COMING SOON: Marshall’s NEW Web Site!

We asked, listened, researched, analyzed, poked, prodded and have almost programmed our new and very improved Marshall Middle School’s Web Site!

Once up, the new site will provide:

- Quick and easy navigation to the information you need and want,
- Quick link to Skyward Family Access to review your student’s grades, attendance, etc.,
- The school’s calendar,
- Timely announcements,
- Easy access to the MCC Newsletter and Meeting Minutes,
- List of MCC activities and events for which you might volunteer,
- Link to PTO Manager,
- Online ordering of Mustang Spirit Wear,
- and more!

Watch for the exciting and soon-to-be-announced unveiling, and get your surfing fingers ready!

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Thank You for a Fabulous Book Fair and Get Ready to BATTLE!

Thanks to all who helped with our Scholastic Book Fair! Our Student Promotion Team did a great job of putting together advertising for the Fair, with many helping out not only during school days, but also before the band concert with the refreshments, gift wrapping, and sales. Big cheers to the parents who helped with set-up, sales, supervision, and tear-down. We couldn’t have done it without you! Thanks, also, to Anna Fagergren, community volunteer, for working closely with the students on their promotion activities. And finally, we greatly appreciate all of our customers - students, families, and MMS staff - who shopped at the Book Fair and who graciously support our library program.

Start thinking now about being a part of the 2009 Battle of the Books. Students form teams of 3-5 members to read from a book list and then compete with their knowledge of these stories. Watch for details in January!

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

**January 2009**

1/5.......... **WELCOME BACK! First Day Back** to School after Winter Break
1/7.......... Choir Concert **rescheduled due to December’s weather, 7 pm in the Cafeteria**
            (Choir members should arrive by 6:30 pm.)
1/8.......... Geography Bee Final
1/8.......... **Marshall CARES** Meeting, 5:30 pm in the Library, followed immediately by the
            **MCC Meeting**, at 6:30 pm in the Library. **Learn about exciting upcoming plans & events!**
1/19 ........ **No School** / Martin L. King, Jr. Day
1/30.........Another fun-filled, action-packed **Activity Night! 7-9 pm, $5 to enter with ASB Card;**
            Bring $$ for concessions, souvenirs, photos and more.

**February 2009**

2/6......... **Early Release Day**, school dismissed at 12:02 pm
2/6......... **“The Pirates of Penzance” - 7 pm, $5 per person, concessions available.**
2/7......... **“The Pirates of Penzance” - 2 pm, $5 per seat, concessions available.**
2/13—2/16 **No School** / OSD Mid-Winter Break & Presidents’ Day

**March 2009**

2/6......... **Early Release / Teacher In-Service Day**, school dismissed at 12:02 pm
Ahoy, Mates!

The Pirates Can Use Some HELP!

On Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, our students will perform the “wacky” musical comedy “The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.”, directed by Teacher, Mr. Haws.

This production needs a variety of volunteers to help create a successful experience. Mr. Haws is seeking help with:

- Sets—painting & assembly
- Costumes
- Ticket sales
- Concessions (at either or both performances)
- Stage assistance

Volunteers will receive one complimentary admission to see the performance of their choice.

So “come aboard”! Join us as we create swashbuckling successful performances and foster a fantastic learning experience for all!

Contact parent volunteer Kathy Muehleisen with questions or for more details (kmuehleisen@yahoo.com).

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eScrip Update

This is an easy & proven fundraiser!

School year-to-date, Marshall has received almost $4,700 through the eScrip program! $3,400 was raised during September’s “Back to School” promotion with Safeway receipts, putting us in the top 200 schools in the country, and earning us an extra $1,000 directly from eScrip! With another 100 cards signed up, we might triple our Free Money monthly earnings!

How does escrip work and how do I sign up?

$ You (or anyone) registers any grocery loyalty cards (e.g., Safeway), and/or debit or credit cards for use in the program.

$ Based on the purchases made with your registered card(s), merchants make contributions to Marshall based.

That’s it! Purchases can be tracked and viewed securely online, so you can see how much you’ve earned for Marshall! When your student moves on to high school, you can simply and easily change your designated receiving school, too.

Call Melissa Chase at 866-1535 (email rdmc chase@comcast.net) if you have questions. Then sign up and get shopping!