

MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Parent Pick-Up Reminder



Please be reminded that if you are going to pick up your child during the school day or at dismissal, you will need to write a note to your child's teacher letting them know. If the pick-up will be during the instructional day, please let the teacher know what time you will be arriving to pick-up your child.

If you are picking up your child during the school day, you will need to provide your driver's license to the office staff upon arrival.

MAE Open House

The Mars Area Elementary School will be holding its spring open house on Wednesday, April 10, 2018, from 6-8 PM. Please plan to attend to see your child's school work displayed throughout the classroom and hallways and attend the book fair. Also, view various artwork displays created by our Grade 2-4 Students.



Student Drop Off



Please be reminded that no students are to be in the Mars Area Elementary School Building prior to 8:35. Please do not drop off your student prior to the 8:35 time. Thank You! If you are dropping off your child, they need to be in the building by 9:00 AM.

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Late to School



There have been an increasing amount of students that are arriving late to school on a daily basis. Please be aware that if a student arrives after 9:00 AM, they are considered tardy. If the student is tardy an inordinate number of times without a note from a doctor, truancy procedures will need to begin. Please be sure your children arrive at MAE prior to the 9:00 AM start time.

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 the MAE Handbook. You can find the handbook on the Mars Area School District Website, www.marsk12.org under the MAE page.

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MAE Spring Book Fair

The MAE Spring Book Fair will be held the week of April 8-12. Students will also have a chance to purchase books the evening of April 10 during open house. Please stop in the gym to participate. Specific times and dates for your child's individual book fair visit will be sent home closer to the event.

Bus Lane Closed

Please be aware that the bus drop-off and pick-up area in front of MAE is closed from 8:00-9:00 AM and 3:00-4:00 PM daily.

Also, parents should not be parking in that area to drop-off or pick-up students throughout the day. Please use the parking lot if you need to drop-off or pick-up your students during the school day. You will need to park in the lot and walk your children into the building.



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 and will enforce this requirement.



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Crayola ColorCycle



In an attempt to be more environmentally friendly, the Mars Area Elementary School will be collaborating with Crayola and participating in the ColorCycle program. We will be collecting used/dried out magic markers until the end of May.

There is a box located outside of each classroom at MAE where students can drop off the used/dried out magic markers.

Important Dates

- a. April 3 – PTO Sarris Candy Pick-up (MAE Cafeteria)
- b. April 4 – MAE Science Fair (High School Gym)
- c. April 8-12 – PTO Sponsored Book Fair
- d. April 10 – MAE Open House (6-8 PM)
- e. April 10 – Book Fair Family Night (MAE Gym)
- f. April 15-17 – PSSA ELA (Grades 3 & 4)
- g. April 29-30 – PSSA Math (Grades 3 & 4)
- h. May 1-2 – PSSA Science (Grade 4)
- i. May 10 – No School Act 80 Day
- j. June 7 – Student Last Day of School

