LABOR DAY!  Monday, September 7th, is Labor Day.  No School.

**Zoom Etiquette:** Thank you to parents for assisting your children with technology and getting on Zoom meetings! To support teachers and all students in the class, we ask that you follow this important Zoom Etiquette:

1. After you have assisted your child with getting online, please make sure you and/or siblings are not visible on the Zoom screen with your child, as this can be distracting and would not happen in the regular classroom setting.
2. Please do not reprimand your child in front of the other children. This can make students uncomfortable. If you need to redirect or refocus your child, please make sure you are on mute so that the rest of the class does not hear your interaction.
3. If, for any reason, you need to remove your child from a Zoom meeting, please do so without interrupting instruction and follow up with an email to the teacher.
4. When teachers have students live on Zoom, they are not able to have individual conversations with you. Please schedule appointments with teachers during times when they are not teaching if you would like to connect with them.

As always, it is important for adults to model the kind of behavior we would like to instill in our children. During these trying times, it is especially important to be cognisant of modeling kindness, patience, and generosity with ourselves and others. We very much appreciate your support.

**School Pictures:** We’re excited to announce that we will be having school picture days this fall! We and the district have worked with our photography company, Blue Note Photography (the same people as last year, just under a new name), to develop a photography plan that is safe and as simple as possible under our current circumstances. We hope you will take
advantage of this opportunity to briefly visit the school, have a photo session, and have your child/ren be included in this year’s class photo.

There will be two windows for photography: **Wednesday October 7 from 8:30am - 12:30pm** and **Thursday October 8 from Noon - 4pm**. The entrance for picture day will be the stairs at the south end of the campus, near room 16. In order to take part, you must first sign up for a specific time slot here: [http://bluenote.as.me/marin](http://bluenote.as.me/marin). The time you select is the beginning of a 15 minute window, during which you may arrive anytime. Please select the quantity of sessions equal to the number of children arriving with you.

These time slots are limited to avoid crowding and maintain social distancing guidelines. You are encouraged to bring all Marin students in your household at one time. If you are part of a “pod,” you may come as a unit with a single guardian to help reduce the number of people onsite.

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**Aeries Parent Portal:** Please check and make sure your email addresses are accurate in the Aeries portal. You will receive all newsletters and other school communication via email via the address that is listed in Aeries. The Aeries Parent Portal will be open for you to update data and download emergency forms. Please print, sign, and return to the school office or email to Janet Nichols at jnichols@ausdk12.org the following documents by **Friday, September 11th:** Student Emergency Card, Supplemental Emergency form, and Acknowledgment Form. You will only be able to update information in the Parent Portal through **Friday, October 9th.**

**AUSD Food Service - FREE MEALS:** On Wednesday, September 2, AUSD food service returned to serving free grab and go meals for all children 18 and under on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Albany High School multipurpose room, 603 Key Route Blvd. from 11:30 to 1:30. You do not need a barcode. Social distancing measures are in effect. Face coverings are required. Children do not need to be present to pick up food. Please feel free to contact Chef Sabina with any questions. 510-558-2608

**Counseling for Students During Remote Instruction:** There are ebbs and flows to mental health and well-being, regardless of what era we’re in. Teachers and support staff have always played part counselor in schools and the social emotional well being of your child(s) continues to be a primary importance of ours. If you think your child is in need of counseling and you are unable to provide for this on your own please reach out to Principal Pfohl mpfohl@ausdk12.org or your child’s teacher.
**Attendance Line (510) 558-4787:** Your Child’s Attendance is still very important. In the event that your child is going to be absent, please call our Attendance Line at (510) 558-4787 before 10:00 am or OR email the school secretary Janet Nichols at jnichols@ausdk12.org 1) Child’s Full Name, 2) Teacher Name, and 3) Reason for the Absence. (If we don’t hear from you when your child is absent, an autodialer call will be sent. Parents have a maximum of five (5) days to excuse an absence. Thank you!

**Daily attendance during remote learning:** If your child is unable to attend Zoom meetings, please notify the office (558-4740), or your child’s teacher by 2:00 via email. If we do not hear from families by 2:00, you will receive a call from our attendance line stating your child was not engaged in distance learning for that day.

**Marin PTA e-Newsletter:** The Marin Elementary PTA has a new, stand-alone newsletter! This e-newsletter will be published every Monday and will replace the existing PTA e-tree. In it, you will find content related to PTA events, such as the upcoming Book Fair, as well as special features and useful information, like when the school directory will be available. Look out for the first edition of the new PTA e-newsletter to land in your inbox on Monday. If you have ideas on content or information that you’d like to have considered for publication, please submit it by 5 pm on the preceding Friday to newsletter@marinschoolpta.org.

**Reminder to First Grade Families:** Please remember to turn in immunization updates, the health examination form, and the dental form to the Marin School Office, as soon as possible. All children entering 1st grade should have a CHDP health exam form and an Oral Health form on file with us. Thank you!

**Parents and Caregivers Can Help Support Our Community at Marin:** by practicing the three "B's" at home during remote learning, especially during live Zoom sessions. These include: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Thank you for sharing and supporting these important principles and behavior expectations with your children.

**Marin Playground Use During Remote Learning:** This year the playground and yard will be open to Marin families and the public after 2:00 pm on Mondays-Fridays. Many teachers will be using classrooms to teach remotely during the day, so we want to avoid noisy interruptions, especially during live Zoom meetings.

**The Marin Weekly News is on our website** Please visit our website for important news, dates, and events.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- Sept 7 No School - Labor Day
- Sept 28-Oct 7 Virtual Book Fair
- Oct 7 PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
- Oct 16 Board Holiday, No School for Students
- Nov 11 No School - Veterans Day
- Nov 25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 21-Jan 1 No School - Winter Break
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