

# MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2018



## Two-Hour Delays

No child may enter the school before our delayed starting times! A two-hour delay means buses will pick up children two hours later than normal and parent drop-off will be 2-hours later than usual. Our official entry time for students into the building is 10:35 AM on a two-hour delay schedule.

## School Closings

When school is cancelled, all buildings are closed to students, as well as, all after school events. When referring to the local television and radio stations, please continue to check for updates regarding delays and closings. Our schools may start out as a two-hour delay, but change to an official closing if the weather continues to worsen throughout the morning. If you have any questions regarding a two-hour delay or a school closing, please check the district website [www.marsk12.org](http://www.marsk12.org).



## Dress Appropriately for the Cold Weather



The MAE staff would like to remind the Mars Area Elementary School students and parents that the winter months are approaching and with that comes colder weather. We are asking all our families and students to be aware of the weather and the dangers that could come of it if our students are not dressed appropriately. Please make sure that students are dressing in a manner that will keep them warm and help prevent them from being sick through the winter months! Thank you for your attention to this matter! Stay warm!

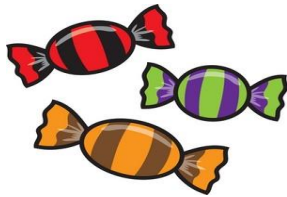
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## Holiday Shop

The PTO sponsored Holiday Shop will be held at MAE from December 3-5. Students will be permitted to shop for family and friends in the MAE gym during their scheduled shopping time. The shopping schedule was sent home earlier in the month. Parents wishing to shop with their child would have needed to complete the assistive volunteer process prior to November 19, 2018. If you have any questions, please call the MAE Office at 724-625-3161.



## Candy Collection



A big thank you to all who donated their extra Halloween Candy to the Primary Center. We collected over 400 pounds of candy which was donated to the Light House Food Bank. Thanks again!!!!

## 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](http://www.marsk12.org) under the MAE page.

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## Holiday Parties at MAE

PTO sponsored Holiday Parties will take place on Friday, December 21, 2018, from 9:30-10:30. Please remember assigned party parents MUST complete the assistive volunteer process by Friday, December 7, 2018.

*\*\*\*Reminder that there are to be no outside treats of any kind at the Holiday Parties\*\*\**



## 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, the student will receive a bus slip to ride the bus. All bus drivers are aware and will enforce this requirement.

## Cafeteria Information

Lunches are available for students who choose to purchase them at school. Students buying lunches may pay for them by the day, week, month, or for the entire school year. The cafeteria accepts cash or checks made out to the Mars Area Cafeteria Fund. You may create an account for your child online. Online payment plans are available at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). You will need your child's six digit District ID number which can be provided by your classroom teacher.



## Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast with Milk: \$1.00

Lunch with Milk: \$2.80

Milk Only: \$0.65

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## Nightly Backpack Checks



Please remember to check your child's backpack on a daily basis and their yellow folder at the end of each week. There is information pertinent to your child's education that their teacher is sending home to keep you informed of their progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

## Early Dismissal

A reminder that on Friday, December 21, 2018, all Mars Area School District students will be dismissed two hours early. Normal dismissal time for MAE is 3:20. So, on December 21 all students at MAE will be dismissed at 1:20. Please plan accordingly.



## Dates to Remember

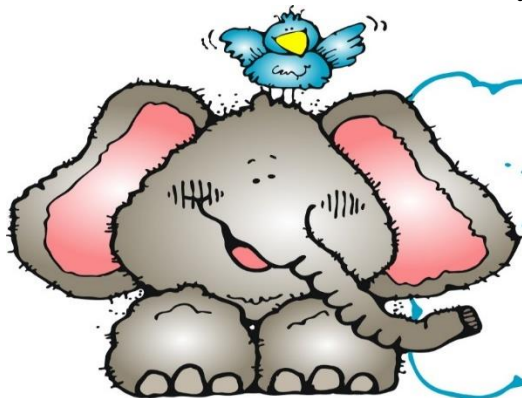
December 3, 4, 5 – PTO Holiday Shop

December 21 – Holiday Parties

December 21 – 2-hour early dismissal

December 22-January 1 – No School (Holiday Break)

January 2 – Classes Resume



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Forget!