Marlin Moments

Schedule Next Two Weeks:

December 9th – 6:30 – 7:00 Rollins/Melnick/Barrow/Hammersley Holiday Concert
December 12th – 10:00 – 11:30 Blacconiere to IU Art Museum
December 16th – PTO Meeting from 5:30 – 6:30

Marlin Twitter Account:

Please make sure you follow us on Twitter at @MarlinDragons

Marlin PTO – Request for Volunteers:

*Currently, we only have 5 volunteers.

The Marlin Staff Holiday Luncheon is coming right up! Wednesday, December 17 is the date.

Every year the PTO provides a holiday luncheon in order to show our thanks for the hard work and dedication shown by Marlin staff. In order to let the most number of staff enjoy this celebration, we try to get at least 20 parents to volunteer to "cover" the classrooms while the staff is eating their meal. We ask that volunteers plan to arrive around 11:15am to get oriented and stay until 1pm. You can show a film, read a story, help supervise games on the playground, etc.

If you can assist us on this day, please reply to Jennifer Buehler: jelschue@comcast.net. If you have NOT had a background check performed this year through the office, please notify the school secretary - she will be happy to help you get the document filled out! This process can take up to 14 days, so please do this asap.

Thanks so much for your consideration. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you can help.

Also, we will also be asking for donations of cookies for the cookie walk that we also set up at the luncheon. Cookies can be brought in Tuesday Dec 16 or before 11 on Wednesday Dec 17. In the case of inclement weather that would close school, we have Thursday and Friday to possibly reschedule.
With appreciation,
Jennifer Buehler

**Marlin Giving Tree (Sponsored by the Cub Scouts):**

Cub Scout Pack 136, in conjunction with our health aid Lesa, is once again sponsoring a "giving tree". The "giving tree" is located in the front lobby of the school. Please consider making a donation by taking a tag off the tree and signing up on the sheet next to the tree. These gifts are distributed to families within the Marlin community. This is truly a way to help those who need it the most. "Our School our Scouts" is a campaign the Cub Scouts perform and is a way of letting everyone know how vital this organization is to our great school. We appreciate your support!

Please drop off gifts with Lesa by Friday December 12th.

**Ready – Set – Grow Pre-School Survey:**

Ready Set Grow is a fee-based preschool program that is offered to 3-5 year olds in Monroe County. With programs in six elementary schools, we strive to promote kindergarten readiness as well as developing a love of learning. We are currently looking to expand our locations to better serve the needs of the community. Please follow this link to take a brief survey that will be helpful as we move forward with growing our program. Please feel free to contact the School Age Care Office for additional information. (812) 330-7702

Survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WR9NXNZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WR9NXNZ)

**Early Release and Cold 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.

**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.

**Marlin Beautification and Peaceful Playground:**

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church sent around 10 volunteers (for Carefest) 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!

**Lunch with the Principal:**

Our next Lunch with the Principal will be Friday, December 19th.

We are 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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December 16th – PTO Meeting from 5:30 – 6:30
December 22nd – January 2nd – Winter Break
January 19th – MLK Day No School
January 20th – PTO Meeting 5:30 – 6:30