



# Marvin Elementary School

## News from the Principal, Mrs. O'Shea

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### October Edition

#### Safety Issues

- If you physically come to the school to pick up your children at the end of the school day, please **DO NOT** stand in the garden **OR** along the walkway to the front door.

*The safety of our children is at the forefront of all decisions and we ask for your cooperation.*

- If use the drop off lane in the morning or afternoon, please pull up to the furthest spot paying attention to the directions of the safety patrol and Mr. G. (our PE teacher). Please drive up slowly and stay off the curb.

*Please drive safely and carefully.*

#### School Governance Council

- Thank you for helping to install Marvin's first governance council. The council consisting of teachers and parents will help make decisions that will govern the school.

*All Governance meetings will be open to the public. Once a meeting schedule has been created you will find it posted on our website. Meeting dates will also be included in the future editions of the News from the Principal.*

#### PTO

- I encourage all families to join the PTO. Your participation and attendance at monthly meetings will benefit your children. Research shows children of parents who are involved in some way with the school perform better.

*"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."*

#### Word Play: Fun With Words

Use these activities to build your child's *phonemic awareness* – ability to hear sounds in words.

1. Choose a three-letter word, such as **cap**.

*Have your child substitute different beginning sounds from the alphabet to make new words (gap, lap, map, nap, rap, sap, tap, zap).*

2. Pick a long word and have your child clap once as he/she says each syllable.

*For example, mozzarella would have four claps: moz-za-rel-la.*

3. Ask your child to say a word without the first sound.

*For example, ask "Can you say sit without the s? (The answer would be it).*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 NO School	4 B	5 C	6 D	7 A
10 B	11 C	12 NO School	13 D PTO Meeting	14 A
17 B	18 C	19 D Picture Day	20 A	21 B
24 C	25 D	26 A	27 B	28 C
31 D Pajama Day	<b>Nightly homework assignments:</b>			

**For Children: Read**  
**For Parents: Sign the reading log.**