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PTSA Newsletter
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Visit our Web site www.martinezptsa.org

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 6 NON-STUDENT DAY
- 12 EARLY RELEASE DAY 3:30 Dismissal
FFN @ TONYA & MATT'S 5-8:00PM
- 19 EARLY RELEASE DAY 3:30 Dismissal
** CONFERENCE NIGHT**
- 20 FFN @ PDQ(Carrollwood) 4-9:00PM
- 26 EARLY RELEASE DAY 3:30 Dismissal
- 30 SCHOOLCUSTODIANAPPRECIATIONDAY

OCTOBER

- 3 EARLY RELEASE DAY 3:30 Dismissal
- 10 EARLY RELEASE DAY 3:30 Dismissal
- 12 END OF 1ST GRADING PERIOD
- 19 FFN @ TIJUANA FLATS 5-8:00PM

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Mustang Families!

We hope you and your children are settling into the new school year and enjoying all our school has to offer. In case you aren't sure of what is going on around campus, please like and follow our PTSA FaceBook page and PTSA Instagram account. You do not need to be a PTSA member to follow us. We post a weekly calendar of school and Martinez community events, and this is the ONLY way to get it. So, come out and support our school sports teams, chorus, band, FFA, dance team, etc. Come join us at our Family Fun Nights at local restaurants, during which time a portion of the proceeds comes back to our school.

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Tuesday, 9/20 at PDQ in Carrollwood (4-9 pm). Please see the attached flyer for details and make sure to mention Martinez Middle School when you place your order.

I hope you will consider joining our PTSA family this year. Dues are only \$7 and help support a wide range of programs and events geared toward educating and building a sense of community. NO VOLUNTEERING IS REQUIRED. We only send volunteer sign ups to families who have specifically let us know they are interested in volunteering.

We are also wrapping up our Annual Giving fundraising drive. This is a direct donation drive of which 100% of the funds will benefit students, faculty and PTSA programs. To date, we have raised just over half of our \$25,000 goal. If every family donates just \$20, we would reach our goal and Principal Johnson will get duck taped to a wall!

This year, your donations directly support much-beloved PTSA programming like Mustang Jam, teacher grants that enrich the classroom experience, quarterly honor roll incentives, campus beautification projects, and so much more. This year a portion of funds raised will go towards the Media Center improvement project. Your donation to this year's drive earns you and your student an incentive and gifts. We have included a flyer with information about it in this packet, and you can donate directly through our PTSA website (<http://martinezptsa.org>). You may also join our PTSA through our website, become a family sponsor, and make payments for the birthday marquee. We will also keep you updated through our Martinez PTSA Facebook page, flyers and emails.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey
Martinez PTSA President

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

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

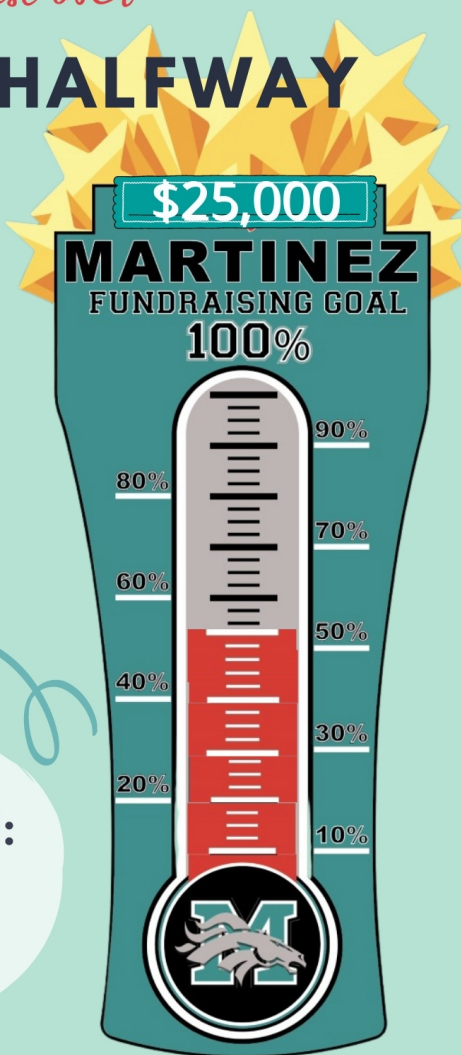
School news. Martinez Middle Web site: <http://martinez.mysdhc.org/>

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

CUE THE BON JOVI! *just over*
WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!



As of 9/1:
\$13,725



<https://martinezptsa.myschoolcentral.com>

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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 question): _____

I, _____, give permission for my child's name to be displayed on the Birthday Marquee at Martinez Middle School.

_____ (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 acknowledgement in the MMSE-New sletter

(Please contact Jessica Diefenderfer with any questions at diefenderfer13@gmail.com)

I want to stay informed.

Sign me up to receive the PTSAe-newsletter delivered directly to my e-mail box.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number (In case there is a question about your e-mail address): _____

Student grade level(s) 6 7 8

You will receive a monthly e-newsletter from the PTSA and informative e-mails about school and PTSA events.

Like the Martinez Middle School PTSA Facebook page for all of the latest updates from your PTSA!

MARTINEZ PTSA

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2022-2023

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Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership Drive

Dear Martinez Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer. Our school offers some very exciting PTSA membership levels. **NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED.** With these levels, you receive wonderful **value** for your money! Our PTSA receives 100% of the profits with everything going directly to our school and most importantly our students. Some of the projects that will benefit from our efforts are media center, teacher grants, student incentives and school improvements. Our goal is to enlist at least 1000 PTSA members and create a large network of sponsors. **Any family member can be a PTSA member. ALL STUDENTS WHO REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30TH WILL GET A FREE SPECIAL SURPRISE ON STUDENT PTSA MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY.**

Student must be registered as a member below to be eligible for the special surprise. With your donations we can make it happen! **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE** Below are various membership/ donation levels and the benefits of each. **Also, single PTSA memberships can be purchased for \$7 each.**

PTSA Member - \$7 (can purchase more than 1 – please list all memberships purchased below)

Pony Partner - \$50

Recognition at PTA Functions,

2 PTA memberships and

Family name listed in the Memory Book

Thoroughbred Sponsor - \$100

Recognition at PTA Functions, 4

PTA memberships,

Free Martinez PTSA car magnet

Family name listed in the Memory Book

Mustang Sponsor - \$200

Recognition at PTA Functions,

6 PTA memberships

Free Martinez PTSA car magnet

Free engraved nameplate on Memory Book (Memory Book must be purchased separately)

Family name listed in the Memory Book

| Member Name (list primary donor 1 st) | I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher, etc. | Email required for e-membership delivery |
|---|---|--|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |
| 6. | | |

Please complete the following only for the person sponsoring: Member level: _____

| Address: | City/State/Zip | Phone: |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Is this a cell phone? yes no |
| Student Name: | Teacher: | Grade: |
| Student Name: | Teacher: | Grade: |
| Student Name: | Teacher: | Grade: |

Thank you for helping our school and students. If you have any questions, please contact us via our PTSA website, www.martinezlutzfl.pta.ptsa.org, Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/martinezPTSA> or Instagram @martinezptsa. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Martinez VPMembership



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), black leggings, black basketball shorts
- Colors: Khaki or black
- Length: All pants must be mid-thigh
- No blue jeans, No pajama pants, no sweatpants, no bottoms with rips, holes or tears.

Outerwear

- Students must wear their collared uniform 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 2022-2023

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 yoga pants, 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 PTSA, at martinezptsa.spiritwear@gmail.com.



CALLEIGH K. 9/ 1

GIA B. 9/ 2

ZEKE G. 9/ 10

REILLY F. 9/ 11

JATNIEL L. 9/ 11

KATIE H. 9/ 16

SAM M. 9/ 17

BRANDON L. 9/ 21

EMMA G. 9/ 21

MAX M. 9/ 25

BENTON M. 9/ 29

PARKER B. 9/ 29

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TASTES GREAT



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

Martinez Middle School
PTSA

Tuesday, September 20th
4pm – 9pm



DINE-IN or DRIVE-THRU. Tell our Team Member you're supporting the organization when you place your order. A portion of your purchase will be donated.



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MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA 2021-22 YEAR IN REVIEW

STUDENTS SUPPORTED

 **1,159**

TEACHERS/STAFF SUPPORTED

 **95**

SOCIAL MEDIA NUMBERS

 **1,272**  **250** 

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

 **621**

GRANTS & IMPROVEMENTS

\$32,046

BUSINESS SPONSORS

 **19**

STAFF/TEACHER EVENTS

 **15**

DEVICES PURCHASED

 **30**

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

STAFF WELCOME BREAKFAST
BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (3)
STAFF FAVORITES PROJECT
PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS
CONFERENCE NIGHT DINNERS (3)
PRINCIPALS BREAKFAST INCENTIVE
STUDENT DRESS DOWN DAY
MUSTANG JAM EVENT
NEWSLETTERS (8)
REFLECTIONS PROGRAM
TESTING STRATEGIES
REPORT CARD INCENTIVES (3)
6th GRADE SPRING ORIENTATION
FAMILY FUN NIGHT EVENTS:
Bahama Bucks Rock N Brews
SPIRIT WEEK EVENTS:
Tie-Dye Day Crazy Sock Day
Jersey Day Hat Day
Kona Ice Treat for Everyone!
STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS:
Bus Driver Law Enforcement
Custodian School Counselors
Psychologist Cafeteria Workers
Media Center Social Worker
School Nurse Principals/VP's
Administrative Professionals
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES
Class T-Shirts
Awards Program
Graduation Signs
Class Dance
Morning Donut Sales

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MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA NEWSLETTER

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A repurposed 100 gallon cow trough houses the Living Wall Team's project

MEET THE 'LIVING WALL' TEAM

This month's newsletter spotlights the aquaculture team or "Living Wall". The Living Wall Team began at the start of their seventh grade year with three fish, they are now in eighth grade and have since grown to fourteen. The three original fish did not survive due to the water not being sterile, and the team quickly learned to either leave the water out for three days to kill the bacteria, or use the UV lights. The UV lights kill bacteria and algae, sterilizing the water with the help of a pump and filter. They also clean the tank (which is a repurposed cow water trough that is a 100 gallons) with paint brushes every Monday and Friday. They have grown six types of plants including mint, herb, and sage, with an average cost of twelve dollars a month, the living wall is still growing.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR SEMINAR

We are looking forward to the Florida State Fair Seminar, where we will prepare and learn more techniques for the state fair in February 2023. Also to get ready for Florida State Fair, some teams will be going to Hillsborough County Fair. We can't wait to meet up with all our FFA members on the first Monday of every month, starting September 12th. On these club days, we will be doing different activities engaging with our members. There are many more events to come our way this year but for now there's a few!

WHAT'S NEW IN AG?

There are many agricultural trends going on right now and one of them is consuming beets. Beets burst with nutrients and have very few calories. These tasty vegetables play a key role in growth, development, and heart health. They contain betaine and folate, both of which can help lower blood levels of homocysteine. Maintaining a lower level of homocysteine is important because it provides less risk of artery damage as well as lower risk of heart disease. Beets are grown in states like North Dakota, Southern California, and many others in the U.S. This vegetable has many other benefits, and we encourage you to try it!



COW PEN, TURKEY PEN & LAND LAB NEWS



Over the summer FFA Members and alumni rebuilt the cow pens, got turkeys and built the turkey pens. They also cleaned up the Land Lab and did other things to make the Land Lab look amazing.



A new turkey pen and improvements in the cow pen (above).



BOB MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

ANNUAL GIVING

Every Gift Counts

HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's easy! Just scan the QR code below to visit our website to make your donation online, or fill out the form below and send in your cash/check donation to school in an envelope with your student to turn into their homeroom teacher. 100% of your tax-deductible donation benefits our school!

HELP US REACH OUR \$25,000 GOAL!!!

As always, your donations directly support much-beloved PTSA programming like Mustang Jam, teacher grants that enrich the classroom experience, quarterly honor roll incentives, campus beautification projects, and so much more. This year a portion of funds raised will go towards the Media Center improvement project!

STUDENT INCENTIVES

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Legacy Courtyard Brick | \$750.00 |
| Principal's Breakfast | \$500.00 |
| Martinez Yearbook | \$400.00 |
| Martinez Baseball Cap | \$300.00 |
| Martinez Spirit Shirt | \$100.00 |
| Martinez Car Magnet | \$25.00 |

SCHOOL INCENTIVES

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Duck tape the principal | \$25,000.00 |
| Blue Jeans Week | \$20,000.00 |

***All incentives are cumulative and based on individual student contributions. Students from the same family do not share rewards. Distribution dates for incentives will be announced after the fundraiser has been completed (anticipated late October) School-wide incentive celebrations TBD.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Donor Name

Email

Phone

Student Name

Grade (circle one): 6th 7th 8th

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Hoodie Size (For donations \$100 & up, please circle size):

Youth Sizes: YM YL YXL

Adult Sizes: SM MD LG XL 2XL 3XL



\$25 & up
Car Magnet

\$100 & up
Mustang Spirit Shirt
50/50 Cotton



\$300 & Up
Baseball Hat



\$400 Donation
2022-23 Yearbook



\$500 Donation
Principal's Breakfast



\$750 Donation
Legacy Brick



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Lauren Borio at Laurenvale18@yahoo.com

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