

MARLBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

Dear Marlboro Elementary Family,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each new and returning family to Marlboro Elementary School. We'd also like to provide you with the following information which helps to understand the PTO and all we do for the children.

What is the PTO and who can be a member?

The MarEl PTO is dedicated to supporting the school's mission in providing a well rounded educational experience for our children. To accomplish this, parents and teachers work together to organize many exciting events and assembly programs, raise funds for non-budgetary items and to help keep our MarEl families informed on school board issues.

All of our parents and/or legal guardians, along with school staff, are encouraged to be members. The \$10.00 membership covers the entire family. **Becoming a member of the PTO means you support our group and believe in what we are doing;** it does not mean you automatically sign up to be a volunteer. However, if you wish to volunteer for one of our events, you must be a paid member of the PTO for insurance purposes. If you are interested in becoming a member, and we hope you are, please fill out the appropriate forms and submit payment by September 20th.

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Every year the PTO spends approximately \$30,000+ on the students of MarEl. In addition to the school's curriculum, we sponsor **Art Appreciation**, various **Cultural Arts Assemblies**, **Author Day**, **Birthday Books** and many other interactive events, assemblies and presentations. We also plan additional fun events, such as our **BOO Bash**, **Fun Night**, **Family Bingo**, **Mar El's Got Talent** (our school wide Talent Show) and much more!

In order to offer the various programs and events to the students, the PTO actively holds fundraisers throughout the year. Though it may not be our favorite responsibility, it is a necessary one. This year, we are working hard to try and spread out a variety of fundraisers, hitting many price points with the hope of having something for everyone to support. Our major fundraisers that have been planned include the return of the **March Mingle**, **Holiday Boutique**, and **Spring Scholastic Book Fair**. We will kick off the year with our biggest fundraiser, the **Fit-A-Thon**, where kids can earn some fun prizes! Some smaller fundraisers that also help promote opportunities for celebration of family and friends include **Dining-Out Nights** at local restaurants, a **Movie Night** under the stars and perhaps a few more surprises. We even have a fundraiser that doesn't require you to open your checkbook; **Box Tops for Education!** We hope that you will support those that work for your budget.

If you have any questions, please contact our PTO President, Melissa Widmeier at [mswidmeier@gmail.com](mailto:mwidmeier@gmail.com).

We would like to invite you to come to our first PTO meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Please join us to contribute your ideas, learn more about our plans for the year, and hear from members of our school community. Together we will achieve the goal of enriching the educational experience of our children at Marlboro Elementary School.

Warm Regards,
The 2018-2019 Mar El PTO Executive Board