

MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences



Grades 2-4 Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019. You should have received information from your child's teacher to schedule a conference. If you have not, please contact your child's teacher to schedule your conference. There will be no school for students on Monday, March 25.

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 a permission is granted, that student will receive a bus slip to ride the bus. All bus drivers are aware and will enforce this requirement.



Parent Pick-Up Reminder



Please be reminded that if you are going to pick up your child during the 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.*

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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.



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.

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.

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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 Dates

- March 25 – Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 10 – MAE Open House 6-8 PM
- April 15-17 – PSSA ELA testing (Grades 3 & 4)
- April 19-22 – No School Spring Break
- April 29 & 30 – PSSA Math testing (Grades 3 & 4)
- May 1 & 2 – PSSA Science testing (Grade 4)
- May 10 – No School

