

Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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Calendar

November

- 1 EARLY RELEASE Day 3:30p Dismissal
- 8 EARLY RELEASE Day 3:30p Dismissal
- 11 Veterans Day/Non-Student Day
- 15 EARLY RELEASE Day 3:30p Dismissal
- 18 Great American Teach-In
- 22-26 Fall Break
- 29 EARLY RELEASE Day 3:30p Dismissal

December

- 6 EARLY RELEASE Day 3:30p Dismissal
- 13 NO EARLY REALEASE
- 13-17 Semester 1 Exams
- 20-31 Winter Break

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Mustang Families!

The first quarter of this school year is done! As we go to print, report cards will be going out and we look forward to providing incentives to the students who made honor roll. We enjoy rewarding the kids whenever we can and we want them to be proud of their hard work!

We also want to provide families with resources throughout the year that support emotional and mental health. You'll find this information posted on our PTSA Facebook page regularly. The National PTA and Florida PTA has wonderful information for families as well, and so we encourage you to check out their websites and social media.

We are happy to report that some volunteering on campus has resumed. Thank you to our book fair and picture day volunteers who were a huge help! We will continue to let you know when volunteer opportunities arise. Please make sure that you have reached out to our VP of Volunteers with your contact information if you are interested in these opportunities. If you have already done this, we will email out a Sign-Up Genius form each time we need volunteers. You must also have a serve form on file.

You may have noticed some of the staff getting recognition lately by our Teacher Appreciation Chair. Melissa did a fantastic job celebrating our custodians and bus drivers recently! They were provided with breakfast and goodies as a thank you for everything they do at our school. We will continue to recognize various school staff throughout the year.

Our Membership Chair has been working hard with our membership drive in the hopes of recruiting 1000 members. There will be more student incentives throughout the year for student PTSA members, so please make sure to sign your child up when you sign up. Please make sure to include next to each name whether you are signing up a parent, student, grandparent, etc. Dues are only \$7 per person and help support a wide range of programs and events geared toward educating and building a sense of community. Volunteering is appreciated but not required. You can support our PTSA through your donations, membership, and/or time. You may join our PTSA through our website and make payments for the birthday marquee.

Thank you to everyone who completed the PTA School of Excellence survey. We value everyone's input and want to provide an inclusive environment for our children, families, and staff. We are in the process of reviewing this information and will post updates throughout the year.

Thank you so much for all you do to support our school and your children. Go Mustangs!

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey

Martinez PTSA President



STAY IN THE KNOW

www.martinezptsa.org

Newsletter. The Martinez PTSA newsletter will be sent to all registered families each month.

Facebook. Join the Martinez PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news.

School news. Martinez Middle Web site: http://martinez.mysdhc.org/

District news. Hillsborough County School District Web site: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us

MUSTANG NEWS

Meet Your PTSA

Every month we will continue to highlight PTSA board positions/committee positions in an effort to better let you know what we do and who to contact. Please like our Facebook page and check out our PTSA website regularly to stay up to date on PTSA events at our school. However, if you have a specific question about a school policy/issue, please contact the school directly as we can only answer questions directly related to PTSA.

This month, we would like to thank Regina Jones, the PTSA Staff Representative. She is an immense help to our PTSA on a daily basis! Ms. Jones is our main point of contact at the school. She is always willing to help out anytime we need her and is there is to answer questions, forward emails to staff, and most recently assisted our membership chair with making sure all the students who are PTSA members were identified for the dress out day incentive. We are so lucky to have her as part of our team!

Our Hospitality Chair, Kristi Watts, takes care of the teachers and staff during conference nights and for the staff welcome back breakfast in August. She has done an amazing job so far providing meals for everyone! Kristi is also helping with our PTSA School of Excellence Team this year. If you have a business that would like to sponsor one of the conference nights (or would like to provide some of the food/drinks for staff), please reach out to her or to the PTSA President.

We are very lucky to have such an amazing team this year and we welcome anyone who would like to help out. Please feel free to reach out to us if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Teachers Favorite Things

DID YOU KNOW?

We have updated our Teacher and Staff Favorites page!

If you would like to thank a teacher, administrator or staff member this year, you can visit our Martinez Middle School PTSA website and click "Staff Favorites" at the top of the page. You can now search by position type, grade level (for teachers only) or look through names alphabetically. We hope this makes it easier to show your appreciation to the wonderful people who support the students at Martinez. If you have any questions, please email Martinez.stafffavorites@gmail.com.

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November

Cole S 11/1 Isabella M 11/1

Jackson B 11/1 Robin B 11/5

Cade O 11/6 Madison M 11/9

Gavin P 11/15 Cody H 11/16

Andrew C 11/24 Cecilia E 11/26

Evan L 11/29



Earn cash for Martinez Middle School PTSA while you shop!

Martinez Middle School PTSA will receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases each time you shop on Amazon Smile; at no cost to you! Just make sure to go to smile.amazon.com for all your Amazon purchases. You can use your existing account and all those holiday purchases will help our PTSA serve the students, teachers and faculty all year long! SEARCH: Bob Martinez Middle School



This year's theme is "I Will Change the World by...". All entries have been displayed in the Media Center for students, teachers and administration to view. Judging is being conducted by our Martinez art teachers the week of November 1st. Winners will be announced at school and on Facebook on Friday, November 5th. The top three entries in each category will be moving on to Hillsborough County judging. Good luck to all the students who participated!

Martinez Families and Friends!

Please join the Martinez National Junior Honor Society in their "parent organized" donation drive benefitting Hope Children's Home.

Bring a blanket/lawn chairs and donate, eat, relax, and listen to live music with other Martinez families as well as past Martinez families and teachers.

The local metal band Actual Purgatory members includes a drummer who is an 8th grade Martinez student and a shred guitarist who is a Martinez alumni and currently a 9th grade

Steinbrenner student.

In Attendance:

Bacon Boss Food Truck: 11:30am-3:30pm

Kona Ice: 12-2pm

Live Music: 11:30am-2pm

We are excited to see you there!



Any questions contact Annie Hayman - annhayman@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY MARQUEE

Have your child's name displayed on the Martinez Marquee for the week of his/her birthday!

The cost is \$20. Reserve your spot today!

Student's Name:				
Birthday Month:	_ Day:			
Homeroom:				
Telephone Number (only in case there is a quest	ion):			
I,, give per Birthday Marquee at Martinez Middle School.	ermission for my child's name to be displayed on the			
	(parent's signature)			
Paid by: check # or cash	or pay online @ www.martinezptsa.org			
Please make checks payable to	: Martinez Middle School PTSA			
Will also include a special acknowl	edgement in the MMS E-Newsletter			
(Please contact Jessica Diefenderfer with a	ny questions at <u>diefenderfer13@gmail.com)</u>			
I want to sta	ay informed.			
Sign me up to receive the PTSA e-newsletter delivered direc	tly to my e-mail box.			
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E-mail address:				
Phone number (In case there is a question about your e-mai	il address):			
Student grade level(s) \Box 6 \Box 7 \Box 8				
You will receive a monthly e-newsletter from the PTSA and informative e-mails about school and PTSA events.				
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	A Facebook page for all of the latest n vour PTSA!			



Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership 2021-2022



Your donation is tax deductible. **NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED.** By becoming a member, **YOU** are helping fund PTSA programs & initiatives, and have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings. **Anyone can become a member.**

Join today at https://martinezptsa.myschoolcentral.com or turn in this form to receive your electronic card.

ALL STUDENTS who register by September 30th will get a **FREE SPECIAL SURPRISE** on Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day. A 2021-2022 membership card must be purchased in student's name to be eligible for the special surprise.

How many Memberships are you purchasing?

	○ \$7 - Or	ne Membership				
	○\$14 - Two Memberships					
	○\$20 – 1	○ \$20 – Three Memberships				
	○ \$25 - I	○ \$25 – Four Memberships				
	○\$30 - I	○\$30 – Five Memberships				
Who is becoming a Martine	ez PTSA Member? <i>En</i>	mail required!!	for e-membership	card delivery.		
(Print clearly)				(Circle one)		
Name:	Email:			(I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)		
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Name:	Email:			(I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)		
Info needed for student's so	urprise delivery & qu	estions:				
Parent Phone:						
Student Member Name		Grade	Homeroom Tead	cher		
Student Member Name		Grade	Homeroom Tead	cher		

Questions? Please contact Amy Smith at martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com



Martinez Middle School Uniform Policy

Shirts

- Type: Polo Style/Collared Shirt (May be purchased through Mascot Universe or any other store)
- Colors: Solid black, gray, or teal
- Students may wear Martinez Middle School spirit shirts or College Shirts on Fridays.

Pants

- Type: Shorts, long pants/bottoms, skirts, or skorts (May be purchased at any store)
- Colors: Khaki or black
- · Length: All pants must be mid-thigh
- No jeans, leggings, jeggings, basketball shorts, or sweatpants.

Outerwear

Students must wear their collared unform shirts under their sweatshirts, hoodies, and/or jackets.

Students have two uniform outerwear options:

• Option 1: Martinez Middle School embroidered hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket purchased from the Martinez Middle School uniform vendor.

OR

• Option 2: Solid-colored (black, white, or gray) hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket. Outwear cannot include large logos, designs, words, and/or symbols.

Shoes & Accessories

- Students must wear close-toed shoes. Flip flops, slides, or sandals are not allowed.
- No hats, visors, beanie caps, or bandanas on campus.

Martinez apparel can be purchased through Mascot Universe in store or online.

Location: 19259 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548 Telephone: 813-933-2333

Website: https://mascot-universe-627394.shoplightspeed.com/middle-school/martinez/



Online Ordering for 2021-2022

Mascot Universe and the Martinez PTSA are continuing their partnership to sell the Martinez polos, spirit wear and even PE uniforms! One stop shopping for all of your Martinez uniform needs, as well as if you have students at Steinbrenner and Mckitrick. With our partnership, you will be able to visit the Mascot Universe location and make your uniform purchase or you can purchase your merchandise online at Martinezapparel.com, with the option to pick up your order at their location, 19259 N. Dale Mabry, Lutz, FL, or they offer shipping to your home for a fee. We hope this is a beneficial partnership for all of our Martinez families.

*PE uniforms are only required for 7th & 8th grade students.

**Uniform bottoms can be Tan or Black khaki pants, shorts, capris or skirts.

***ABSOLUTELY NO basketball shorts, NO yoga pants, NO leggings, NO sweatpants, and NO workout tights!

If you have any questions regarding the school polos, spirit wear or PE uniforms, you are welcome to reach out to Brandy Khorsandian, at martinezptsa.spiritwear@gmail.com.

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