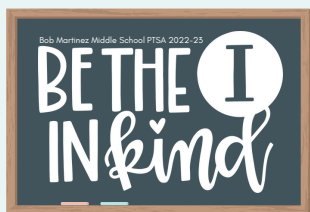




10/3; 10/10; 10/17; 10/24; 10/31:  
Early Release Day (3:30)  
10/7: Custodian Appreciation Day  
10/11: Reflections Deadline  
10/12: End of 1st Grading Period  
10/14: Bus Driver Appreciation Day  
10/19: FFN @Tijuana Flats Lutz  
5:00-8:00PM  
10/26: School Lunch Hero Day



11/2: Report Cards  
11/9: Calusa Pizza FFN  
11/8-11/12:  
National School Psychology Week  
National Social Worker Day  
School Counseling Week  
11/17: Western Day  
11/21-11/25:  
Fall Break



## A Note from the PTSA President



Hello, Mustang Families!

We are officially in the Fall season! Our PTSA is planning some events for our students and families so please make sure to like and follow our PTSA FaceBook page and PTSA Instagram account to be most up-to-date. 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 extracurriculars!

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, 10/19 at Tijuana Flats Lutz at 17475 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. (5-8 pm). Please see the attached flyer for details and make sure to mention Martinez Middle School when you place your order.

We are in the process of planning activities for Red Ribbon Week 10/24-10/28. Be sure to ask your kids about this, and we will be posting helpful resources for our families throughout the week. We are also planning a presentation to be held one evening in November for parents to attend.

We wrapped up our fundraising drive this past month, and although we fell a bit short of our \$25,000 goal, we really appreciate everyone who contributed as these funds support our entire school. Family sponsorships, PTSA memberships and business partnerships can be purchased on our PTSA website throughout the year, so if you didn't get a chance to take part in our annual fundraising drive, please consider helping out this way. Remember, NO VOLUNTEERING IS REQUIRED. We only send volunteer sign ups to families who have specifically let us know they are interested in volunteering. With funds received so far, we have approved several teacher grants already! Please see our list in this newsletter for details.

Finally, Western Day is returning on Friday, 11/18. We are so excited to partner with the school staff and know that the students will have a blast! Check our social media for more information as we near that date.

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

Cindy Bailey  
Martinez PTSA President

click on the icons below to connect with us!



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We currently have 471 members. Thank you so much to everyone who has joined the PTSA so far! Help us reach our goal of 1000 members!

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## PTSA Teacher Grants

So far this year, our PTSA has funded teacher grants in the amount of \$2082.00! Items funded include clarinet and trombone mouthpieces, exercise bands to help with focus in the classroom, science history bell work, an Apple iPod and Spotify plan for music during PE, and exercise genius materials.

## Our Next FFN Event:



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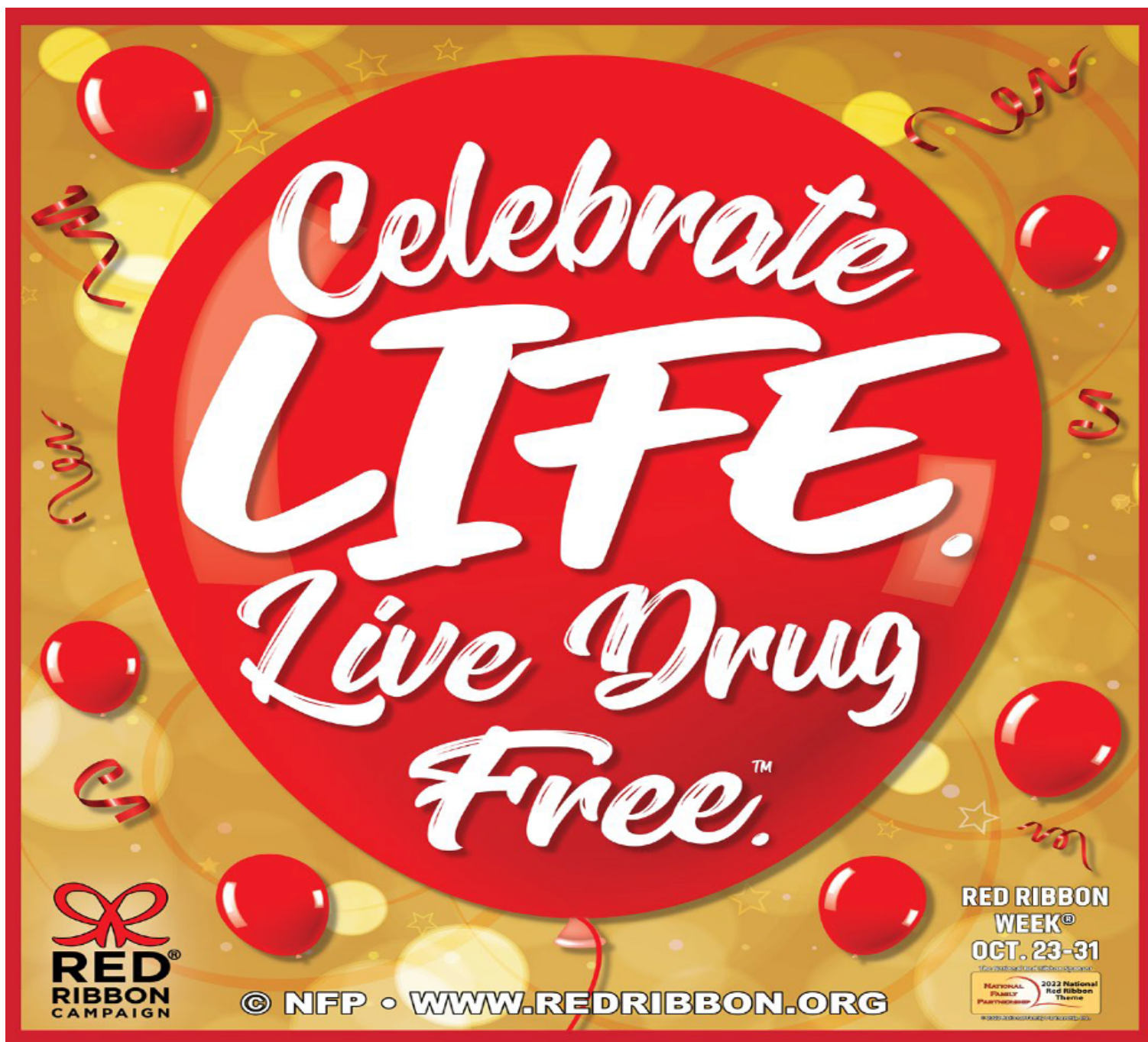
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## October Birthdays

10/1: Lucy M.  
10/2: Scott L.  
10/4: Sasha S.  
10/5: Brandon M.  
10/8: Jacob C.  
10/10: Ady G.  
10/15: Gabriella H.  
10/15: Maya J.

10/17: Chloe Y.  
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# **MARTINEZ PTSA 2022-23 MUSTANG PATRON SOCIETY**

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<b>The Deokule Family</b>	<b>The Shah Family</b>

# MMS Uniform Policy

## Uniform Shirts:

- 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.

## Uniform Bottoms:

Type: Shorts, long pants, skirts, skorts, black leggings, black basketball shorts.

Colors: Khaki or black

### Length:

All pants must be mid-thigh

No blue jeans, pajama pants, sweatpants, or bottoms with rips, holes or tears.

## Outerwear: Students have two uniform outerwear options:

### Option 1:

Martinez Middle School embroidered hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket purchased from Mascot Universe.

### Option 2:

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

**\*\*\*Students must wear their collared uniform shirts under their sweatshirts, hoodies, and/or jackets\*\*\***

## 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.**

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# MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA NEWSLETTER

October 2022: Volume 2 issue 2

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The Beef Team in Action

## IN THE AGRICULTURAL LIMELIGHT

Beef Team is the first to compete as a team. But how do they practice? The beef team trains by practicing positioning their heifers in such a way that it highlights its individual structural strengths of that animal. Students are researching nutrition and digestion to best help their animal gain muscle mass and promote fiber quality. As part of regular Maintenance and preparation for competitions a professional hoof trimmer came to trim their hooves and recently received a health certificate from a vet.

## BE IN THE AGRICULTURE KNOW!

Are you ever wondering what's going on in agriculture? Well, other than waiting for the monthly newsletter, you can also check out some of these websites or apps. RFD TV can really help if you're one that likes to stay up to date on the trending topics and stories on agriculture. Farm 21 is a great app for farmers to find specific information. From weather, to scouting, and satellites. Lastly, another great app called Farm Water Adviser helps farmers with irrigation solutions and is able to provide precise irrigation scheduling with no expense hardware!



## WHAT'S NEW IN AG?

October is the kickoff to the holiday seasons, starting with the cooler weather breezing us into the exciting competition season for our Martinez FFA students.

This month 16 elite students will be competing in the identification of tools, vegetables, citrus fruits, and the science behind food harvesting, preparation and marketing. These competitions challenge the student to know the different developmental stages of the crops and understand the common fungus or parasites that may affect the crops. Wish us luck.

## REFLECTION...

Deputy Duran goes above and beyond the call of duty Your strength, compassion, and ingenuity does not go unnoticed. Everything from Tagging Cattle, watching over the animals during the hurricane and more! Thank you, Deputy Duran, for all you do to help our program be successful and our school be safe.



Deputy Duran is a friend to FFA!



# Annual Giving Wrap-Up

Thanks to the generosity of our Mustang families, we raised a total of \$19,870 this year! Although we did not meet our \$25,000 goal, our expenses this year were lower than the previous year. In fact, we will net about \$150 more this year due to lower incentive costs. Incentive distribution will begin mid-November (see schedule below).

If you missed the opportunity to donate during Annual Giving, the good news is...it is never too late to support the PTSA! You can still make a general donation at any time during the school year! Please visit <https://martinezptsa.myschoolcentral.com> to make your donation today! Thank you!

## Annual Giving Summary 2022-23

Fundraiser Statement of Cash Flow				
	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-2020
Total Cash Donations	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 6,971.00	-	-
Total Online Donations	\$14,970.00	\$ 16,175.00	-	-
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$19,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,146.00</b>	<b>\$22,960.28</b>	<b>\$ 25,634.26</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,082.98</b>	<b>\$ 5,507.02</b>	<b>\$ 4,108.18</b>	<b>\$ 4,352.89</b>
<b>Expense Percentage</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$17,787.02</b>	<b>\$17,638.98</b>	<b>\$18,852.10</b>	<b>\$21,281.37</b>
<b>Net Profit Margin</b>	<b>89.52%</b>	<b>76.21%</b>	<b>82.11%</b>	<b>83.02%</b>

### **2022-23 Participation Rate:**

132 families, enrollment 1,160 (11%), average donation \$150.53

### **2021-22 Participation Rate:**

206 families, enrollment 1,147 (18%), average donation \$112.35

### **Estimated Incentive Distribution Schedule:**

- Magnets, T-shirts & hats are expected mid-November.
- Principal's Breakfast has been scheduled for 11/15.
- Families that qualified for the legacy brick will be contacted shortly for personalization info.
- Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the school year.

For Annual Giving or Incentive related questions,  
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