**Marlin Moments**

**Schedule Next Two Weeks:**

- February 2nd – Kindergarten Registration Begins
- February 9th – 16th – Winter Fundraiser with Paragon
- February 10th – 2nd Grade to IU MAC 9:15 – 11:30
- February 12th – Kindergarten Open House from 6:30 -7:30
- February 17th – PTO Meeting 5:30 – 6:30
- February 19th – 4th Grade Recorder Recital from 6:30 – 7:00

**Marlin Twitter Account:**

Please make sure you follow us on Twitter at @MarlinDragons

**Kindergarten Open House:**

Our Kindergarten Open House is this Thursday, February 12th from 6:30 – 7:30. You will be able to register your Kindergarten student(s), get a tour of the school, meet the Kindergarten teachers, meet some of your classmates, make connections with the Marlin PTO, and experience the classroom! We look forward to seeing you!

**ISTEP Information:**

This exact information can be found on our website. This will make it easier to access the links.

Applied Skills Portion of ISTEP March 2nd – March 11th:

The following links will take you to the item samplers and scoring rubrics that have been provided by the Indiana DOE. These are for the Applied Skills portion of ISTEP that will be taken March 2nd – March 11th. I would encourage you to view the example questions and rubrics. They will assist you in knowing the content and rigor of the questions on the open-ended portion of ISTEP.

[ELA Rubrics](#)
Math Rubrics:

ELA Item Samplers

Math Item Samplers (Grades 3-5)

Math Item Samplers (Grades 6-8)

ISTEP Online Assessment April 23rd – May 15th Information:

The following link will take you to a site provided by the Indiana DOE. Through this site you can access the new technology enhanced questions your student will answer on this year’s ISTEP Online Assessment given April 23rd – May 15th. Teachers have been working with students on these types of questions, but we wanted to provide the information to parents and guardians, too. I would encourage you to view the example questions. They will assist you in knowing the content and rigor of the questions on the online portion of ISTEP.

Please click here to access the website for the online practice ISTEP questions.

Paragon Fundraiser:

Marlin is having a winter fundraiser that will run from February 9th – 16th. If you have questions about the fundraiser, please call Lauren Kinser at 330-7750.

Your student(s) will bring home their fundraising materials Friday, February 6th. Online ordering information is located below.

Online Fundraising Information from Paragon:

The student must register online first using their school ID #: S15589 that will be on their fundraiser parent letter in their brochure packets. When they register, the site will generate a "student ID" that they can email to friends and family. The customer will need that student ID to shop so the student will get credit towards their prizes. The student can also check their online sales using that "student ID" that was generated.

Here is the direct link to the website for parents to register:
www.paragon-promotions.com

- Student must register first by entering School ID #: S15589 -

Change in Dismissal Plans:

Please make sure to call by 3:00 if you have a change in your dismissal plan for your student. It allows our secretary time to get the message to the teacher in time for dismissal.
Late Start, Early Release and Cold Weather Plans:

Please make a plan with your student for potential late start, 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 a late start or early release day.

Also, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for outside recess.

Peaceful Playground Story in Herald Times:

Marlin Elementary had a story covering our Peaceful Playground in the Herald Times! Please take a moment to read it at:

Peaceful Playground Story

Early Drop Off:

Please make sure you do not drop your students off before 8:20 on M/T/Th/F and 9:20 Wednesday. Students are unsupervised and not allowed in the building before this time.

Also, please make sure students are dropped off by 8:35 on M/T/Th/F and 9:35 Wednesday. If students arrive later than 8:35 on M/T/Th/F and 9:35 on Wednesday, they will need to report to the office and be counted tardy.

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.

Lunch with the Principal:

Our next Lunch with the Principal will be Friday, February 27th.
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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March 2nd – 11th – Applied Skills ISTEP 3rd – 6th
March 10th – 12th – IREAD 3
March 10th – 5th Grade to IU MAC 9:15 - 11:30
March 16th – 20th – Spring Break