



# Marvin Elementary School

News from the Principal,  
Mrs. Sue-Ellen Barrett O'Shea

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## Welcome to the 2016 – 2017 School Year!

In order to keep all families up-to-date with happenings at Marvin I have decided to write a monthly newsletter. This newsletter will be sent home via backpacks, via email, and we will also post the newsletter on our updated website.

*We will be using the email address you provided to the school when you registered your child. If you find that you do not receive the emailed newsletter please contact the office so we can update your information!*

## Calendar

Each month a calendar will be included in the newsletter. You will notice next to each date there is a letter. We run on an A - D schedule. The only difference from day to day is whether your child has art, library, music, or PE. Your child's teacher will let you know your child's classroom schedule.

*Please remember to have all students wear sneakers on gym days AND to bring their library books on the days they have library!!*

## Attendance

Regular attendance is very important to your child's success in school. Please avoid having your child come to school late or leave before school ends. Please make all appointments for after 2:50.

*All absences – whether excused OR unexcused – count against your child. Parents of students with extensive absences will receive letters from me throughout the school year.*

## School Hours

The late bell rings at 8:45.

*Drop off begins at 8:30. Staff is not available to supervise your children prior to this time. As stated above dismissal is 2:50 for students in grades 1 – 5 and 2:45 for Kindergarteners! Kindergarten is picked up at the back door of each classroom.*

## How You Can Help Your Child Have a Successful School Year...

- 1. Become Involved.** *You can join the PTO or the School Governance Council, but most importantly you should check your child's backpack and homework nightly.*
- 2. Read To Your Child Regularly.** *Try starting with 10 – 15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Once you have established a routine increase the time!*
- 3. Make Sure Your Child Reads Nightly.** *Reading each evening is a part of every student's homework. Take an active role to make sure the reading takes place. To determine if your child understands what is being read - ask questions.*

### Types of things to ask:

- a) Who are the characters in the story?*
- b) Where does the story take place?*
- c) Is there a lesson that the character(s) learn?*
- d) Use prompts – What do you think...? How do you know...?*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Aug.31 A ALL 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade start school. Half of K starts.	Sept.1 A The other half of K starts school	2 B ALL students come to school
5 NO School	6 C	7 D	8 A PTO Meeting	9 B
12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B	16 C
19 D	20 A	21 B	22 C	23 D
26 A	27 B	28 C	29 D Open House	30 A

**We've missed you!  
Welcome Back!!**