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

The Mariemonter
October 2015

Month At A Glance

Oct 3  Fall Carnival
Oct 6  Parent Information Night (6:30pm)
Oct 7  Wellness Wednesday
Oct 12 - 16  Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 15  Kids Helping Kids Potluck Dinner
Oct 16  Grand Lunch
Oct 12 - 23  Fall Box Tops Drive
Oct 26 - 30  Red Ribbon Week
Oct 27  PTA General Meeting (6:30pm)
Oct 30  Halloween Book Character Parade

Principal's Message

Hello Mariemont Families,

Our first spirit assembly of the year was this past Friday. Third grade brought down the house with an adorable performance. I am hoping to get their original song uploaded to our Mariemont homepage soon!

Thank you to all who attended last month’s General PTA Meeting. Julie Steiger helped present some results from our recent CAASPP testing. Also, be sure
to attend this month's Parent Information Night on Tuesday October 6 at 6:30pm in the MP Room. We will be covering how to read Smarter Balanced (CAASPP) results, MAP testing data, and our new report card.

One of my favorite activities of the year is the Fall Carnival. It is always fun to see the kids, parents, and teachers on a weekend, enjoying time together. I hope to see you this Saturday!

Our calendar is jam packed this October! We are anxiously awaiting the beloved Book Fair, Grand Lunch, and 5th Grade Kids Helping Kids dinner! All of these festivities will be topped off with Red Ribbon Week the last week of October. If you are new to Mariemont, our Halloween tradition is to dress like your favorite book character. We will be dressing in character and having a parade on Friday, October 30th. Your child's teacher will be sending home information on this fun-filled day soon!

Thank you for working with us and the CHP to make our school drop off and pick up safe for everyone. I have noticed an improvement in the flow of traffic just in the past week. Gentle reminders: do not park in a crosswalk, watch your speed, and adhere to one way traffic flow on Berrendo during these times of day. Please review the following map for traffic flow recommendations.

Please make an effort to have your child to school on time. The bell rings at 8:30, and instruction gets going immediately. We have an award we give out once a month called, "The Under 10 Tardy Club". It goes to the classes that had less than 10 tardies for the month. Unfortunately, not one class earned this award for September. Usually we have numerous classes receiving the award. Let's work together to get the kids here on time.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, always feel free to come talk with me.

Beth Wahl
Principal, Mariemont Elementary School

PTA Message

Happy Fall Mustangs!

October is such a fun month here at Mariemont. The Fall Carnival this Saturday is not to be missed. A day full of old fashioned carnival games, book and bake sales, a cake walk, a pumpkin patch and a whole lot more. Then on to our box top drive with a special treat for the winning class. The week starting October 12th is one of my favorite weeks of the year. The Book Fair. I
love to see so many eager readers lining up to buy books. Maybe one will turn out to be their childhood favorite. The last week of October we recognize Red Ribbon week reminding students to make good choices and live a healthy lifestyle. Of course the last Friday of the month is the ever so popular and adorable Book Character Costume parade. Make sure to bring your cameras.

Whoa we are busy! This fun filled month of October is a testament to the amazing team of teachers, staff, parents, family and community we have here at Mariemont. None of these events would happen without each and every hour of volunteer time and support from our families and school staff. Thank you to all and Happy Autumn!

PTA President,
Laura Lehrer

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**Fall Carnival**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this Saturday, October 3rd at the Annual Fall Carnival. Come enjoy a fun-filled day with your kids and support our school all at the same time. Tickets & Wristbands will still be available for purchase the day of the Carnival (check or cash). We're still looking for volunteers, particularly from 3pm - 5pm, book donations, and baked goods for the Bake Sale & Dessert Walk. Please drop books in the donation bins located throughout the school. To volunteer, please visit our Sign-Up Genius here: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4ac28a3ff2-mariemont](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4ac28a3ff2-mariemont)

We hope to see you there!

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**Wellness Wednesday**

Come celebrate National Walk to School Day on October 7th at our next Wellness Wednesday. We encourage all kids who are able to walk, bike, or scooter to school to participate in this national event, and everyone is welcome to join us for a fresh start to the day with fruit, milk, muffins, and juice in front of the MP room from 8:10am to 8:30am.

The Bel Air store on the corner of Arden and Eastern has generously offered to supply a portion of the breakfast treats that will be available, and a
representative from the store will also be present to assist families with signing up for their Extra Credit program. Once signed up, each time you use your Something Extra Card at all Bel Air and Raley’s stores you will help earn money for Mariemont. Please sign up for this great program and help Mariemont earn this “free” money!

If you are interested in helping with Wellness Wednesdays or would like more information, please contact Nicole Martin (nicole@nabookarts.com).

The Scholastic Book Fair And Grand Lunch

This year the Scholastic Book Fair will be the week of October 12th with the Grand Lunch being held Friday October 16th. The Book Fair offers families the chance to purchase the latest and finest book titles, with each purchase helping earn new books for Mariemont’s library and classrooms!

The hours for the Book Fair will be as follows:
Mon, Tues, Wed: 8:10am to 3:30pm
Thurs: 8:10am to 2:15pm and 5pm to 8pm (during the Kids Helping Kids Dinner)
Friday: 8:10am to 1:30pm

Please read below for details regarding this year’s Grand Lunch!

Grand Lunch

The Grand Lunch is a wonderful way for students to share lunch and books with a “grand” person. Students can invite a special grandparent(s), relative, or other grand person to come to our school, join them for lunch in the courtyard, and shop together at the Book Fair.

Kids Helping Kids

Please save the date for the annual Kids Helping Kids event - A potluck dinner and evening of giving back hosted by the Mariemont 5th graders!

Who: All Mariemont students and their families.
The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading!

**Lunch must be provided by either the student or the grand person.** Our cafeteria lunches will not be available for purchase for Grand Lunch attendees.

**New this year:** Grand persons should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to find parking and go directly to the student’s classroom then wait quietly outside the door. No need to sign in! However, grand persons must know the room number and name of the student’s teacher.

The Grand Lunch schedule is as follows:
- 11am – PM Kindergarteners and SDC classes
- 11:40am – AM Kindergarteners, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade
- 12:25pm – 3rd Grade*, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade

*Please note that 3rd Graders will be having a LATE LUNCH this day.

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**What:** The 5th grade class is hosting a potluck dinner to collect donations for the Special Day Classes (SDC) at Mariemont.

**When/Where:** Thursday, October 15th, 2015 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM | Mariemont MP Room

This is the only night the book fair will be open after school hours so come support our SDC classes, enjoy a potluck dinner and stop by the book fair! Look for a flyer to come home on October 2nd with more details!

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**Volunteers Needed!**

To make this year's Book Fair and Grand Lunch a success we need volunteers! Please consider signing up for a shift or two to help at the Fair or the Grand Lunch: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d44a8ab2ca57-book](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d44a8ab2ca57-book)

If you are interested in helping out with the Book Fair or Grand Lunch, or would like more information, please contact Nicole Martin...
Box Tops Drive

It's time for our Fall Box Tops drive! Now is the time to gather up all those Box Tops you've been saving! The drive will begin Monday October 12th and end Friday October 23rd. We have two solid weeks to rally for Box Tops! Our school receives 10 cents per Box Top, which can quickly add up if all our families participate!

Please bundle your Box Tops in groups of 25 or 50, secure them in envelopes or baggies, and label them with your teacher's name. There will be a separate contest for Grades K - 2, and Grades 3 - 5. This year's prizes include a root beer float party as well as 10 minutes of extra recess time. **AND, if our students collect 7,000 Box Tops, our principal Beth Wahl will wear her hair pink, BOX TOP PINK, at school!** Let's support our students' education by supporting our school!!

Remember, we will have another Box Tops drive later in the school year. After this drive ends, please continue to save your Box Tops! We can continue to earn more money for our school in the New Year!

For a list of participating products, visit the website at [www.BTFE.com/products](http://www.BTFE.com/products)

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is coming up! Red Ribbon Week is a substance abuse and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October. Mariemont Elementary School participates in this effort in a way that is appropriate for school aged children.

The theme this year is "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free." Each student will receive a Red Ribbon wrist band showing their commitment to make good choices and live a healthy lifestyle. We will have fun theme days everyday for the kids to participate in!
After School Enrichment At Mariemont: Incredible Adventures and The Spanish Classroom!

Incredible Adventures Returns To Mariemont!
Enjoyed last month’s Hands-On Science Night? Then your curious Mustang will LOVE Incredible Adventures! Todd McCombs returns to Mariemont with The Hidden World! This hands-on science class will introduce students to the hidden world of germs and other microscopic creatures. We will use microscopes, grow germs in Petri dishes, and create your very own stuffed animal germ in this super fun and educational class! All classes open to children ages 5 – 11 years of age! Registration forms have been sent home with your student or register ONLINE at www.morpd.com. Classes start October 7!

The Spanish Classroom Presents: Classes For Kids!
Calling all students in grades 2 – 5! Young minds have special room for bilingual learning! The Spanish Classroom Presents: Classes for Kids is coming to Mariemont Elementary School! Greetings, commands, and every day living skills will be learned through gestures, visual aids, crafts, songs, and role plays! Space is limited! Registration form can be found by clicking here! See the following link for more details!

General PTA Meeting
All families are invited to attend October's General PTA Meeting to be held Tuesday October 27 at 6:30pm in the MP Room. We hope to see you there!

Apparel Orders
Mariemont apparel that was on backorder is en route and will be available soon!

Halloween Book Character Parade: Dress Up Like a Character From a Favorite Book!
Students are welcome to dress for Halloween. We ask that they not wear gory costumes that might scare others. Please no weapons, and masks must be worn on top of their heads rather than over their faces. Encourage your child to bring the book with them that their character is from. They can carry the book in our parade Halloween morning.