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Calendar

May

- 1 Principal and Assistant Principal's Day**
- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week**
- 9 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 11 School Nurse Appreciation Day**
- 16 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 23 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Mustang Families!

We're in the final month of school! Final preparations are being completed for the 8th grade dance coming up on 5/14 and students are in the middle of testing to wrap up the year. We also held the incoming 6th grader orientation night in April and it was a huge success with almost 300 families attending! Thank you to Mascot Universe and Bahama Bucks being a part of this night, Mr. Johnson for putting together a wonderful presentation, teachers and staff who were present, NJHS students for being the tour guides, the Sensations dance team for providing entertainment, and our PTSA volunteers for putting it together!

We just finished celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, and we hope you have been following our social media to see all of the amazing meals and goodies that were provided to teachers and staff! A HUGE thank you goes out to Melissa Siebels, Karen Spangler, Crissy Blair, and the rest of the PTSA volunteers who have stepped up to assist. Our business partners have provided donations to spoil the teachers with massages, gift cards, food, and various experiences they can enjoy at a later date. Please make sure to support these partners that support us! It was an amazing week and we are so happy to be able to show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate them!

In this newsletter, we have also highlighted the various projects the PTSA has funded this school year with the support all of you have provided. We were able to fund over \$32,000 in school projects and teacher grants! We look forward to continuing this support the next school year and plan for some campus beautification and signage upgrades as part of this, in addition to continuing to fund teacher grants throughout the year. We appreciate each and every one of you for your support!

We have our final General PTSA Meeting on Thursday, 5/19/22 at 5 pm in the Cafeteria. This is the same night as the chorus concert at Gaither, but we will finish with plenty of time for families who are attending the concert. We will be voting in next year's PTSA board members and chairpersons.

Finally, if you want to be in the know, like our FaceBook page, follow us on Instagram, and check out our PTSA website. This is a great way to get information on school happenings and stay connected. Please make sure that you have reached out to our VP of Volunteers with your contact information if you are interested in volunteer 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.

We hope you have a fantastic summer, and 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

Look What Our PTSA Funded this School Year!

Every month we have highlighted PTSA board positions/committee positions in an effort to better let you know what we do and who to contact. Now, we'd like to give you a summary of all the projects that the PTSA has funded at school thanks to the generous donations and assistance provided by our families and business partners. Here are the details:

30 devices for a computer lab at school - \$9338.00
 Repeater and 10 new radios - \$4756.00
 Full set of chorus chairs - \$4800.00
 Soccer goals - \$2939.99
 Lacrosse sticks - \$2250.00
 Volleyballs - \$1467.40
 Ping Pong tables, balls, paddles, badminton rackets - \$1264.00
 Brainpop subscription - \$1916.00
 Printer, toner, ink - \$1003.41
 Start with Hello materials/prizes - \$750.00
 School resource officer annual training - \$400.00
 6 Amazon Fire 7 Tablets - \$332.62
 Scholastic Action Magazine - \$260.98
 3 Gimkit Subscriptions - \$179.64
 Spotify Music Subscription - \$170.00
 Day of the Dead Cultural Celebration - \$167.08
 11 books - \$117.30
 Fluorescent light covers (ADHD, autism, etc.) - \$116.07
 Quizizz - \$96.00
 Teacher Pay Teachers - \$48.88
Total = \$32,372.38

And this doesn't include materials provided during the incoming 6th graders orientation night, teacher and staff appreciation, donated school supplies, testing encouragement supplies, student incentives, etc. WOW! Thank you so much to all our generous donors!

We have a fantastic team and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you prefer not to head up a committee, consider assisting on one or letting us know how you would like to be involved!

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National PTA School of Excellence

Dear Families, Administrators and Teachers:

Martinez Middle School PTSA is continuing our participation in the **National PTA School of Excellence program** to grow our family-school partnerships and enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students in our community.

As part of the process, National PTA requests feedback from families, administrators and teachers at two points in the school year—the beginning and the end. We have used your responses from the first survey to implement an action plan for continuous school improvement. Our focus this year was to Ensure the Health and Safety of Students, with a focus on student stress reduction, and preparing families for student transitions. Thus far we have:

- Facilitated an orientation for rising 6th graders and their families to prepare them for the transition to middle school.
- Provided students with test-taking and stress management strategies during key exam weeks.
- Provided student incentives to reward success for strong grades and also for good citizenship.
- Increased communication with families through social media to create a stronger school community.

Now it is time for our second survey! We are proud of what we have accomplished so far, and kindly ask for your feedback once again. Your responses will not only help us show our improvements but will also provide us with more information as we continue to build upon our efforts to enhance family-school partnerships in the future.

Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experience at this school and complete the attached survey. Mark the response that most accurately expresses how you feel about your experience. This survey is completely anonymous. **Please complete the survey by May 25.**

Does this sound like a PTA program you'd really like to help with? Join us! Contact Cindy Bailey at MartinezPTSA.president@gmail.com to learn more!

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey
Martinez PTSA President

Mr. Toby Johnson
Martinez Middle School Principal

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work toward becoming a National PTA School of Excellence!

English Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo2AWxgaFTjzd_Rf0I1dN3iJgiaGz0EKi-QTNXzT0r9ByWyQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Spanish Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekM3y4LwSJ--yjoWdqD_79n_vjDyrB7F44yxHinI5w7Ur-Ag/viewform?usp=sf_link

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY!!!

May

Keanu K 5/4

Rachel D 5/5

Mia M 5/8

Harrison L 5/10

Madison R 5/10

Shaan P 5/10

Marina S 5/12

Erica B 5/22

Miranda C 5/25

Maria N 5/29

Jordan G 4/28

Ayden M 4/28

June

Dylan C 6/12

Charlotte B 6/18

EvaSofia R 6/18

Andrew D 6/28

Jana A 6/29

July

Cole V 7/9

Jack D 7/25

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.martinezpts.org

Please make checks payable to: Martinez Middle School PTSA

Will also include a special acknowledgement in the MMS E-Newsletter

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

I want to stay informed.

Sign me up to receive the PTSA e-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 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 - One Membership**
- ☐ **\$14 - Two Memberships**
- ☐ **\$20 - Three Memberships**
- ☐ **\$25 - Four Memberships**
- ☐ **\$30 - Five Memberships**

Who is becoming a Martinez PTSA Member? *Email 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 surprise delivery & questions:

Parent Phone: _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

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 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 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 martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com.

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Thank You!



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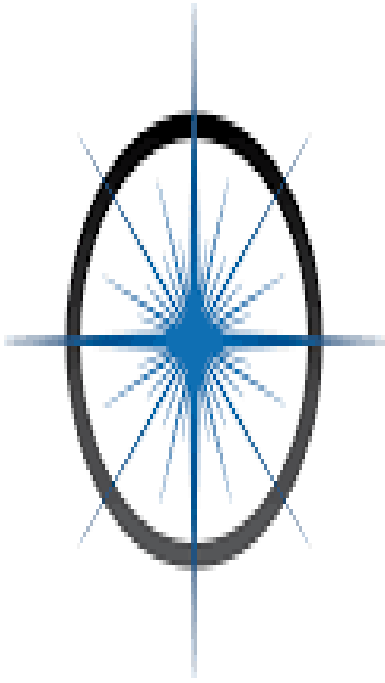
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