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Dear Parents and Community,

The holidays are fast approaching as well as the end of another year. There never seems to be enough time to get all that needs to be done finished. Now is when many of us reflect on what has taken place throughout the year as well as look forward to what we anticipate for the coming New Year.

In the area of construction, we are still coming along, not as fast as I would like but the end does seem nearer. Starting on December 16, 2002 the school will be under additional construction. A completely new irrigation system will be installed throughout the school grounds. This will unfortunately create a few minor problems including having additional workers onsite along with the noise and constraints in certain areas of the school. Hopefully all this will be worth the inconveniences we've all endured when the work is finally completed and we see what a great looking school we will enjoy.

Starting next school year we will be a late start school. School will start at 9:15 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m. All schools are required by the district to be on a five-year rotational pattern, so we will continue being a late start school for the next five years. I thought this would be a good time to let parents know, so that you can make any necessary arrangements for childcare. We are currently scheduled to continue the SIX to SIX and SAY programs.

Jessica Bardo, one of Mrs. Henetz's second grade students recently won a county-wide float design contest for the Holiday Bowl Parade. Her float design will be built and she and her family will ride on the float in the December 27, 2002 parade. She also won many prizes for herself, family, her class and the entire school. The school will receive \$1,000 worth of computer equipment and all the students will be going to Lego-land. Details of how and when we will be going to Lego-land will be forthcoming as I get more information. Congratulations and thank you Jessica!!!

Jenica Hendricks was picked to represent Marvin Elementary School at the lighting of the Allied Garden's annual Christmas Tree ceremony. Thank you Jenica for doing an outstanding job of representing our school.

Last week our Kindergarten students did an incredible job of singing at the annual Allied Gardens Community Festival at Lewis Middle School. These little guys did such a great job and many thanks to our wonderful kindergarten teachers for the time and effort it took to make this happen for the children. Thank you teachers!

On the evening of December 19, 2002 @ 6:30pm at Lewis Middle School, Marvin Elementary School will have their annual "Holiday Presentation" where all the classes will perform. Please plan on joining us that evening for this celebration. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Happy Holidays!

E. Jay Derwae
Principal

Classroom News



Room 8

Mrs. Slabbert/Mrs. Leverton
3rd Grade
By Connor Alvarez

Room 8 has some exciting news! Mrs. Slabbert had her baby!! Her name is **Olivia Joy**. Olivia was born on December 3rd 2002 [just last week.] and weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. Mrs. Slabbert will be gone until January and Mrs. Leverton will be teaching fulltime.

In room 8 we have been learning about animals. People from a place called "**Lizard Lips and Turtle Toes**" came into our class along with some animals as well, as people. We had a lot of fun learning.



Room 20

Mrs. Henetz
2nd Grade
By Brandon Denning

December will be busy in room 20. We are going to the zoo for a field trip on Tuesday, December 10. We are learning songs for the Holiday Show on Thursday, December 19. We are going to have our own room 20 Holiday show too. It will be dancing to the Nutcracker Suite and a poem.

Room 20's **Jessica Bardo** won the contest to design a float for the Holiday Parade. Our school will get many prizes.



Room 9

Mrs. Skahill
3rd Grade

Room 9 has had a wonderful November and is now filled with beautiful habitats that the children have made and shared with us. Stop by and visit our zoo.

December will be the culmination of our discussion about Coming to America with a multicultural luncheon. We have read many books about why people come to America to live. We tied this together with a study of the first Thanksgiving. The children appreciated the play given by Room 13 and the songs by the first graders. It sure added to the celebration idea. We will be spending December reading about the different cultures and how America became a 'melting pot'. We look forward to sharing our heritage with our classmates.

Our classmate Omar Ruiz moved over the Thanksgiving holiday and now Aaron Perez will be moving too during the Winter Break. Our hopes are for both students to enjoy their new schools in their new cities. We will practice our letter writing skills while finding out how they are doing. Pen pals will be fun. Happy holidays to all!

Don't forget to come see the classes perform on Thursday, December 19th at Lewis Middle School.

Science Fair 2003

**Time To Get
Started!**



Get an early start and begin thinking about what scientific exploration your child will choose to do for their science fair project due in March 2003. In January, the Science Fair Committee will begin handing out information to help guide students. As a bonus this year, we will be having a guest teacher to help provide ideas and support to parents and students. Please keep an eye out for literature from this committee for additional announcements.

**Mrs. Lossaso,
Lisa Glanz and Cathy Zombro**

SHOP WITH SCRIP AND EARN MONEY \$\$ FOR MARVIN



As you may already know, Marvin participates in the National Scrip Program. This program enables the school to make money at no cost to you. When you purchase a gift certificate at any one of the stores on the merchant list, the company will send a percentage of your purchase back to the school. This is an excellent program that only takes a little effort on your behalf. Scrip can be used for:

- *Shopping for special occasions like Christmas & Birthdays.
- *Every day shopping like groceries, gas, etc.
- *Paying bills at Department stores.

If you would like to order scrip, please look for the order form that will come home with your child the last Friday of every month. Please return it along with your payment to the school office by Tuesday of the following week; your order will be delivered to you by Friday of that week. Please consider participating in this program, if it is successful, other fundraisers will not be necessary therefore saving you money. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to call us.

Anne Wilson or Michelle Miller
501-2002 698-6550

Holiday Program



December 19th

6:30 PM

Lewis Middle School

Baseball Sign-ups!



Allied Gardens Little League
sign-ups January 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at
Palisades Presbyterian Church, 6301 Birchwood St.
(near Foster's Freeze). Children must be age 5 before
7/31/03 and live within the AGLL boundaries.

Bring proof of residency, doctor's and dentist's names and addresses, emergency contact, birth certificate, and e-mail address. For more information call Jennifer Ferback @ 229-9723, Patti McCormick @ 286-7566, or Alan Young @ 583-3632.



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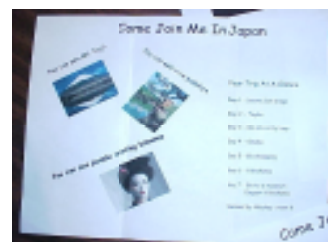
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NEWS FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

By Dana Roland

Thanks to those of you who ordered from the fundever catalog and took advantage of buying the software and games as a fund raiser. Thanks for your support. If you haven't heard, Marvin was awarded \$1,000 for technology on Thursday December 5th! We are still waiting to hear if we were successful in getting a grant from the Joseph Drown Foundation. We have applied for funding to buy new computers for the new facility. Students have been traveling all around the world. So far, they have completed a travel brochure and poster which was entitled "Picture Me There". They will be bringing a special poster home for the holidays. There will be another movie night coming up soon where students will be presenting their slide shows, power point and animation skills. Get ready to mark your calendars. Dates will be announced after the holidays. Wishing you a happy and safe holiday.



SAY Extended Day Care Program

The SAY Extended Day Care Program had a food-filled November, tasting snacks from many countries, visiting Albertson's, and enjoying a Parent Potluck Night. December will be full of "Winter Wonders" as we focus on the changing season, multicultural holidays, and the end of the year. Around the world, this time is considered a season of friendship, thankfulness, and hope. Many countries and cultures have a tradition of gift giving to express gratitude and affirm relationships. At SAY we will encourage and participate in this positive atmosphere by doing a Secret Pal gift exchange, culminating in a Winter Wonders Party where all will be revealed. Wishing all the Marvin Families a Peaceful Holiday Season and an Exciting New Year! To find out more about our program, stop by Rm. 21B for a visit, or call the SAY office at 858-565-4148.

President's Notes

By Anne Wilson
PTF President



Dear Marvin parents,

Well it is almost holiday time again, where does the time go?, I feel like we just finished the turkey from Thanksgiving.

The best way to start the holiday season is with our annual Christmas sing-a-long, which will be taking place on Thursday December 19th at Lewis Middle school.

We will also be selling raffle tickets for our much anticipated gift baskets. These gift baskets are donated by Marvin parents and the proceeds stay at Marvin. The tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Lynn Hendricks for all the hard work she put into the Holiday store, the children loved it. I would also like to thank the parents who helped out on a daily basis, I think they had more fun than the kids.

I hope this time of the year is not too stressful and you have time to relax with your family and friends.

As always if you have any questions about the PTF, please do not hesitate to call me or any board member. Have a very safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in 2003!!

Anne Wilson
PTF President
501-2002

PTF

Support Our School Community!

Would you like to advertise in the manuscript??

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HAIR VU is located very close to Marvin at 7811 Mission Gorge Rd, just east of Margerum.

Call for an appointment and don't forget to mention

Marvin!

Melissa : 619-582-3884

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Any individual or organization may file a complaint with the district if they believe a federal or state law or regulation has been violated in the following programs:

- Adult Education
- Child Nutrition
- Child Care and Development Programs
- Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs
- Migrant Education
- Section 504
- Special Education
- Unlawful Discrimination (students or staff)
- Vocational Education

The procedure governing complaints is available from the individual program coordinator. Complaints should be filed with the Office of General Counsel. The complaint will be investigated by a program coordinator and responded to within 60 days. State regulations provide for state review and appeal of a district decision. The state may directly intervene in the complaint under certain circumstances. The complainant may appeal a decision to the State Superintendent of Schools. Under certain circumstances, the state may withhold funds from the school district. In addition, federal and state law may offer civil law remedies including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders and other remedies. Local legal assistance centers may provide assistance.