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

The Mariemonter
December 2015

Month At A Glance

Dec 3: Dine and Donate with CPK

Dec 7 - 12: Missoula Children's Theater Company after school program

Dec 10: Fat Cat Scones and Cookies Delivery Day

Dec 11: Open Enrollment Visitation Day

Dec 15: Beginning Band Concert, 5:30pm, Advanced Band Concert, 7:00pm

Dec 16: 2nd Annual Winter Festival

Dec 18: Nutcracker Assembly

Dec 21 - Jan 4: Holiday Break (NO SCHOOL)
Principal's Message

Mariemont Families-

November and December are by far the busiest months of the school year, but they are packed with amazing, memory making events!

Our 4th graders had a fun filled couple of days in Coloma in November, while our 5th graders are getting ready to find their adventure in Marin Headlands this month. We are fortunate to be at a school where our families are supportive of such field trips, and our students are incredibly well behaved and always open to new learning.

Our Winter Break will be here before we know it! While you can get a complete list of activities over the next couple of weeks, here are some of the things I'm looking forward to:

- Missoula Children's Theater will be here next week! If you haven't checked out the flyers or considered having your child join this week-long production, you should do so. It is an amazing opportunity for our budding actors!
- Our Spelling Bee for 4th and 5th grade is next week as well. We will keep you posted on our finalists!
- December 11th will be our next Open Enrollment Visitation Day. Tell your friends and neighbors to come check us out if there are deciding between a couple of different schools for next year.
- Our 5th graders will be enjoying the Ocean Life at Marin Headlands the 14-15th. If you have a 5th grader in beginning or advanced band, have a warm shower and meal ready for them immediately upon return from camp….because they have a band performance Tuesday night, the 15th.
- Our schedule did not align with Del Dayo's schedule this year, which led to our school hosting a DOUBLE band concert on Tuesday the 15th. Not ideal, but we will make it work! Beginning Band will perform at 5:30, Advanced Band will take the stage at 7pm. More info coming to Band Parents soon!
- 2nd Annual Winter Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm. This is an event you do not want to miss! Bring the family, and enjoy all the arts of the season, warm cocoa and cookies.
- Lastly, our beloved Nutcracker performance featuring our entire school, and many staff, will be Friday the 18th at 8:45am. This is not an event that we invite all parents to, because quite frankly, there isn't room in our MP Room! However, this year, I will have the performance videotaped, and will upload to our school website!

Hoping this season is filled with family, friends, peace, and love.
Beth Wahl
Principal

**PTA Message**

Happy Holidays Mariemont Families!

After a busy fall calendar it is time to enjoy the wonderful community we have here at Mariemont and celebrate the Holidays together. Come watch fellow classmates and friends on December 11th and 12th in the MP room as they perform "Peter and Wendy" directed by professional theatre company, Missoula Theatre. Listen to our own band perform a few Christmas favorites on the evening of December 15th. And come make some Holiday crafts, drink Hot Chocolate and spread Holiday Cheer at the Winter Celebration on December 16th. Details of all these events are below.

As you are out shopping and thinking about giving this Holiday season please consider donating to our own Mariemont Families. Donations of new and unwrapped gifts for ages 0-100 would be wonderful! Be creative. Our teachers and staff will then wrap and deliver the gifts to Mariemont Families who could really use some Extra Holiday Cheer. Please deliver donations to the front office by December 17th. It takes a village to raise all of our wonderful Children. Thank you!!

There will be no General PTA meeting this month however please save the date for our General Meeting on the 26th of January at 6:30pm. We will have a very brief, 10 minute meeting and then Special Agent Scott Schofield from the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit will be presenting on cyber safety. His talk will specifically target cell phones, apps, gaming, computer use and all of the devices our children have access to. He has very specific case studies from our area and is a wealth of information. This will be an adult only event due to the nature of the talk. I hope to see everyone there.

And lastly, it is the little things that make this time of year so special: the smells, the crisp cool air, the lights hanging from trees in the neighborhood, and the handmade snowflakes that hang in windows and on bulletin boards. Take a minute each day to point out one of these special little things to your kids. This is what they will remember.

Have a very Happy Month of December,
Laura Lehrer
PTA President
Pizza With A Purpose

One more day to dine in, carry out, catering, and all beverages! 20% of your purchase supports Mariemont Elementary School! Join us TODAY, Thursday December 3rd from 11:00am - 9:00pm at California Pizza Kitchen, 1735 Arden Way, Sacramento. Need a flyer? You can find one here.

MCT Comes To Mariemont!

Peter and Wendy is just around the corner. We have decided to extend the permission form to be submitted on the day of the casting and auditions to Monday, December 7th. Castings will be in groups (by age) on Monday, December 7 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Only the major cast members will be staying for rehearsals Monday night (from 5:45pm - 7:45pm). Those cast members must be available all week (times will be handed out then). All other cast members will join rehearsals starting Wednesday. MCT provides all costumes and sets, you won’t have to provide anything. You do not have to pay for the audition, you only pay if your child is cast. The price will be between $65 - $75, depending on how many children are cast in the production. There are also 4 assistant director roles. If your child is interested, please indicate this on the Peter Pan flyer that was sent home last week. If you did not receive this flyer please stop by the office for one.

We'll need some parent volunteers for the week for support and supervision. We also need a piano player for some of the rehearsal time and for the production and show dates. Please contact David Merrill at davidmerrill2@hotmail.com to volunteer.

This is such a wonderful and exciting opportunity for your child to experience performing in a musical
production. Please feel free to contact David if you have any questions.

**Open Enrollment Visitation Day**

The Mariemont Welcoming Committee, along with our Principal Beth Wahl, and the PTA are hosting two more mornings for parents to come learn about our school and take tours of our classrooms and campus. The next visitation day will be held on Friday, December 11 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!

The final visitation day will be offered on Friday, January 8, 2016, before the end of the open enrollment period.

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**2nd Annual Winter Festival**

**December 16  6:00pm - 7:30pm  Mariemont MP Room**

It is that time of year for making gifts or crafts to decorate your house. Come join us for a fun filled evening of crafts, treats and hot chocolate! The Winter Festival is for the whole family. We will have multiple crafts for all ages to make during the evening along with desserts and hot chocolate to enjoy in between your crafts. Come for a bit or stay for the whole evening. Make one or make all the crafts the choice is yours. This Mariemont PTA sponsored event is one not to miss! Please check your child’s folder today for the invite and RSVP. If you are interested in helping at the event or providing a dessert, please sign up at our Signup Genius:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49ACAC29A5F85-winter1](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ACAC29A5F85-winter1)

If you have any questions please contact Kristi Cooke (kristi.cooke1@gmail.com) or Paula Lawerence (paula.lawerence01@gmail.com).
**SJUSD Parent University Workshop: Common Core Math**

**TONIGHT! Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Families are invited to Mission Avenue Open Elementary School to learn how SJUSD is transitioning to Common Core math, what resources are available and how to support your children with CCSS Math. For more information, see our flyer here.

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**Arden Middle School Visitation Days**

Calling all 5th Grade Families! Arden Middle School visitation days are coming! Families interested in choosing Arden Middle School for your current 5th Grade student are invited to attend Arden Middle’s Student and Parent Visitation Days on Thursday, December 10, and Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 8:00am – 10:00am. Students must be accompanied by an adult, and no appointment is necessary! For more details, visit here.

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**Incredible Adventures: The Hidden World**

This hands-on science class will introduce you to the hidden world of germs and other microscopic creatures. Get up close and personal when you grow germs and bacteria in petrie dishes and investigate "the unseen" using real microscopes. You will even create your very own cuddly stuffed animal white blood cell in this super fun and educational class!

Course dates: February 3rd, February 10th, NO CLASS 17th (school holiday), February 24th, and March 2nd.

Times: 3 - 4:15pm (75 minute classes)

Cost: $80.00

No material fees.
Online registration begins December 4th at: www.morpd.com

The Spanish Classroom Returns!
The Spanish Classroom is offering an after school program for 2nd - 5th grades on Fridays from 3:10pm - 4:20pm (on campus) from January 22, 2016 - April 29, 2016. The classes will be taught in 80/20 Spanish to English. Young minds will get a jumpstart on the #1 foreign language utilized today.

COST $195.

Email your RSVP to Jennifer to sign up jenleona01@gmail.com (916) 218-9061

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Holiday Wrapping Party
Friday, December 18, 2015
7:00pm at The Samms' house on Berrendo

Kick off Winter Break and start a new tradition! Join us for a fun-filled Holiday Party with snacks, refreshments, & DESSERTS too! We will have everything you need to wrap your holiday gifts! Wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, labels, and much more!

$25 per person (adults only). Space is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.
Donated by: George, Hastings, Laing, Mendoza, Messner, Samms, Samms, & Walroth Families

To sign-up please contact Elizabeth Hastings at pickledoodle@gmail.com or drop your payment off at the school Office with Mrs. Price.

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