The Mariemonter is a monthly communication to the parents and faculty of Mariemont Elementary School in Sacramento, CA.

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February 2016

Month At A Glance

Feb 9 Author Day
Feb 10 Wednesday at Willies!
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Feb 23 PTA General Meeting 6:30pm
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Feb 29 Last Day To Order Your Yearbook ONLINE

Principal's Message
Mariemont Families,

It's hard to believe that another break is right around the corner! Just a friendly reminder to please do your best and get your child to school on time. We have had quite a few tardies lately. While 15 minutes late may not seem like a big deal, it adds up to valuable instruction time lost.
The district has approved plans for our new construction to begin the end of March or beginning of April. We will be having three new classrooms built along the back side of our main office. These state of the art classrooms are scheduled to be our new 5th grade wing next school year! Many people have asked why the need for more classrooms? At this point, one of our Discovery Club's is sharing space with the library, our resource and inclusion teacher are out in the back of the school rather than in the midst of our campus, where they should be, and with class size reduction upon us...well, you get the point! We will have a bit of elbow room to stretch out next year! The space is more than welcome. Please be patient with us, and allow for extra time at drop off and pick up, as we begin construction.

I've been hearing some details about our upcoming auction. Sounds like another night to remember! It is my hope that all new families feel welcome to attend and join the party! I hope to see you there.

As sports kick into high gear (again), please make sure that nightly homework/reading is a priority. I know how difficult it is to juggle the nightly routine, but it is so very important for our kids.

Enjoy the chill in the air, and your upcoming week off!
Beth Wahl, Principal, Mariemont Elementary School

PTA Message

Happy February!

Mariemont Mustang staff, parents, and students continue to amaze me. When asked to pitch in and help for our 100’s Day Clothing Drive, you exceeded the call and Keri Jobe was able to deliver 3 minivans full of clothing to the San Juan Clothes Closet. What a great gift to our community!

At the last PTA general meeting we had the honor of having Special Agent Scott Schofield from the FBI cyber crimes unit speak to a great crowd of parents and older students. His message was all about keeping our kids and ourselves safe and protected in the work of technology. I have attached his handout of resources and if you missed his great presentation, and we hope to have Scott back again next year. Our next general PTA meeting is Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm in the MP Room. Please join us to hear about all of the amazing upcoming Spring events including the annual dinner and auction. Refreshments will be served and kids are welcome to do some crafts at the back table.
Thank you for your continued support of the PTA and our fabulous School!

Author Day TUESDAY February 9!
Alan Schroeder will be visiting Mariemont Tuesday, February 9. Alan Schroeder, a lifelong admirer of Louis Armstrong, and an award-winning author of several picture books, including *Lily and the Wooden Bowl*, *Minty*, and *Carolina Shout*. His first book, *Ragtime Tumpie*, was chosen as an ALA Notable Book, a *Booklist* Children's Editors’ Choice, and a *Parents’ Choice* Award winner.

Each book you purchase can have a special inscription. Order forms are still available in the office. There are a limited supply of books available for purchase up until the day of the event. Please make checks payable to Mariemont PTA.

Wednesday at Willies!
Next Wednesday, February 10th, join us for a Chiliburger at Willie’s located on Fair Oaks/Arden (5050 Arden Way).

Our monthly Dine & Donate night will be held from 4-8 pm, with 20% of all proceeds benefiting our school. Thanks for dining out for Mariemont!

22nd Annual Mariemont Dinner & Auction
Saturday March 5, 2016
"Behind The Mask"
Invitations are out and the Auction Committee is busy getting everything ready for this amazing night that is quickly approaching: March 5th! Of course we couldn’t do it without your help. Please consider donating an item we can auction off at the event:
- Got something during the holidays that you will never use? Donate it to the Auction!

- Organize a group of class parents or friends and go in on something together or host a class party!

- Have a favorite dessert that everyone always asks about? Donate to our dessert dash!

- Consider donating cash to help complete gift baskets and/or underwrite auction expenses.

Here are some other donation ideas: airline miles, restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, your favorite bottles of wine, tickets to your favorite sporting event or theater production, American Girl dolls, gift cards, baskets, the possibilities are endless!

Please complete a donation form with your items. Additional forms are in the office and on our bulletin board.

The deadline to bring donations into the office is fast approaching, Friday February 12th just before our week off!

For any questions about auction donations, please contact Stephanie Ketsdever at mariemont.auction@gmail.com.

Live Auction Raffle Tickets: Don't Miss Out!

We only sell 50 tickets for this event so you will want to purchase your tickets early. This is a great way to help support your school if you cannot
make it to the auction as well as pick up a great item for a steal of a deal.

Raffle ticket order forms will be coming home at the end of this week, please look for them in your child's folder. If you would like to purchase your ticket in advance, you can do so on the Dinner and Auction ticket order form that came home a couple weeks ago. Payment for live auction raffle tickets and dinner tickets may be combined.

Tickets are sold for $50 each and you get to choose the item you would like to have if your ticket is drawn that evening. Below is a list of some of the items we will be offering for the raffle to choose from. As mentioned you do not need to be present to win! Please indicate your choice of prize on your order form.

- Disneyland Getaway: New item this year! 4 – 1 day park hopper tickets with dinner in Downtown Disney and a Visa gift card toward hotel accommodations of your choice. Fun weekend getaway for the whole family!

- Napa Valley Aloft: New item this year! Hot Air Balloon ride for two followed by brunch.

- Palm Springs: 1 week stay at 2 bd villa overlooking Mission Hills Resort. Fun in the sun!

- Carmel Beach House: 3 day 2 nights – sleeps 6. Just 2 blocks away from the beach!

- Jenner by the Sea House: 3 day 2 nights – sleeps up to 5. Relaxing weekend by the coast! Great tide pools to explore!

- Skip’s Dinner: Dinner for 8 made by Executive Chef Greg Wilhoit of Skip’s Kitchen. A delicious dinner of your choice. A fun evening with your friends or family!
- Dinner at Sac Metro Firehouse: Dinner for 6 made by the Sacramento Firefighters with a tour of the fire station. How many people can say they ate dinner at a firehouse made by our local firefighters? What an experience!
If you have any questions feel free to email kristi.cooke1@gmail.com.

**Yearbooks On Sale Now!**
Have you ordered your yearbook? Don't miss out on online ordering! The last day to order your yearbook online is Monday February 29th. Order online at www.excelphotographers.com.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS! Get your photos in the yearbook! If you have great photos of our school and our events, or just you and your friends having fun at school, we'd like to see them! Photos can be submitted by emailing squirt77@surewest.net. Last day for photo submission is Friday March 11th.

*We cannot guarantee that all submissions can or will be used in the yearbook.*

**2016-17 PTA Board Interest and Nominating Committee**
Interested in joining the 2016/2017 PTA Board or being on the Nominating Committee that will help select next year's PTA Board?

If you are interested in one or more of the available PTA Executive Board positions, you MUST complete the Executive Board Interest form and return it to the office by February 12, 2016. You should have seen an Executive Board Interest form in your child's folder last week, and extra forms are also available in the office. Joining the PTA Board is a fun and exciting way to get involved in what happens during the school year at Mariemont!

If you'd like to be part of the Nominating Committee that will help form the PTA Board for next year, please contact Jessica Richards at jessica.richards@oracle.com. This Committee will gather PTA
Board Interest Forms and meet once or twice in February/March to insure the PTA Board is set and ready to go for next year. This isn’t a big time commitment, but is an important job and a great way to meet other Mariemont parents!

Back By Popular Demand: Principal For A Day Raffle!

Back by popular demand! Principal for a day raffle is being offered again at the Auction! Tickets are being sold now. You can purchase your ticket with your dinner tickets you purchase for the auction. Tickets are on sale for $25 each.

How many of your children would love to be Principal for the day at Mariemont? The lucky winner will get the chance to help our Principal, Beth Wahl, with her day to day duties and routines. It is an experience they will never forget!

If you have any questions please contact kristi.cooke1@gmail.com.

Connect With Us!

"Behind The Mask" is on Facebook! For up to date details on LIVE auction items, fabulous Silent Auction donations, our amazing venue, the delicious food, and all other details about Mariemont’s most exciting event of the year, please follow us at the link listed below!