







Dear Mustang Families,

We are nearing the end of the first quarter! For some, this time may have flown by. For others, these nine weeks may have felt like a year. In either case, I'm sure we have felt challenged at some point. It is the way we respond to those challenges that matters. How we speak to each other matters. How we treat each other matters. Challenges are not an excuse for incivility. Martinez is a community and what we put into that community is what we will get back. Pour in respect, appreciation, and understanding and watch everyone thrive.

Our annual fundraiser is in full swing. So far we have raised just over \$6,700 dollars.. The purpose of our fundraiser this year is to revamp and beautify our school courtyard. This space holds tremendous potential as a place of learning, relaxation, and community-building. With your contributions, we aim to create a comfortable, shaded environment that nurtures creativity, fosters a sense of belonging, and encourages outdoor engagement for our students. The fundraiser also makes our traditional PTSA programming possible...from fun events like Western Day & Mustang Jam to our Classroom Grants Program and Teacher/Staff Appreciation.

We appreciate everyone that came out to our PTSA Spirit Night at Calusa Pizza! \$100 was donated back to our school from sales. Our next event will be held at Tijuana Flats on 10/18.

Please take some time to review the newsletter for more information on all things Martinez! Let's Make it a Great Month! Go Mustangs!

Meghan McGuinness Martinez PTSA President

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill

Click on the icons below to connect with us!













BOB MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA AUGUST 8/10: First Day of School 8/18: Welcome Back Dance 8/22: PDQ Spirit Night 4-10pm



NOVEMBER 11/2: Steinbrenner Showcase for

SEPTEMBER 9/1: Picture Day 9/4: Non-Student Day 9/18: Conference Night I 9/19: Calusa Pizza Spirit Night 9/20: PTSA Gen MTG I 6PM, Cafeteria 9/25: Fundraiser Kick-Off

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Ist Annual PTSA COLOR PORTONIA

Saturday, October 21st 2PM-5PM @Martinez Middle School Free Event for Students & Families !

LIVE DJ COMPLIMENTARY PHOTOBOOTH THREE BROTHERS PIZZA & KONA ICE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

Click Here To RSVP

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR \$25,000 GOAL

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As always, your donations will also fund our traditional PTSA programming, events and programs like:

- Western Day
- Mustang Jam
- 8th Grade Dance
- Staff & Teacher appreciation
- Classroom Enrichment Grants
- Community Outreach & so much more!



Please register your student(s) and donate today! Your student will receive a free homework pass just for signing up, and will continue to earn incentives as they raise money towards our school goal.

As of 10/11 we have raised \$10,234.00 (40% of goal)

Please Scan the QR Code or visit <u>https://app.memberhub.gives/martinezcolorfunrun2023/Campaign/Details</u> to register and donate today!

ATTENTION RISING 9TH GRADERS!

(8th grade fams, this means you!)

SAVE THE DATES!



- Learn about:
 - Electives
 - Clubs
 - Athletics & More!

October 20th 10AM-12PM Students Only

November 2nd Time TBD (Evening) Students & Families

#RISINGWARRIORS

Martimez Middle School 6th GRADE OPEN HOUSE

Save the Date

2/22/24 | 5:30PM- 7:00PM

This event is for rising 6th grade students and their families. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about life as a Martinez Middle School Student!

Tour the campus, learn about general expectations, electives, clubs, and more!

We hope to see you there!

#RISING MUSTANGS





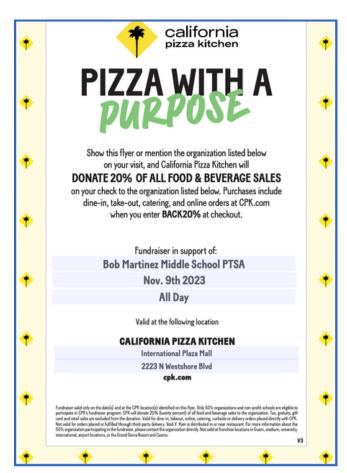


20% of sales will benefit Bob Martinez Middle School PTSA

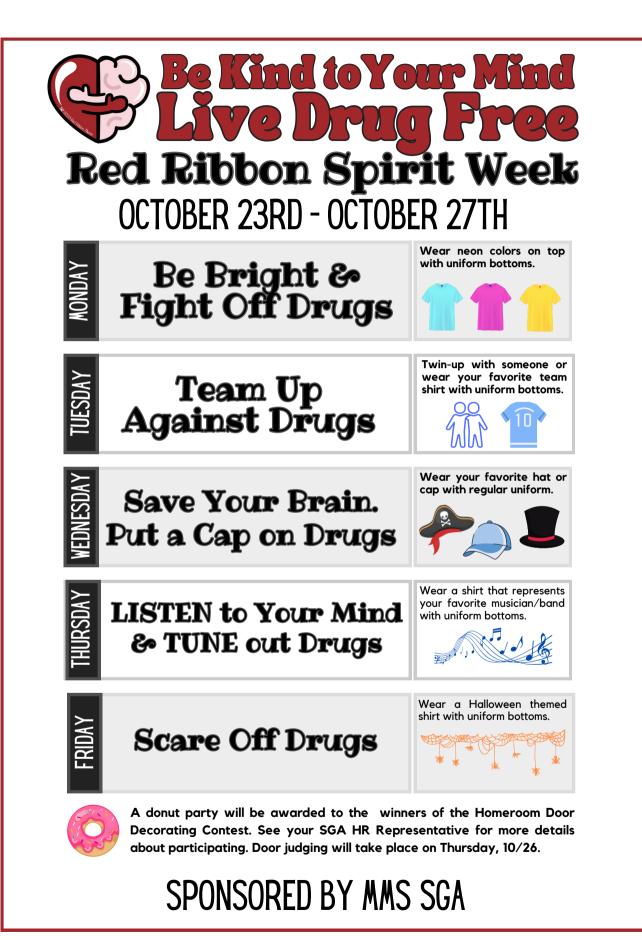
December 12, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST 23388 State Road 54, Lutz, FL

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.















Parents, community members, and friends of Martinez Middle School! Make plans now to be a part of the annual Great American Teach-In, on Thursday, November 16, 2023! We are looking for volunteers to teach one class or teach all day in this community-wide effort!

If you would like to share your enthusiasm about your career or hobby, please visit <u>https://forms.gle/TrbHC4wJgg3mjjzG9</u> to fill out our interest form. A member of our committee will contact you to confirm by the end of October.



Mission: To provide access to clothing and fundamental necessities for all PreK-12th grade students in Hillsborough County Public Schools.

In Hillsborough County, approximately 60% of students come from homeless or lowincome families. Many of those students are in need of clothing including new socks and underwear.

Join us in helping OASIS Opportunities provide these items to over 14,000 students this year by dropping them off at our collection site.

DONATIONS OF DOLLARS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED THROUGH THE OASIS DONATION PAGE OR ON THEIR WEBSITE AT <u>OASISOPPORTUNITIES.ORG</u>.

Drop Off Donations to: NJHS (Ms. Foster), SGA or Ms. Rodriguez



Collection Dates: October 13th-October 17th



The Millman Memo School Board Meeting Update by Jenn Millman, MMS Advocacy Chair

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th @ 4PM

Superintendent Comments:

- 9/11 Heroes Day
- House bill 1537 from the 2023 legislative session required that beginning this school year middle and high school students enrolled in Civics or US government classes receive instruction about 9/11.

10/10 is World Mental Health Day

• This year the theme is Mental Health is a Universal Human Right. Schools will recognize this day the whole month of October.

2.01 2023-2024 CTE Activities Calendar

• The calendar includes activities from Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), Career Exploration visits, and regional CTE events.

Calendar identifies activities for 9/20/23 to 10/22/24.

RESULT: Passed unanimously.

7.06 PB #23187-PGB-IV Cap Impr. Program Owners Representative

- The operations division has contracted with project management vendors to assist with capital projects.
- Due to the half cent sales tax, projects have increased, and the district requires additional project management to execute these projects.
- Approving up to 2.5 million dollars today, if that amount is close to being reached it will come back to the board to vote again.

RESULT: Passed unanimously.

10.01R Piggyback #22063-PGB-01 Cellular Communication Devices

• This is to purchase equipment from T-Mobile for key district personnel, current phones will be replaced with iPhone 13 and 14 models. Includes 5G unlimited data, voice and text and the ability to use in an emergency.

RESULT: Passed unanimously.

11.03 Approve the 2024 HCPS Legislative Platform

- Platform summarizes our position on funding requests, priority issues and policy, which will be assigned to our contracted lobbyists.
- Staff continue to look at the new FL statutes.
- Looking into appropriation dollars with Workforce, cyber security and early learning/VPK

RESULT: Passed unanimously.

11.05 Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims Against Altria

- The district will be receiving about 3 million dollars from a lawsuit against Juul. This is in addition to the 10 million dollars already approved. This lawsuit is regarding vaping.
- It cost the district no money as the law firm took the case on a contingency basis.

Passed unanimously.

11.06 Request Approval to Join the National Social Media School District Litigation Presented by Wagstaff and Cartmell (Chief of Staff)

• Requesting approval to join a lawsuit against social media platforms for the damage they have caused to students. There is no cost to us. We would be the 26 th district to join.

RESULT: Passed unanimously.

School Board Workshop: Transportation 09/26/2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

W01 Transportation (Operations) Presenter: Lisa Silva

Why?

- We are the 7 th largest school district in the nation
- County's largest employer with more than 26,000 employees
- Transport almost 90,000 students daily
- Over 800 daily school buses (more than HART transit)
- Tampa has the 11 th longest commute in the nation
- Leads nation in bike and pedestrian fatalities

Purpose/Expected Outcomes

- Provide big picture solutions to school-related transportation issues
- Establish a forum for dialogue
- Create communications between schools and government / agencies

Challenges Hillsborough County Schools faces:

• We operate over 900 school buses

- Traffic congestion and road conditions
- School bus driver and staff shortages
- Communication and coordination with schools and parents

SB766 - School Bus Passing Laws

- Allows districts to work with local authorities to utilize a citation system
- A camera will be placed on the side of the buses and if a car passes while the bus arm is out, the sheriff's office is notified and a citation is sent to the owner of the car.
- The ticket is not for license points and it links to the car, not the driver
- PTA's will help spread the word
- Law states there has to be a 30 day education and the first offense will be a warning.

HB657 – Speed Detection in School Zones

- Allows speed detection systems in school zones
- Will require Districts to establish official start times for the Breakfast Program
- Speed enforcement begins 30 minutes prior to the breakfast program
- No changes will be made because we already changed the start times years back successfully
- \$100 citation for vehicles 10+ mph over limit

HCPS Transportation Driver Shortage is a continuing problem

- 2-3 job fairs per month
- Hillsborough starting bus pay rate is now \$18.64/hour
- Over 250 routes that are vacant, not including daily call outs
- Here Comes the Bus app over 36,000 subscribers to track the bus
- Looking to get bus cards for students to swipe to take attendance. Parents will have an opt out option.





Watch School board meetings live at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/h3yukupk</u>





BE A PART OF GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT TO KEEP US FREE!

The residents of Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home need your assistance! 120 Veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War reside at the home. They receive \$35 a month to purchase every day, personal needs. For the most residents, this is all the money they have.

Again this year, due to CDC guidelines, we have had to modify our donation list. The staff at Lopez needs to maintain PPE and other required supplies, therefore available storage has been drastically reduced for our use. The only items we can collect are: • Depends Briefs & Mens Guards

- Boxes of Tissues
- Mens Stick Deodorant
- Mens Body Wash (Or 3-in-1 Wash)
- Body Lotion (Regular size bottles)
- Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Costco, Publix, Dollar Tree & Amazon
- Checks made payable to Operation Patriot and cash donations

ALL donations will be used to provide personal care products, in bulk, incrementally throughout the year and other items needed by our Veterans.



THANK YOU FOR HONORING OUR HEROES!!! Donation Drop-off: Mrs. Foster's Classroom Collection Dates: November 6th-November 17th



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1: Lucy M. 10/7: Joaquin R. 10/10: Adyson G. 10/14: Cloe C. 10/14: Savannah S. 10/15: Cecilia L. 10/17: Noah Y.

10/18: Hunter P. 10/18: Troy C. 10/20: Alessa K. 10/21: Adrian O 10/21: Alexa W. 10/21: Rilee W. 10/30: Madeline G.





CLASSROOM GRANTS FUNDED BY PTSA (through 9/30/23)



\$598.00

Mr. Lea received a grant to pay for two FlashForge 3D Printers that will be used in his robotics classes and during robotics club.



The students of Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Denslinger (approximately 260 students) are enjoying a Scholastic Math subscription.

\$138.63

Mrs. Short received a grant to purchase 36 Kick-Bands and a multi-phone charging station for her students to use during class.

\$728.70

This Student Services grant funded Start With Hello Week t-shirts and other program supplies. All MMS students participated in this week long event!

\$190.70

This family Spotify Subscription Plan was funded for the Phs Ed Department and benefits all Martinez Students that take P.E. (over 1000 students!)

MARTINEZ PTSA 2023-24 MUSTANG PATRON SOCIETY

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MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL **FFA NEWSLETTER** October 2023: Volume 3 Issue3









The FFA Parent Orientation was a huge success! There were about 30 families looking for a SAE! A SAE is a supervised agricultural experience.

At Martinez we have a lot of teams looking for people to join If you are interested in joining any teams, ask Mrs. Hessel for more information!



3. The market turkey and boer goat teams are working hard to maximize their animals weight for county fair.

We are approaching Hillsborough County Fair very quickly. Register Now!

October Livestock By: Landon Medendorp & Keenan Androff



Recently in the Livestock industry, after more than a year of combating an outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza, afflicting poultry farms across the commonwealth, state officials said Wednesday that Pennsylvania has received the "all clear" to resume normal international poultry trade.

In Dairy news, An explosion and fire Monday night at Southfork Dairy Farm southeast of Dimmitt, Texas, resulted in what may be biggest single-incident livestock death toll in history.

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Fully Electric Autonomous Tractor Unveiled In Missouri

TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS

Technology in agriculture has made many advancements to help society. One of these advancements is genetically modified crops.

A genetically modified crop is a crop whose DNA has been altered using technology.

HOW DO GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS HELP US?

Genetically modified crops have many benefits. GMO crops have a longer shelf life, enhanced flavor, and greater toleration to viruses.





Students must be in uniform every day unless otherwise noted- no exceptions!

Martinez apparel maybe purchased through:

- Mascot Universe
- Land's End or any other store

Uniform Shirts:

- Colors: Solid black, gray, or teal
- Polo Style/Collared Shirt with Martinez logo or plain/solid polo.
- Students may wear any Martinez Middle School spirit shirt or College shirt on Fridays only.

Uniform Bottoms:

- Color: Solid Black or Solid Khaki
- Type: Shorts, long pants, long solid black leggings (not short style), skorts, capris, or solid black basketball shorts (no stripes and must be able to stay up without the drawstring)
- Length: All bottoms must be mid-thigh or longer.

ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE: Striped basketball shorts, jeggings, sweatpants, pajama bottoms, blue jeans, bottoms with rips and holes.

Outerwear:

- Students must wear their collared uniform shirts under their sweatshirts, hoodies, and or jackets.
- Must be a Martinez Middle School logo from the vendor or solid black, gray or white.
- Must not include large logos, designs, words or symbols.

Shoes & Accessories:

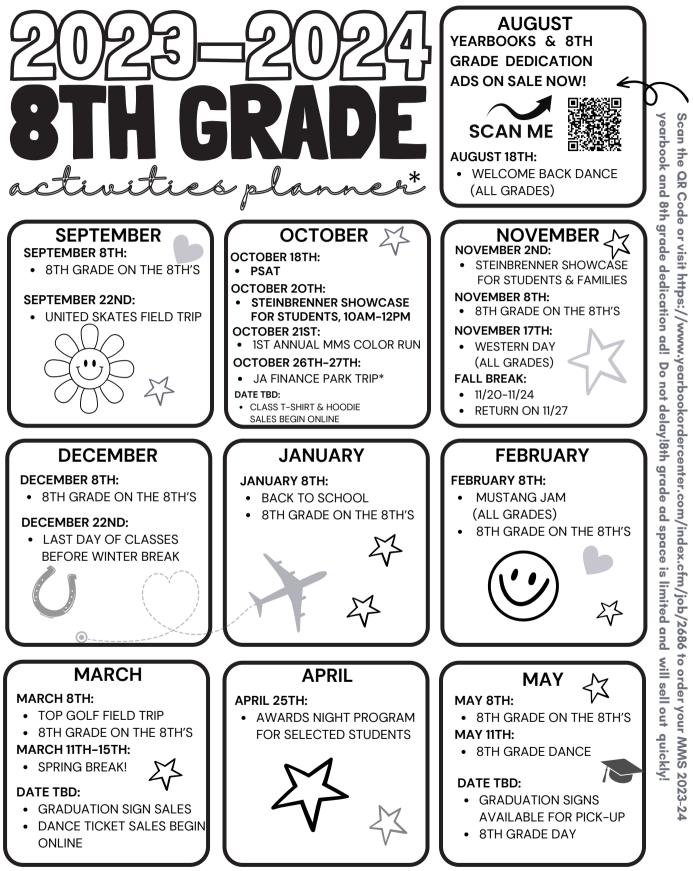
- Students must wear closed-toed shoes.
- Flip flops, slides, or sandals are not allowed.
- No hats, visors, beanie caps, or bandanas on campus.



<u>https://mascotuniverse.espwebsite.com</u> 19259 N Dale Mabry Hwy Lutz, FL 33548 Telephone: 813-933-2333



<u>www.landsend.com</u> Preferred School #: 900125204



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MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL



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6TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE Marisa Acclure & Lisa Peluso BIRTHDAY MARQUEE JESSICA DIEFENDERFER

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