

MARTIC MINUTES



Message from the Principal

Dear Martic Families:

Meet the Teacher Night was a huge success. Many parents had a personal tour of the building from their own child. It was wonderful to see students taking this initiative to share with parents. I truly enjoy this event because it allows Martic staff to reconnect with parents after the summer break.

This past summer, the district purchased a brand new math series entitled Math Connects. The series has a strong algebra sequence beginning in Kindergarten. There are many exciting components of the series. For K-5 students and parents at home, feel free to visit <http://www.mhschool.com/math/mathconnects/index.html>. Simply click on the grade level, chapter, and lesson

and you will find additional practice and tutorials to support your child at home.

Enjoy your October,

RECESS MILEAGE CLUB

Recess mileage club will be up and running beginning Sept. 28th and ending Nov. 11th. Students will be able to walk, jog and run laps to keep themselves fit and healthy.

Every student that completes 25 laps, will receive a toe token. Toe token celebrations will happen during the month of November. Thank you to our parent helpers who volunteered to supervise the club!

Upcoming Events (OCTOBER):

October 1 - Fire Prevention Day
 October 5 - Picture Day
 October 7- Early Dismissal at 1:30
 - NO PM KINDERGARTEN
 October 8 & 11 - NO SCHOOL
 October 14 - PTO Meeting 7-8 in library
 October 22 (rain date October 27) -
 RACE FOR EDUCATION

Upcoming Events (NOVEMBER):

November 4 - PTO Meeting from 7-8 PM in library
 November 5 - NO SCHOOL
 November 10 - Parent Teacher Conferences - NO KINDERGARTEN
 November 11 - Parent Teacher Conferences - NO AM KINDERGARTEN
 November 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences - NO PM KINDERGARTEN
 November 25-29 NO SCHOOL - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PTO NEWS

Coupon books are being sold until **OCTOBER 7th**. The cost of each book is \$25 and half the proceeds go to support our Martic students.

Collect those coins - the PTO is sponsoring a coin drive to support our local Rawlinsville and Pequea fire companies. Students are asked to bring in loose change from October 4-7 and the grade level with the most money collected will earn a ice cream sundae party.

Instruments Collecting Dust?!

Do you have an old instrument that is in need of a player to love it and take care of it and bring some beautiful music out of it again?

Penn Manor is accepting donations of band and orchestra instruments. These instruments will be offered to students in need (for a small rental fee).

Contact Mr. Stauffer at Martic

dan.stauffer@pennmanor.net

284 - 4128 x3419

Thank you for helping make instrumental music possible for a young musician.

Just a few friendly reminders...

If your child qualifies for free and reduced lunch, he/she also qualifies for free and reduced breakfast.

Please remember: we will NOT be participating in spring pictures this year.

Friends, I wanted to thank all of you who helped communicate with us the best way to get your children home safely on September 30th. Reflecting on the day, I would like to encourage all families to develop an emergency plan for what to do if we dismiss from school early for bad weather.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

As the new nurse at Martic Elementary School, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Heisler. I have been a nurse for seventeen years. For the past two years I have worked in the health room at an elementary school in the Solanco School District. I have three children currently in elementary school and enjoy working with this age group. I am very excited about this new position and look forward to getting to know the students and parents of this district.

JUST A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

According to Pennsylvania School Health laws, if your child is in kindergarten or grade 6 this year, he or she will need to have a physical exam completed. The form, that the doctor needs to complete at the time of the exam, was given to students last year, or provided at registration if your student is new to our school. If you did not submit a completed form, another form will be sent to you. When your child is having their exam, please ask your doctor about any additional immunizations that are needed for school or are recommended by the doctor. The Commonwealth of PA has informed us that Tdap (a booster of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and MCV (meningococcal meningitis) will be required for entry into seventh grade starting with the 2011-12 school year. **In addition, a second dose of the Varivax (chickenpox) vaccine will be required for ALL Students to ensure continued immunity as your child enters the teen years.**

If you have a student in grade K, 1, or 5, a dental exam is required. Forms are being sent home if we have not received your child's paper. Student's who do not have health or dental insurance coverage will be offered a school exam which will be done in the spring.

If your child is not covered by any health insurance, please call 1-800-986-KIDS or visit www.chipcoverspakids.com for information about Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Immunization information can be obtained from the PA Dept of Health in Lancaster by calling 299-7597.

Please call the nurses' office if you have any questions, 284-4128, ext. 3402.