



Marvin Elementary School

News from the Principal,
Mrs. O'Shea

January 2017

Dear Parents,

The end of 2016 came upon me so quickly that I did not have the opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukkah!!

I enjoyed the time off from school and now feel recharged and ready for the all of the challenges of 2017!

Wishing all families a Happy and Healthy 2017!

January 9th begins the winter round of testing.

- Students in grades K – 3 will be involved in mClass testing. mClass is a series of reading assessments.
- Students in grades 4 and 5 will take MAP assessments on January 10th, 11th, and 12th. The tests will cover the topics of reading, mathematics, and language arts.
- And finally, students in grade 3 will be given the MAP assessment in Mathematics between the 10th and 12th of January.

All assessments will enable classroom teachers to determine how much growth students have made since the fall and what specific areas teachers need to work on with the students.

Executive Functioning Skills – What are they and why they are important for students?

Executive functioning skills let your child manage him or herself. A student with good executive function skills is able to juggle tasks, plan ahead, stay organized, and make decisions about his/her actions.

You could help your son/daughter sharpen these skills with strategy games. For example, chess is ideal because players must plan several moves in advance and consider multiple possibilities. Or try “20 Questions”, since players have to keep in mind answers to all previous questions as they decide what to ask next.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 A	4 B	5 C	6 D
9 A	10 B	11 C	12 D PTO Meeting	13 A
16 No School	17 B	18 C	19 D	20 A
23 B SGC Meeting	24 C	25 D	26 A	27 B
30 C	31 D	JANUARY		

Happy New Year!!