The Mariemonter is a monthly communication to the Parents, Faculty, and Staff of Mariemont Elementary School in Sacramento, CA.

Happy New Year!

The Mariemonter
January 2016

Your Mariemont PTA would like to wish you a glorious, rewarding and productive new year. In all areas of our lives, this time means a chance at a new beginning. Look to the new year as an opportunity for renewal and make
some ambitious plans!

MONTH AT A GLANCE

January 8 - Mariemont Visitation Day
January 13 - Dine and Donate Event at Chipotle!
January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  NO SCHOOL
January 20 - Author Day Pre Order Forms Due
January 23 - PJ's and Pancakes!
January 26 - PTA General Meeting 6:30pm MP Room
        January 27 - 100th Day of School!
January 29th - Yes You Can! Assembly

PTA Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season with family and friends. As you are filling in your new calendars and date books for 2016 I hope you will add in a few events at Mariemont. Just to highlight a few of my favorites…..Coming up on **Saturday, January 23rd** is our very popular event, PJ’s and Pancakes. This is a fun free event for all families. Wear your PJ’s, come have a pancake breakfast and watch some cartoons with your friends.

**Saturday, March 5th** is our 22nd annual Dinner, Dance and Auction. This evening is one not to miss. Join fellow parents, teachers, staff and community members for a fantastic party all while raising money for our amazing school and kids. Ticket sales will start in the beginning of February and will sell out quickly so book your babysitter now. There are many other PTA sponsored and school sponsored events happening every week at Mariemont. Please take the time to participate as much as you can. We have a great community here at our school and it only gets better the more families we have involved.
Our next General PTA meeting is on Tuesday, January 26th at 6:00pm. We will have a very brief formal meeting in the library and then at 6:30 will hear Special Agent Scott Schofield from the Sacramento FBI Field office speak on cyber safety. His talk will target keeping our kids safe in this challenging digital age. He will educate parents on the threats the Internet and social media pose for our kids. This is a talk that is only appropriate for parents and older children. Please no young children.

Please let me know if you have any questions at mariemontpta@gmail.com.

A huge thank you goes out to Sally George and Wendy Zaretsky for coordinating our Fat Cat Scone Fundraiser. And also a great big thank you to Kristy Cooke and Paula Lawrence and their team for a wonderful Winter Celebration. Fun was had by all and there were some great projects coming home. Thank you everyone who has volunteered time and resources to make our school GREAT.

Again, Happy New Year!
Laura Lehrer, PTA President
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Winter Festival Update

Last month's Winter Festival was a great success! Thank you to everyone for coming and especially to those who helped make the event a fun evening for all. Our attendance was larger than last year, we had 210 kids participate this year! If you count parents that came with the kids that is a lot of people coming through the MP room. Thank you to the preppers that helped on their own time before the event with cutting, gluing, organizing pom poms, stickers, dying Popsicle sticks and many other things to make the crafts easier and quicker to make that night. Thank you to all the parents that brought yummy treats for everyone to snack on that evening. The piano music was provided by a family member from the Gibbs Family, it was such a nice addition to the evening this year to have live music playing in the background. We can not forget about all
the volunteers that helped that night, without your help the evening could not have happened. I even had parents come and offer to help out that did not sign up to volunteer that night. It is great to see how much parent and teacher support we have at our school for these types of events, we are truly lucky to belong to such a great school and community. We saw so many kids having fun at each station creating their own unique creations to take home and enjoy hopefully for years to follow. The next day we delivered the cards the kids made that evening to Sunrise Elderly Home, student senate came and helped deliver as well. The residents were so thankful for all the beautiful cards the kids made that evening, each card was so unique and made with so much care and love. We look forward to another fun and festive event next year! We hope you’ll join us again!

Thank you,
Kristi Cooke and Paula Lawrence

Open Enrollment Visitation Days
The Mariemont Welcoming Committee, along with our Principal Beth Wahl, and the PTA are hosting one final morning for parents to come learn about our school and take tours of our classrooms and campus. The last visitation day will be held this Friday, January 8th from 8:45am – 10:00am. Please help us spread the word about our amazing school and all it has to offer future Mustangs and their families!

Dine and Donate at Chipotle!

Make dinner a way to support Mariemont! Visit Chipotle, at 2517 Fair Oaks Blvd in Loehmann’s Plaza, on Wednesday, January 13th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. The restaurant will donate 50% of the
proceeds to our school! Simply bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause.

Host a party and raise money for the school!
Now that the craziness of the holidays has passed, it is time to start thinking about hosting a sign up party! For newcomers to Mariemont, these parties are hosted and paid for by a family or group of families. People sign up for the parties for a fee at the Auction and all of the money goes to our school! So get together with some friends and think of some fun ideas. People have hosted dinners, movie nights, dances, etc. It needs not be extravagant…be creative! You can set your guest limit and pick your date on a first come, first served basis. This is a great way to get to know other families at the school and get involved. The parties need to be scheduled and a brief description submitted within the next month. To schedule a party or for further information contact Stefanie Mahaffey at mahaffeys@sacda.org.

Yes You Can! With Lloyd Bachrach
On January 29, Mariemont PTA is proud to bring Lloyd Bachrach to

Author Day is
Tuesday February 9
Alan Schroeder will be visiting Mariemont Tuesday, February 9.
motivate our students to overcome adversity and challenges in their own lives!

Although physically challenged, Lloyd Bachrach has never let anything keep him from achieving his dreams.

Lloyd faced a huge uphill battle from the day he was born. He turned his challenge into strength, first by excelling in a variety of sports, then taking his confidence and insight to others seeking a positive message and life strategy.

As a motivational speaker, Lloyd has been wowing people aged 6 to 60 for over 13 years with a simple but powerful message: Yes, You Can!

Lloyd Bachrach offers an amazing life story, making connections that inspire people, with concrete examples and a clear, consistent recipe for success.

Alan Schroeder is 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. The order forms will be sent home with your student THIS WEEK so be sure to check your student’s blue folder.

Once you receive your order form, please return it to the school no later than Wednesday January 20, 2016. Your check can be made payable to Mariemont PTA.

Questions? Please contact Molly Messner, molly.messner@yahoo.com
Notes From The Office

San Juan Unified offers the Rapid Learner program to meet the needs of high-achieving students in grades 2-5. This program is offered at Del Paso Manor, Deterding, and Pershing Elementary Schools. If you are interested in this program for the 2016-17 school year, please view the Rapid Learner page at http://www.sanjuan.edu/Page/475. This page describes the application process, eligibility criteria and provides a link to complete the online application. The Rapid Learner online application will be available between December 1, 2015 and January 20, 2016.

The lost and found rack is overflowing! Please look for missing items this week. Early next week all items remaining will be taken to the San Juan School District Clothing Closet.

Incredible Adventures Returns February 3 With The Hidden World!

This hands on science class will introduce your child to the hidden world of germs and microscopic creatures. We will use microscopes, grow germs in petri dishes, and even create your very own stuffed animal germs in this super fun and educational class taught by Mr. McCombs from Incredible Adventures.

Course dates February 3, February 10, No Class February 17 (School Holiday), February 24, and March 2.
Times: 3:00pm - 4:15pm (75 minutes classes)
Ages: Kindergarten to 5th grade
Cost: $80. No material Fees.