 Partnerships are essential to the successful implementation of many school programs. Thank you to the following partners in education for their support of our school. Both the school and partners benefit from the cooperative endeavors by sharing resources that promote learning and overall school improvement. Thank you to the following for their support:

*Wal-Mart, Oriental Trading, Hyundai of New Port Richey, Marshalls of Trinity, Coastal Cremations,*

*St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Kiwanis of Greater West Pasco, Gulfside Hospice, Riverside Baptist Church, Medical Center of Trinity*

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**RECYCLE**

 Recycle your batteries and paper products at the school. A battery recycle container is in the front office and our

GreenFiber container is towards the back of the campus.  Unlike some recycling programs, GreenFiber’s Community Paper Recycling Program accepts a wide variety of paper products.  Participating schools will accept brown paper bags, cardboard, cereal boxes, construction paper, gift wrap, magazines, newspaper, paper, and phone books in eight-yard GreenFiber recycling containers. Participating schools will earn 100% revenue from everything they recycle. Help keep the environment clean and earn money for the school. It’s a win – win!!

**RIGHT TO KNOW**

 Did you know you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the educators who instruct your child? Federal law allows you to obtain certain information in a timely manner about your child’s classroom teachers and instructional assistants. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s teachers and instructional assistants:

* The teacher’s Florida certification area(s) and, if the teacher is teaching infield or if the teacher is qualified infield according to the District School Board of Pasco County.
* The teacher’s college degree(s) and area of study.
* The teacher’s advanced college degree(s) and areas of study.
* The qualifications of any instructional assistant who provide services to your child.

 If you would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to your child’s school.

**GET THE SCOOP**

**PTO ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

September 19th

6:00-7:00 pm

Come out for a fun night! Meet your PTO!

Get more involved! Meet other families!

**Free Ice Cream \* Free door prizes**

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