



A Community of Lifelong Learners and Friends

March 11, 2015

Important Dates

3/2 – 3/13 – Golden Sneaker contest. Look below in Memo for more info.
3/11 – Marshall Musical matinee, for students only @ 8:30 pm
3/12 – ELAC @ 3:30 pm
3/12 – Marshall Musical 7:00 pm
3/13 – Marshall Musical 7:00 pm
3/13 – End of 2nd trimester
3/13 – Pi day celebration at school
3/14 – Actual pi day 3.1415
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3/19 – Steve Seskin anti-bullying assembly.
3/19 – Thursday Noon release for all students
3/20 – NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development
3/26 – Early release for Spring conferences: K out at 12:30, 1st – 5th out at 1:50.
3/27 – Regular noon release for all students
3/30 – Padres Unidos at 3:00
4/6 – 4/10 – NO SCHOOL Spring Break!

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Marshall Memo

Happy March! The weather is beautiful here at Marshall, spring is in the air! We just finished one of the most special nights of the year here with our Open House. Wasn't it great? Weren't you SOOOO impressed with all the amazing work? We had math,



Writer's Workshop, art, science, language arts, history... high quality, engaging and exciting stuff from students and teachers alike. Just recently, we started



tacking our International Festival onto the Open House. What a good idea that was! We had a huge turnout for the International Festival, tons of food for the potluck and a grand time watching the Aztec Indian Tezkatlipoka Drum and Dance troop perform. Special thanks goes out to all the families who dressed up in traditional cultural outfits. The kids were adorable! Check out the pictures above, and the Tezkatlipoka website [here!](#)

We are in the middle of our Golden Sneaker contest here at Marshall. The contest started March 2nd and goes for two weeks, ending on March 13th. We are encouraging families to avoid driving their cars to school, and instead walking, rolling or carpooling every morning and afternoon. We are recording how kids get to school and home from school every day during the contest. The classroom with the highest percentage of walkers, rollers or carpoolers will get the one of a kind Golden Sneaker trophy in their room for the year!

Hopefully, you knew about our attendance challenge for the month of February. We were attempting to reduce the number of tardies from February 2014 to February 2015 by 50%, down from 300 in February 2014 to no more than 150. It came down to the final day, but unfortunately we didn't make it, totaling 154 tardies for the month ☹️. However, I want to take a positive spin on it, because we still did an amazing job of reducing our tardies! It is important to note that we need to keep this up for the rest of this year, and for next year too. If you were late repeatedly to your job, what would happen? Having your children come to school on time, or even early, EVERYDAY is helping them develop life-long habits that will help them be successful as adults!

We have also just finished establishing a great new parent group at our school for Marshall Latino families called Padres Unidos. This group is modeled after parent involvement groups that currently exist at the high school and both middle schools. The idea is to help create a community amongst our Latino families to educate, empower and motivate them to help their students reach their full potential at our school. The meeting is run entirely in Spanish (with English translation for me!). It is important for me to make sure that ALL parents have access to our school and have opportunities to make sure their voices are heard. You are invited to our next meeting, which is held on Monday, March 30th at 3:00.

Lastly, I want to send a shout out to Mrs. Debbie Brown, who is currently directing her last Marshall Musical. She has written and directed 10 plays here at Marshall over the last 10 years, and this one will be her last. She has done this as a volunteer, never receiving any payment for her efforts. She does it for the love of her community, Marshall students and the arts! THANK YOU DEBBIE BROWN!!!

With love, Jesse Woodward

The Character Trait for March is Cooperation

Work well with others. Be a team player, keep an open mind and listen effectively



Did you know Castro Valley is a Google apps district?

All students in grades 2-12 have Google accounts at school. Their account is their IDnumber@cv.k12.ca.us. For instance, if my ID number was 11111, mine would be 11111@cv.k12.ca.us. They have a unique password, so ask them or their teacher what it is. You should check out their Google Drive, which is their online storage for all the documents they work on in class. Watch them use Google Docs to write up a document that they can share with a friend in class, their teacher or Mr. Woodward! Marshall is leading the district on technology integration into the classroom, and we want to make sure you know all about it! If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher or Mr. Woodward.

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@marshallelement



We are having Steve Seskin coming to do an anti-bullying assembly next week, Thursday March 19th. Check out his song, [Don't Laugh At Me](#).

Hidden question –
Where did Mr. Woodward go to college?



Check out the new mural on campus! Wow!



Message from the Office

It is cold and flu season! If your child is sick, please keep them home. Also, please note that your child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning back to school.

We need some new hand-me-down clothes in our Health Office for emergencies. We need some extra sweat pants for boys, and leggings for girls. If you have an extra clothes laying around that your kids have grown out of, please wash them and bring them down to us!

Annette Burt

Computer/Attendance Tech

Tina Markovich

Secretary



*** 2015-16 Enrollment Information ***

Priority Kindergarten enrollment begins Monday, February 23, for siblings of students attending Marshall Elementary school. Kindergarten enrollment for new families begins Monday, March 2, 2015 (new 1st-5th student enrollment begins on April 1, 2015). The enrollment page and required forms can be found on the CVUSD website at <http://www.cv.k12.ca.us> under the parents tab.

**** Call for an appointment when you have all paperwork required with Mrs. Markovich**

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Children must be five years of age by Sept 1, 2015 to register (born on or before 9/1/2010)

You must have a valid email address to enroll your student. The following documents are mandatory to enroll your incoming Kindergarten student:

- Enrollment confirmation documents (print and return all pages)
- Child's original birth certificate
- Child's immunization records (must include mandatory boosters with dates)
- Proof of residency (all items must be provided)
- The Health History Assessment/Waiver Request Form for a physical exam(must be completed after March 1, 2015)
- The Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Form for a dental check done no earlier than 12 months before your child enters school (An Oral Health Program explanation letter can be viewed online).

If you answered any other language other than English on the Enrollment Form/Home Language Survey section, you must complete the Informal Primary Language Assessment Form (download from website)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF ENROLLMENT. NO PARTIALS ACCEPTED



Calling all
Transitional Kindergarten
Parents

An important event is coming for you on
Friday, May 29th, 2015

The transitional kindergarten teachers invite you to the
CVE Transitional Kindergarten Orientation.

When: May 29, 2015 at 2:00pm

Where: Room 4, CVE

Why: To learn about the Transitional
Kindergarten program at CVE



We will share the Transitional Kindergarten program
with you and answer questions that you may have
about starting Transitional Kindergarten at CVE in the
fall of 2015.



We are looking forward to meeting you!

PLEASE RSVP to (510) 537-1919 by Friday, May 22nd.



This informational meeting is for **adults only**.
No childcare will be provided.
