

MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Hats for Heroes

On Monday, October 22, 2018, Mars Area School District participated in the annual Hats for Heroes day with the proceeds being donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. MAE raised \$2,353.48. During this time, students were asked to wear their favorite hat to school and to donate what they could. Each student that made a donation that day received a prize. Thank you for your support!!!



MAE Book Fair

The MAE students and staff would like to send out a special thank you to all of the Mars Area Community Members who helped make the Book Fair a success this year and the PTO for running the fair. Thank you in helping support our school and PTO. Again, thank you for your continued support!



Candy Collection

Any unopened and unwanted Halloween Candy will be collected in the Elementary School office. The candy will then be taken to the Lighthouse Foundation which is our local food bank. Collection will be from November 1-2, 2018.

Thank you again for your donations!



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Parent/Teacher Conference Days

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 8 & 9, 2018, for all students in grades 2-4. If you have not already scheduled a conference time with your child's teacher, please do that as soon as possible by contacting your child's teacher.



Report Cards

End of the 1st grading period: October 31, 2018

Report Cards Posted: November 12, 2018

Report cards for students in grades 2-4 will be available online through the District's Skyward website.

Important Bus Information

Students are not permitted to ride home on buses that they are not assigned to ride. Emergency exceptions will be permitted and will be determined by Mr. Lape. If permission is granted, that student will receive a bus slip to ride the bus. All bus drivers are aware of this procedure and will enforce this requirement.



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Birthday Celebrations at School

Just a reminder that there are no birthday treats of any kind permitted in the Mars Area Elementary School. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may volunteer to read to the class or your child can opt for 10 minutes of extra recess. Please contact your teacher to let them know how you would like to celebrate. Also, if you would like to distribute birthday invitations to students in your child's class, an invitation needs to be provided for ALL students in the class.

Student Vacations/Educational Trips

Students missing school due to a vacation/educational trip must obtain a vacation form from the school office. Students may not miss more than 10 consecutive school days. Students are not to be excused for more than 2 vacations/educational trips within a single school year. Vacation forms must be submitted to Mr. Lape in the MAE office at least 2 weeks prior to departure. If the proper application is not completed, the absence will be considered an unexcused absence.



Cafeteria Information

Lunches are available for students who choose to purchase them here at school. Students buying lunches may pay for them by the day, week, month, or for the entire school year. The cafeteria accepts cash or checks made out to the Mars Area Cafeteria Fund. You may create an account for your child online. Online payment plans are available at myschoolbucks.com. You will need your child's six-digit District ID number that can be provided by your classroom teacher.



Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast with Milk: \$1.00

Lunch with Milk: \$2.80

Milk Only: \$0.65

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Box Tops Contest Results

Wow! Another successful year for our General Mills Box Tops Contest. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and a special thank you to all who assisted with the cutting and counting of the box tops! Below are this year's winners: Congratulations again!



2nd grade - Mrs. Schiffhauer (6,454 box tops)

3rd grade - Mrs. McClelland (4,467 box tops)

4th grade - Mr. Felicetti (2,706 box tops)

Volunteers

The Mars Area Elementary School is a very busy place, and we can always use an extra set of hands! Volunteers serving in all District Schools must comply with Mars Area School District Policy 916, which clearly defines roles and requirements for parent/guardians and community members interested in volunteering in our schools. Policy 916 establishes the following three categories for volunteers:

1. Assistive Volunteers
2. Independent Volunteers
3. Volunteer Coaches/Sponsors

To view the definitions of each type of volunteer and the requirements to serve as a volunteer, please consult MAE Handbook. You can find the handbook on the Mars Area School District Website, www.marsk12.org under the Elementary School page.



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Nightly Backpack Checks

Please remember to check your child's backpack on a daily basis and their yellow folder at the end of each week. There is information pertinent to your child's education that their teacher is sending home to keep you informed of their progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Classroom Disruptions

Please help minimize classroom disruptions! The office will not phone classrooms to report forgotten items. During a break throughout the day teachers will inquire in the office to see if any items are present in the office. Students will then have an opportunity to stop in the office during transition to claim their item(s). Please note that lunches must be delivered to the MAE office by 10:45 a.m. Lunches will be delivered to the cafeteria in time for your child's lunch period. Students will have an opportunity to buy a lunch and pay for the lunch the following day. Students will NOT go without a lunch. Thank you for your help with this matter!



Dixon Elementary School

As many of you are aware, the staff and students of the Mars Area Elementary School were creating motivational signs and posters, as well as,



collecting gift cards to support Dixon Elementary School located in North Carolina. Dixon Elementary was one of the many schools adversely affected by Hurricane Florence. A HUGE THANK YOU to the MAE community for your support. Through your generosity we were able to collect \$4,033.00 in gift cards to support the staff and students of Dixon Elementary School!!!!

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Dates to Remember

November 1-2 - Candy Collection

November 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher Conferences

November 12 – Grade 2-4 Report Cards posted in Skyward

November 22-26 - No School for Students (Thanksgiving Break)

November 27 - School Resumes

