

Marin Elementary School



Newsletter

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Dear Families,

WINTER BREAK REMINDER: Albany Schools will be closed for two weeks beginning **Monday, December 24th, 2018**. We return to school on **Monday, January 7th, 2019**. **Happy Holidays!**

THANK YOU! What a wonderful surprise! On Wednesday, beautiful flowers and an abundance of delicious foods and beverages appeared in our staff room. **Thank you** to the parents from Daniel Chan, Kerry Dunigan and Holly Castrillon's classes who made us feel so appreciated, pampered and honored. **We are very thankful!**

SHARING IS CARING: Ms. Donovan's class, room 17, Student Garden Club recently harvested their classroom garden of kale, lettuce, radishes, and swiss chard. They gave their fresh produce to the Berkeley Food Pantry to feed families in need this holiday season. **Way to go room 17!**

MARIN SCHOOL DIRECTORY UPDATE: The Marin School Directory is still missing many families! This year's directory features artwork by Marin students. The directory will be distributed to all Marin families after winter break. Use it to plan play dates and parties! Don't be left out of the directory! You do not need to join the PTA to be included. Take a moment to **opt in**, by logging in to the PTA membership toolkit.

1. Login to <https://marinschoolpta.membershiptoolkit.com/membership>
2. Look under My Donations/Info to update directory preferences and opt-in

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT ED NIGHT: All AUSD Elementary Parents are invited to the Speak Up Be Safe Parent Education Night on **Tuesday, January 15th**, 6:00pm - 7:00pm at Marin Elementary. AUSD implements the Speak Up Be Safe curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is a research-based, comprehensive child abuse and bullying prevention education curriculum equipping students nationwide with skills they need to play a significant role in the prevention or interruption of abuse and bullying. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe covers topics such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, bullying and cyber bullying, all at an age-appropriate level. In the coming weeks, all AUSD elementary students in grades 1-5 will be receiving their grade level's Speak Up Be Safe two-part lesson series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please join us at the Parent Education night. We encourage all parents to attend if you have questions about the program.

2019 MOONLIGHT AUCTION IS SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH: Please save the date and get those babysitters lined up for the biggest PTA fundraiser of the year! We want everyone (adults, that is) from the Marin community to come together for a lovely evening of food, drinks, live music, and auction fun! Stay tuned for more information and ways you can help make this year's auction a smashing success. We are still looking for volunteers. If you would like to join our team, please contact Lydia Duraisamy:lydduraisamy@gmail.com Happy Holidays!

Please visit our website at <https://marin.ausdk12.org> for more important news, dates & events.
Please visit our PTA website at <https://marinschoolpta.membershiptoolkit.com>

NOT RETURNING AFTER WINTER BREAK: If you plan on moving (out of Albany) during winter break, please inform your child’s teacher and Janet or Natalie in the office that your child will not be returning to Marin school after the holidays (last day of school 12/21/18). If you need a document stating your child has been enrolled at Marin, please see Janet in the office. Also, please complete the “EXIT” form online (to be completed before leaving), at ausdk12.org under “Enrollment”.

AMS WRITERCOACH CONNECTION : Parents, get an inside look at the middle school while serving a good cause! Volunteer as a Writer Coach this coming January-March at Albany Middle School. We work with every 8th grader on their major research project of the year, giving students feedback on their writing. The time commitment is for 8 weeks; coaches work once a week, for about 2 hours. Sign up now for an orientation session in early January at <http://www.writercoachconnection.org/>. Questions before you commit? Write to the Site Coordinator Mary Flaherty at amscoaching@gmail.com.

'TIZ THE SEASON FOR HEAD LICE: Recently, we’ve had a few cases of pediculosis capitis (head lice). Please watch for signs: itching, redness at the nape or scalp, small gray eggs (nits) attached to the hair shaft. If you find your child has head lice, treatment and lice/nit removal is necessary for your child to be in school. Also, please let us know in the office so that we can take precautions in the classroom, and alert parents in your child’s class to be watchful. You can help us keep the problem under control by frequently checking your child’s hair and scalp at home. Please check your child’s hair for head lice throughout winter break.

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS: Although there is no substitute for the classroom experience, if your child must miss school for 5-20 days for reasons other than illness, medical appointments or bereavement, assignments can be given. **Please inform your teacher two weeks prior to taking leave from School. Independent Study Contracts are in the office.**

YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT: Regular attendance is vital to your child’s success in school and to the fiscal health of the district. Thank you for helping to ensure that your child attends school every day, unless they are ill. If at all possible, we ask that you schedule medical & dental appointments after school and that you plan family vacations when school is out.

COLD/FLU SEASON IS HERE: Some simple things can help us all stay healthy this season—1) wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers 2) cover a cough or sneeze with your arm 3) stay home with a fever (99.8 or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, or if you are contagious; and particularly if you have a communicable disease, for example: chicken pox, diphtheria, German measles (Rubella), measles, mumps, polio, whooping cough, ringworm, impetigo, scabies, and pink-eye. If your child has any of the aforementioned illnesses, please keep your child home and notify us of the particular illness on our **attendance line: 558-4787**.

WARM WISHES: As 2018 draws to an end, the entire staff of Marin School wishes you and your family a time of joy and peace and a happy, healthy New Year!

CALENDAR:

Dec. 24-Jan.4, 2019 Winter Break – School Closed
Jan. 7, 2019: Return to School
January 12: Latino Families “Three Kings” Breakfast, 10 am Cornell
January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
February 18-22: Mid Winter Break – School Closed
March 5-14: Spring Conferences – Early Release (Wed. Schedule)
March 9: STEAM Day
March 15: Staff Development Day – School Closed to Students
March 30: Moonlight Auction
April 8-12: Spring Break – School Closed

Happy Holidays!

Melisa Pfohl
Principal