



Marvin Elementary School

News from the Principal,
Mrs. O'Shea

September 2017 Edition

Welcome Back!

Here are some reminders to make sure this year is a fantastic one for both you and your child.

• Be Sure Your Child has Excellent Attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Be sure to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If your child asks to stay home "just because" remind him/her of what will be missed, such as reading groups or PE class. Explain that absences are for when he/she is sick.

- Please if your child is absent you must call the absence line 203-899-2890 ext. 1
- Your child must be **fever free** (without the use of medications) before returning to school.

• Be Sure Your Child Arrives to School on Time and Stays the Entire Day

Arriving at school on time allows your child to settle in, focus their minds on the day and take full advantage of every learning activity.

- Make doctor and other appointments for after the school day ends.

• If Your Child is to go Home in a Different Manner this information Must be in WRITING!!!

Each school day is very busy and last minute changes to how your child is to go home can get accidentally overlooked. **All CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE TEACHER IN THE MORNING!!!**

School Governance Council News:

We have open parent positions on the council. If you have interest in meeting with a group of teachers and parents monthly, please forward your name to Mrs. O'Shea. A school-wide vote on new members will take place within the next month or so. Please consider joining the council.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 2017				1 C Fundraiser Begins!!
4 No School	5 D	6 A	7 B PTA Meeting	8 C Marvin Spirit Day
11 D	12 A	13 D	14 C Open House	15 D Marvin Spirit Day
18 A	19 B	20 C	21 No School	22 D Marvin Spirit Day
25 A	26 B	27 C	28 D	28 A Marvin Spirit Day

Parent Involvement Doesn't Just Mean Volunteering in Classrooms

If you are able to volunteer that is great and we welcome your help, but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important.

Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay involved:

"Let's see what you brought home." Look at your child's completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well he/she is doing. Respond to notes from the teacher and sign the weekly/daily planner.

"Show me what you have for homework." It is your child's job to complete the homework, but you have a job too. Make sure your child knows what he/she is supposed to do by having your child explain the assignment to you. Once the assignment is finished, glance over the work to see that it is complete.

Instead of asking "How was school today?" Try asking the following to get a better picture of your child's day:

- "What was the coolest thing that happened today?/What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"