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A Note from our Principal



E. Jay Derwae,
Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy 2009! What a historic year for all of us! We are beginning our winter semester with a new President of the United States and the country has renewed hope in our future.

Of course, we at Marvin have always had faith and hope in our future—that is why we have invested our lives in educating our children. Again, thank you parents, for the wonderful loving and intelligent students you entrust us with each and every day. With the beginning of this New Year, we again pledge ourselves to providing the best education each and every child deserves. Please stay active and involved with the school and particularly your child’s teacher so that we may be partners in this wonderful endeavor.

Already this year we have celebrated several recognitions for our students:

- Kurt Carroll, 5th Grade, Mr. Myrick’s class, won an essay contest sponsored by Scholastic Books. Kurt wrote an essay about the book, “The Tale of Despereaux”. He was one of 10 winners in the whole nation! Kurt won a copy of the book, The Tale of Despereaux, and a letter from Scholastic Books. Great Job Kurt!!!
- Amnitziel Estrada, 3rd Grade, Mr. Schreiber’s class, was chosen as an outstanding student by Channel 7! Mrs Lavado (former 3rd Grade teacher) nominated Amnitziel and Channel 7 picked her to win a brand new bicycle. A news crew from the Channel 7/KNSD local news station, headed by Whitney Southwick, came to Marvin Elementary to make the award. Congratulations Amnitziel!!!

Parents, please note and be aware of our important upcoming events, especially our State standardized testing program which impacts each and every student within our school. We hope you will record these dates and join us for our fun family events and help your children as they prepare for their important exams. Additional information for that preparation will be sent closer to the testing program time.

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**The next PTF meeting
is February 11 at 8 am
in the Auditorium.**



A Note from our Principal *(cont'd from page 1)*

DATES TO REMEMBER;

FEBRUARY

- (2/9) Lincoln's Birthday (*NO SCHOOL*)
- (2/13) – IDENT-A-KID Program
- (2/16) – George Washington's Birthday (*NO SCHOOL*)

MARCH

- (3/2-3/27) – FitnessGram, Gr. 5 (STATE)
- (3/3-3/4) – STAR Writing, Gr. 4 (STATE)
- (3/17) – School Pictures

APRIL

- (4/1) – Jog-A-Thon
- (4/2-4/3) – Minimum Days for Parent Teacher Conferences
- (4/2-4/3) – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Hand out Report Cards)
- (4/6-4/10) – Spring Break (*NO SCHOOL*)
- (4/13) – GATE Testing, Identified 2nd Graders
- (4/16) – OPEN HOUSE/Science Fair
- (4/17) – Jog-A-Thon Awards Ceremony
- (4/22-5/13) – STAR Multiple Choice (CSTs/CAT6/CMA/CAPA/STS), Gr. 2-5 (STATE)

MAY

- (5/25) – Memorial Day (*NO SCHOOL*)

Looking forward to seeing you as our bright new year unfolds. Be well and know that you are appreciated!

E.Jay Derwae
Principal

Classroom News

4th Grade, Mr. Field, Room 13

By Maya Williamson and Ian Thayer

These are some of the things room 13 are doing at Marvin. We have just finished an art project on the California Missions. Our class was taught the lesson by Anna, a high school student from Patrick Henry. First, Anna drew one half of a mission. Second, we drew the other half of the mis-

sion to finish the drawing. Last of all, we designed plants for the mission and drew them in. Anna is going to make a bulletin board with the missions. This coming Tuesday, January 27th, our class is going on a whale watching trip. Room 17 will be going along with us. We are probably

only going to see baleen whales, but that will be OK. Our whale boat is taking off from H & M Landing. We are hopeful that the trip will be interesting and a good deal of fun. Hopefully, no one will get seasick. Happy New Year from room 13!

My DC Adventure, Room 12

By Casey Parker

I feel very fortunate to have been able to see President Obama's inauguration. There were a lot of people and there was a lot of excitement. There were many crowds. On the subway it took more than an hour to get through the crowds. Another time a man put me on his shoulders so I could tell the crowd which way to go to get to the inauguration access gate for our tickets.

Everyone was cheering and excited and even hugging each

other. I was really cold and somewhat scared of the crowds. At first I wanted to back to the hotel but now I am really glad that I didn't. My fellow Mustangs would have disappointed in me.

I did several other things like go to the Air and Space Museum, The American History Museum, and the International Spy Museum. That was really cool. I got to see all their gadgets and doohickeys. It was very interesting. The monuments we saw

were the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and WWII Memorial and the best of all, the Lincoln Memorial. The Washington Monument was huge. We could see it from all over the place.

I really wanted to meet the President, I was sure I wasn't going to. He was too busy at balls. If he came to the ball at my hotel, I might have seen him but no he didn't come.

2nd Grade, Mrs. Murphy, Room 22

By Danielle Coutin (from November 08)



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Last week we had DS1 P a r k e r come to our classroom.

On Friday we are going to have our Thanksgiving play. We have been learning about rocks and soil in science. We having

been writing reports at home and sharing them in class. We have been doing projects like our feathers and scarecrows. At our desk we are working on our Thanksgiving packets. In math we are learning about money and we are trying to a hundred books to donate to other schools.

Every day we have centers like letter writing, computer, word study and theme books. We also have table pants for each table and every time a table wins they get a prize. Every Thursday we go to science and to the library. We also had a competition on decorating our door.

School Happenings

<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>4– Jog-a-thon 2-13 – Box Top Derby 11 – PTF Meeting 8a.m. SSC 5p.m. 9 – Lincoln Birthday (No School) 16 – Washington Birthday (No School) 28 – Silent Auction</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>2 – Dr. Seuss Read Across America 8 – Child ID 12 – Meet &Greet Coffee & Pastries 7:45-8:15am. SSC 5p.m. PTF Meeting 6pm. 27– Spring Portraits TBD – Spelling Bee or Family Reading Night TBD – Spring Portraits</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>2-3 – Parent Teacher Conferences (minimum days) 6-10 – Spring Break 15 – PTF Meeting 8a.m. SSC 5p.m. 16– Open House & Science Fair TBD – Book Fair <i>(Testing starts this month April 22-30)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>4-8 – Teacher Appreciation 13 – Meet &Greet Coffee & Pastries 7:45-8:15am. SSC 5p.m. PTF Meeting 6pm 25 – Memorial Day (No School)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>1-5 – Spirit Week 10 – PTF Meeting 8a.m. SSC 5p.m. 15 – 5th Grade Promotion Last Day of School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July ENJOY YOUR SUMMER</p>

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School Happenings

Living Beethoven, February 6th



Back by popular demand, Mainly Mozart, will once again perform at Marvin. Last year, Mainly Mozart performed "Living Mozart" which got rave reviews from our students and staff. This February, our students will be learning about the life and music of Ludwig van Beethoven. This will be entertaining and informative, which will not want to be missed. More information about Mainly Mozart is available at www.mainlymozart.org.

Marvin Jog– a thon, April 1st

Mark your calendars!!! This year's Jog-a-thon will be Wednesday, April 1, 2009. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this event a success. Watch for more information to be sent home the week of March 9.

To help kick-off the Jog-a-thon fun, USA JumpStars will be performing at Marvin in early March. At this assembly we will be unveiling this year's Jog-a-thon prizes. Once again, there will be prizes for top joggers and top fundraisers!

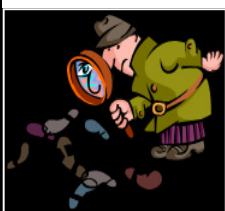
Other Upcoming Assemblies:

March 18: Ocean Adventure

March 31: H2O, Where did you go?

April: Ms. Frizzle will be visiting K-2nd graders

Do you want to be a Forensic Detective?



5th graders you will not want to miss on school on Friday, February 13th! Only 5th graders will be participating in a special science outreach workshop presented by the Ruben H Fleet Science Center and hosted by Ms Hancock, Marvin's very own science teacher. In this "mysterious" program our 5th graders will use chemistry, geology and physics to piece together evidence and crack the case. They will learn how to classify mysterious powders, identify minerals, calculate the pH of soils and perform chromatography to separate pigments.

We will need parent volunteers to help during these special labs.

5 volunteers are needed during each lab held at 8-9:30am, 10-11:30am and 12:15-1:45pm. Please email Katie Shea at katieshea44@hotmail.com if you can lend a hand.

Pennies for Pasta

Pasta for Pennies is running from February 2 - February 20. Bring in loose change and money donations to class. Money collected will be donated to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society to benefit research and help the local San Diego families with treatment expenses. Classrooms are competing for prizes! The top collecting class from K-2 and 3-5 will win a catered Pasta Party from Olive Garden! Our goal this year is \$2000

School Happenings

Marvin Library Needs Volunteers



Our library is up and running but still needs adult help. Volunteers duties may include: reading a designated story to the class, shelving books and/or helping students find books. Currently we have two days without volunteers. Can you spare 30 minutes a week to lend a hand? (Grandparents are welcome to volunteer too!)

Volunteers are needed at these times:

Mondays at:

8:35-9:05 a.m., Andrews

9:10-9:40 a.m., Veldkamp

9:45-10:15 a.m., Alcorn

10:30-11:00 a.m., Leverton

Tuesdays at:

9:10-9:40 a.m., Livingston

9:45-10:15 a.m., Hanna

10:30-11:00 a.m., Mainer/Brainard

Library volunteers must complete a SD City School Volunteer Application and submit a recent TB test (taken within the last 4 years.) If you can help or want more details, please stop by and see our librarian Deborah Chichester, during morning school hours and day except Wednesday.

First Ever Recycle-thon coming to Marvin

Help your child's classroom become "The Greenest Classroom!" In celebration of Earth Day, we will be collecting empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans during April 20-24th. Classrooms will be competing to see who can collect the most. Start saving your CRV bottles and cans now. Don't forget to ask your neighbors and friends to help too. The money generated by recycling bottles and cans will go directly to our fantastic Science Lab. Everyone will benefit from the Recycle-thon. If you are interested in helping during the Recycle-thon, please contact Katie Shea at katieshea44@hotmail.com.



Marvin Running Club



We are pleased to announce that the Marvin Running Club is starting on February 2nd. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during first recess, all kids will now be able to run/walk laps on the dirt field and earn a necklace and feet tokens.

(every 20 laps/5 miles they will earn one foot token. The chain necklace will be given at the time the first token is earned.)

The kids will be given a popsicle stick at every lap. At the end of recess, they take their popsicle sticks to their teacher to log in. Every four weeks, these logs will be collected and feet/chains will be passed out. All kids are welcome to run/walk on these days as much or as little as they want. The kids do not have to sign up for this, and it is completely optional.

If you are interested in volunteering to hand out popsicle sticks during recess (10:15 –10:30) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, please contact Anita Williamson at anitaw@cox.net or by calling: 619 286-8436.

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