**Marlin Moments**

**Schedule Next Two Weeks:**

November 4th – No School for Students – Professional Development for Staff  
November 10th – 8:45 – 9:50 Veteran’s and Grandparent’s Day  
November 14th – Picture Retakes  
November 15th – PTO Craft Fair

**Marlin Twitter Account:**

Please make sure you follow us on Twitter at @MarlinDragons

**Marlin Beautification and Peaceful Playground:**

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church sent around 10 volunteers and North H.S. sent 5 National Honor Society Members to join my family in working all day Saturday on landscaping around Marlin and working on our Peaceful Playground program. We were able to accomplish many things for the Marlin Community.

You will notice many new bushes and a new tree that I purchased that the Sherwood Oaks team helped to plant in our front landscaping. Our 15 member team was also able to accomplish a lot of painting on our Peaceful Playground. We also worked on many other landscaping projects around the building.

We encourage you to take a look at it if you get a chance!

**Veterans and Grandparents Day:**

I’ve attached the paper we sent home last week for Veterans and Grandparents Day.

**PTO Craft Fair:**
Mark your calendars for the Marlin PTO Art and Craft Show on Saturday, November 15, from 9am to 3 pm. Support the PTO and get your holiday shopping done early by buying fine arts, crafts, photography, and home arts from local vendors. Spread the word by sharing our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1470301966576237/

We are currently seeking vendors! The vendor application is attached, or you may obtain one by contacting Michelle Cohen at wastequeen@gmail.com or 812-322-5606 (daytime).

**Anti-Bullying Programs and Interventions:**

Please find attached an informational brochure that outlines some of our anti-bullying programs and interventions.

**Conferences:**

As a reminder to our existing parents and information to our new parents, please feel free to contact your classroom teacher at any point throughout the year if you would like a conference with your student’s teacher. We are here to work closely with you.

**Safety Reminder:**

As the school year is now a quarter of the way through, our staff has been reviewing our safety protocols to make sure your child is safe throughout the school day in any situation.

We would like to remind parents to talk with their students at home about proper safety on their way to and from school. Parents should be able to supervise their student while at bus stops, and students should remember to not talk to strangers who may approach them on their way to or from school. Also, parents dropping off their student should wait until the building is open. Together, let’s continue making sure all students are safe to and from school as our staff continues to keep all students safe during the school day.

**Tobacco Use on School Grounds:**

As a reminder, smoking is not allowed on school grounds. There have been reports of individuals smoking in the afterschool pick-up line. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us reinforce what we are teaching here at school.

**Early Release and Cold Weather Weather Plans:**
Please make a plan with your student for potential early release and cold weather days. Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather, and they know their plan should it be an early release day.

Also, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for outside recess. It is not cold yet, but Fall is around the corner and it will be getting colder soon.

**Lunch with the Principal:**

Our next Lunch with the Principal will be Friday, November 21st.

We continuing our student recognition program called "Lunch with the Principal" the last Friday of each month. A nomination for lunch with Mr. McGinnis is based on consistent high achievement or month long improvement in the area of academics or behavior. Mr. McGinnis will provide awards, pizza, side items and drinks for all students. This is another program to acknowledge and award student success.

**Field Trips and Volunteers:**

If you plan on volunteering or chaperoning, please make sure you have a current background check on file with the office. We have several field trips coming up, and I wanted to give a friendly reminder.

**Important Dates – Extended Look:**

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November 14th – Picture Retakes  
November 15th – PTO Craft Fair  
November 18th – PTO Meeting  
November 24 – 28th – Thanksgiving Break