



MARTINSON ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NOTICES

March 8, 2010 – March 12, 2010



FROM THE OFFICE: MONTHLY THEME FOR MARCH: “Tolerance”

PRINCIPAL’S SHOWCASE: Congratulations to the following students for a job well done: Olivia Clapp, Elizabeth Viola, Bridget Parsons and Ethan Walker.

Parent Pick-Up dismissal/Traffic Pattern

Just a reminder: Please park facing the gymnasium in the same direction. Please keep your children with you at all times while you are walking to your vehicle. It is incredibly important that you put the children promptly in vehicles for safety and to exit the parking lot along the middle median. Thank you.

HOPE FOR HAITI: The 5th Grade Student Council will be taking donations for those in need in Haiti. Please consider donating your spare change starting **March 1 through March 19**. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you for your support.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: Sunday, March 14th. Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead at this time.

Project Hand-In-Hand, the preschool program of Marshfield Public Schools, is now accepting applications for the fall 2010 preschool classes. The integrated preschool classes serve three and four year old children with and without special needs.

If you would like additional information and/or an application for this program, you may visit the Early Childhood Resource Center located at the Daniel Webster School, 1456 Ocean Street or call 781 834-5048. **Applications must be returned to the Early Childhood Resource Center by March 16, 2010.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS: The next meeting of the school committee will be **Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00PM** at FBMS.

Parent Presentation on MCAS: The Marshfield Public Schools Special Education Department and Parent Advisory Council invites all parents to attend a presentation on ***The MCAS & Students with Disabilities***. The workshop will be presented by Johanne Pino of the Massachusetts Advocates for Children and is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 6:30 to 8pm at the Marshfield Ventress Memorial Library.**

This course provides background about MCAS and reviews the rights of students with disabilities to access the general education curriculum. It also covers your child’s right to receive necessary MCAS accommodations (such as increased breaks, small group, or a reader) or an alternate MCAS test to make sure your child has a fair chance to show what they have learned. Sample MCAS questions, reporting requirements, and results for students with disabilities are also included.

This workshop is funded by the Massachusetts Advocates for Children, is open to the public, and is free to all participants; however, we kindly ask that you register in advance by contacting Susan Moyses @ 781-837-7689 or susan.moyses@verizon.net. We hope you will be able to attend.

The Marshfield Educational Foundation: will hold a meeting on **Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Governor Winslow School**. This community effort will be comprised of 9 voting members as well as the current Superintendent or designee and a member of the School Committee. These two members shall hold permanent official seats with no voting rights. If possible, the board should represent a complete cross section of the Marshfield community. The second goal is the election of the executive team and Grant Team Chairperson. Many of these positions will carry up to a three year commitment. If you are interested in holding any of the positions listed, please attend the next meeting on **Thursday, March 11, 2010** at the Governor Winslow School where we plan on holding the first election of the MEF.

o Internet Safety Presentations at Furnace Brook Middle School

The Furnace Brook Middle School Administration, working in conjunction with the FBMS PTO, is sponsoring two morning internet safety assemblies on **Friday, March 12, 2010**. Both programs will be held in the Furnace Brook Middle School auditorium.

Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney Kristen Stone will present important information on internet safety, including the legal difficulties that students can encounter when using the internet inappropriately. A member of the Massachusetts State Police will also provide information on internet crime, as well as search and seizure.

The message both professionals plan to review with students and parents will be clear -- You are not as safe as you think when you are using the internet; and, anyone can be held accountable for participating in illegal activities when using the internet.

We encourage parents to attend the first presentation which will begin at **8:15 A.M.** Parents are asked to arrive early and sit in the front of the auditorium. When students return to their classes parents will be able to remain and ask questions.

The second presentation will begin at **9:45 A. M.**, but will have very limited extra seating.

It is essential for parents to be aware of what many students are doing on computers and telephones, including the potential consequences for their actions.

On **Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.**, Attorney Stone will present further information on the topic of internet safety for parents and members of the Marshfield community in the Furnace Brook Middle School auditorium.

As we strive to teach all students to be more socially responsible, educating the community is an important part of the process.

PTO NEWS

Martinson Giving Bin News: The MES Giving Bin will be collecting food donations for the Marshfield Food Pantry during the month of March. The food drive will not only help the pantry stock their shelves but will also help the pantry raise funds through the **Feinstein Foundation's 2010 13th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway To Fight Hunger**. The Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1M among anti-hunger agencies based on the amount of food and other donations received during the months of March and April. Any donation valued at \$1 or more per item will be included in the program. The more donations given, the more money the pantry will receive from the Feinstein Foundation. Some donation suggestions are macaroni products, tuna, coffee, tea bags, cereal, peanut butter, rice, tomato paste and sauces, canned vegetables and fruits, pancake mixes and syrup, brownie mixes, and juices in plastic bottles. The Giving Bin is located in the lobby and students can bring in items any day from now until March 19th. Let's do our best to help in this effort to fight hunger.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Student Art Showcase: An exhibit of artwork created by Marshfield students, Grades PK-12 will be on exhibit **March 14-21 at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills** in collaboration with the North River Arts Society. Opening Reception: **March 14, 2-4 pm**. Public viewing **March 15-19 from 9 am to 12 noon. March 20 & 21 viewing 12 noon – 3 pm**. The North River Arts Society is a non profit organization committed to further art education and appreciation in the Marshfield community.

RECITAL: Elisabeth Meryl Summers, 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar, MHS Graduate is home from Germany for auditions and is giving this **FREE RECITAL** to show her appreciation to the Marshfield Music Department and the Marshfield community for all the support and encouragement she received as a student in the Marshfield schools, and in particular the Marshfield Music Program. She views this recital as an opportunity to give something back, and has invited some current and past Marshfield bassoon students to perform with her. The recital is **Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Martinson Elementary School Auditorium**.

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