Parents,

- I wanted to make sure I thank parents for trusting us with their children. I appreciate your support with our endeavors. Our students were very ready to start school and had a great attitude on the first day!

- Please read this monthly newsletter and pay attention to the dates and the PTA events inside in future newsletters. We are trying to send out this communication as often as needed.

- Please remember to pick up and drop off your kids on the West side starting on Monday. There are 300 students who are trying to leave the school at one time. Be patient with the line and be aware that it could take 15 minutes but normally 8-10.

- Custodians are some of the most under recognized, underappreciated, and underrated members of our school community. The shine on the floor reflects the pride they put into their jobs. Thank you to Zoraya Sand-oval for doing a fantastic job this summer!

- The following is all of the programs the teachers at Marshall are supporting our students with. If you’d like to know about these, come by for the first curriculum night on August 15th! See you then!

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”
-Dalai Lama
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL MUSTANGS!

Exciting things are happening at the Marshall PTA! We kick off our new year with some new incentives to help parents and teachers get energized for the new year – as well as a new PTA Board. Your new Board is:

Melissa Vucijevic President - Mary Ellen Clements Vice President - Nikki Parker Secretary - Juli Runyon Treasurer

NEW IDEAS: We know your time is valuable – so we’ve kicked off our new Incentive Program! Every monthly evening meeting you attend (about an hour long), you get ONE raffle ticket in your name! Volunteer to help with some pre-determined fundraising events – get FOUR tickets in your name! Earn as many as you want and they will all be entered in your name for 2 drawings throughout the year (first one is in December for a BIG prize!). To help us kick things off, our partnership with Peter Piper Pizza is sponsoring a MONTHLY drawing for a FREE PIZZA or FREE LUNCH BUFFET! Each month we’ll be issuing those special monthly tickets for the drawing – but you have to come to our meetings to get your raffle tickets!!

WHAT’S HAPPENING: Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday August 7th and we discussed what we have planned for the upcoming year. But we need YOUR input too. Our Facebook page (Marshall Elementary PTA) and the Marshall Elementary website will soon have some ideas that we need your opinion on! Please visit and give us your feedback on our first movie night on 8/24 (what do you want to see?), as well as what type of fundraisers you’d like to see us hold (selling products and a Spring Event is on the review list right now). You don’t have to be a member to share ideas, but you do need to be a member to vote!

WHAT’S COMING UP: Peter Piper Pizza is holding our Back To School dinner on 8/15/18. Wear Blue and White and get 5 extra tokens! We’ll have games and raffles happening for free goodies! Marshall PTA gets 15% of ALL sales – so please come out and help us raise some dough!! And our first movie night is on 8/24/18. Come enjoy a movie and some snacks!

Our next meeting is on 9/4/18 at 5:30 – and we’d like to know if this time/day works for the general public. We’re open to moving it to another day of the week (even a Saturday!). Let us know what you’d prefer!

HOW YOU CAN HELP: A super easy way to help us earn money is to sign up to link your Fry’s card so that every time you shop – Marshall PTA gets cash!! We also collect Box Tops! Contact us for more info on these easy ways to help us earn money!

HOW TO GET A HOLD OF US: We are actively working to keeping the parents updated with what’s happening. If you ever have questions, please feel free to email us at PTA.Marshall.Elem@gmail.com.
The Importance of School Attendance

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

However, when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused—it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

2 Absences Per Month X 9 Months of School = Less Likely to Graduate from High School

Kindly,

Martha Damek
School Counselor
Marshall Elementary School
Marshall Elementary Mission Statement

Marshall Elementary strives to inspire and challenge our children to be leaders and citizens of the world. In partnership with our families and community, we work to provide a safe environment where academic excellence is the standard and service to one’s community is the expectation. We are committed that our students think, learn, care and achieve. We honor diversity and the individual skills we each have and embrace the opportunity to learn from each other with respect and enthusiasm.