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February

- Feb. 11 PTF Meeting
- Feb 12 Staff Dev. Day-No School
- Feb 13 Lincoln Holiday No School
- Feb 15 Washington Holiday-No School
- Feb 18 Wacky Wed. Crazy Hair Day
- Feb 25 Multi Cultural Fair



Welcome back to school after what I hope was a wonderful, joyous holiday season for you, your family and friends. We had a wonderful kick-off to our winter vacation with our Annual Marvin Elementary School Holiday program at Lewis Middle School. Your great turn- out showed your continued support for the children at Marvin. The children really enjoyed performing holiday songs for you. There were beautiful gift baskets raffled off and I'm sure the lucky recipients enjoyed them.

On Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was Pajama Day. This was really a hit with the children. Many of them came not only with their pajamas but favorite stuffed animals. We certainly saw some interesting slippers. The teachers joined in the fun by wearing their "night clothes" and having special story times in the classrooms. Participation was excellent.

The New Year has already begun with new challenges. The district is facing a large budget deficit and they are requesting that the school sites determine how we can trim our budgets. We have been asked to trim 2 percent of the funds that we have control over. This translates into approximately \$30,500.00. More news will be coming as I get additional information.

I hope the New Year is a safe and prosperous one for all.

Sincerely, E. Jay Derwae  
Principal

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## NEWS FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

By Donna Roland

### *Hollywood has come to Marvin!*

Students are learning their lines and productions are underway. Please be on the lookout for the movie night dates. There will be two, one for K-2 and one for 3-5. The movies will vary. Some are doing puppets. Some will be animated and others will actually be acted out. There will even be a few cartoons. The students need to know their lines, so please help them practice as much as you can.

Looking ahead, our next focus will be inventors and inventions. Students will be making a 2nd movie portraying an inventor. Once again, is there anyone out there that has an in with a large corporation that can help us update our computers? Right now in the lab, there are only 6 computers that aren't at least 7 years old.

Additionally, due to a horse accident, Mrs. Roland has had to miss 1 week of school. Therefore, we will be re-scheduling our movie night to sometime in February, watch for more information.

### President's Notes

By Tracy Freeman  
PTF President



Welcome back from a much needed holiday break. Hopefully, all are well and ready for the new year. Thanks go out to Kris Carpenter and her crew for putting together the baskets raffled off at the Sing Along last month. Thanks too, to those who contributed to their classroom baskets to make it a successful fundraiser. We brought in about \$700 through this fundraiser. Our See's Candies fundraiser brought in approximately \$680 to be split between the PTF and the Grass Field funds. Thanks, Shawnte Mudd, for coordinating that.

January brings the start of Silent Auction planning. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Kris Carpenter. Remember, the PTF is comprised of volunteers, without everyone pitching in, we can't provide all of these fun activities for our students. Have a great 2004!

## Have You Lost Something??



**You can find the lost and found rack  
in front of the Office.**

**If you cannot get to the school to look for lost items  
Lynn Hendricks has volunteered to help parents by taking a look ...  
you can reach her at 582-8454**



## Marvin's Silent Auction Is Coming!

Committee's will be forming to help with the Silent Auction that will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004. If you have been thinking about how you can get involved with our school, this is a great fundraiser to join in on. Meet other parent's and have fun too! Watch for announcements that will be sent home regarding the first meeting.

## Holiday Basket Raffle



Many items were collected from all the classrooms which made wonderful baskets that were raffled off at the Holiday Sing-Along in December. A big thank you to all the room representatives for collecting the items from their classrooms and also to all the mom's who helped collect and make-up all the baskets. Your support is truly appreciated. Thank you again for your help!

Sincerely,  
Kris Carpenter



## RECYCLE AT SCHOOL!

Please turn into the office any empty toner cartridges and old cell phones.

We can recycle them for money for the school!

## Tutoring For Triumph



The students at Patrick Henry High School encourage your child to participate in **Tutoring For Triumph**, a program run by Patrick Henry Students that meets once a week to provide tutoring for kids between grades one and eight.

Tutoring takes place every Monday from 4:00-5:00 PM inside of the San Carlos Library,  
For more information, please visit the Tutoring For Triumph website at:

<http://henry.sandi.net/students/2005/ejaffe/TFT/TFTindex.htm>

(You can also get to the site by going to the Patrick Henry website, <http://henry.sandi.net>, clicking on "clubs," and selecting "Tutoring For Triumph.") Also feel free to call or e-mail either of the club presidents for information:

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