Marlin Moments

Schedule Next Two Weeks:

- March 16th – 20th – Spring Break
- March 24th – PTO Meeting from 5:30 – 6:30
- March 26th – 3rd Grade to IU MAC from 9:30 – 11:30
- March 27th – 4th Grade to Lotus Blossom Festival from 10:25 – 1:00

Marlin Twitter Account:

Please make sure you follow us on Twitter at @MarlinDragons.

Marlin Book Fair:

The Marlin Book Fair will be March 30th – April 3rd. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Shari Sanders at sesander@mccsc.edu.

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration is open! Please come in and register your Kindergartener for next year. You can get a tour, and we can answer any questions you may have.

Carnival Information:

Dear Marlin Families,

The PTO is gearing up for the Spring Carnival on Friday, April 10th. This fun event is the PTO's biggest fundraiser, and includes a raffle and a silent auction. I am chairing the raffle this year, and need some help asking local businesses for donations. Please consider donating something from your business or signing up to ask a local company for a gift card or item. We are requesting donations through April 3. More information and signup list are available here:
Please click here

If there is a company you want to ask, but it isn't on the signup list, just email me at wastequeen@gmail.com and I will be able to add it to the list with your name so we don't make multiple requests.

I have also attached the donation request letter. Feel free to hand write a personalized note on it if you drop it off with a business, mentioning if you are a customer, etc.

Thanks,

Michelle Cohen

Marlin PTO Carnival Raffle Chair

**ISTEP Information:**

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

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.](#)

**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, March 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 26th – 3rd Grade to IU MAC from 9:30 – 11:30
March 27th – 4th Grade to Lotus Blossom Festival from 10:25 – 1:00
March 31st – 6th Grade to Leonard Springs from 9:30 – 2:30
March 30th – April 3rd – Marlin Book Fair
April 9th – 4th Grade to IU MAC from 9:30 – 11:30
April 10th – Carnival from 6:00 – 8:00
April 15th – 17th – 5th Grade to Bradford Woods
April 15th – 3rd Grade Musical from 6:30 – 7:30
April 16th – 4th Grade to Griffy Lake from 9:30 – 2:30