



Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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Visit our Web site www.martinezptsa.org

Calendar

October

- 5* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 8 Track Paperwork Due
- 5-10 SGA Donation Drive
- 12* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 12 Track Tryouts
- 12 Camp GOTR starts
- 13 **Picture Day**
- 15 Flag Football/Volleyball Paperwork Due
- 19* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 19 Flag Football/Volleyball Tryouts
- 23* End of 1st Grading Period
- 26* *EARLY RELEASE* Day

November

- 2* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 9* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 11 Veteran's Day – Non-Student Day
- 16* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 23-27* Thanksgiving Break
- 30* *EARLY RELEASE* Day

Picture Day October 13th

On-Campus Students *During PE Class

e-Learning Students

Pictures will be taken in *Room 204* from 10am-2pm

Drive-up format. Exit cars at the car line, walk in for their picture and return to their car. This will assure we maintain compliance with our COVID protocol

Non-Uniform day; MUST follow HCPS dress code as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Martinez Families,

I have some great news to share, as we finalized the only fundraiser event at Martinez. This year's fundraiser goal was set lower than previous years considering the circumstances with COVID19. We have surpassed our initial goal of \$15,000 and ended up with a grand total of \$18,125!! I would like to extend my thanks to Jennifer Harbour and Courtney Cook, Co-Chairs of VP Fundraiser for their commitment leading our "Just One" donation drive and also to our generous Martinez families who made this possible through donations. Currently, we are working on ordering student's incentive items and will sent out notification once it's ready for distribution. Our goal is to complete distribution of all incentives before fall break.

There are few important Staff Recognition dates in October:

- Friday, October 2nd "Custodian Appreciation Day"
- October 12th~16th "National School Lunch Week"
- October 19th~23rd "National School Bus Safety Week"

PTSA will provide appreciation gifts to our custodians, cafeteria staffs, and bus drivers to remind them how much we appreciate their hard work. They are definitely first line workers that are helping with day to day operations at Martinez.

Martinez PTSA is required to hold General PTSA Membership Meeting each year which all general members will have the opportunity to vote, and get familiar with our PTSA. The first 2020-2021 General Membership Meeting will be held on October 29th at 7PM via Zoom. Please expect to receive an email with the Zoom link information in next few weeks. We will approve the budget, and provide treasury report at the meeting. We are also planning to take questions but only regarding PTSA business.

Some final reminders for parents:

- Yearbooks on sale now at www.yearbookordercenter.com, use order #2686
- If you would like to be included on our list for volunteers, please email your contact information to martinezptsa.vpvolunteers@gmail.com
- 1st Qtr Conference Night on Monday, October 5th from 3:45PM-5:45PM
- Picture Day at Martinez on Tuesday, October 13th for both B&M Students and E-Learners

Thank you!
Sonya Choi
Martinez PTSA President



STAY IN THE KNOW

www.martinezpts.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

Fundraiser Incentives will be distributed before Fall Break. We are currently working to place all vendor orders. We appreciate your support of the Martinez PTSA. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Harbour and Courtney Cook, Vice Presidents of Ways and Means Committee at: Martinezpts.VPFundraiser@gmail.com



September Birthdays

Zeke G.	10	Christian G.	18	Emma L.	21
	Carter M.	23	Gelysa R.	24	
		Austin L.	28		

October Birthdays

Dante R.	1	Rory M.	2	Ryan G.	5	Max T.	6
Emily N.	11	Raina I.	17	Tripp D.	18		

Martinez Staff Favorites

For the moments when you would like to show your appreciation to a Martinez staff member, we now have their "Favorites" available to you. A "Favorites form" was provided to every staff member at Martinez so that they can be rewarded or recognized, with their favorites. The forms are now available for you to view on line at <http://martinezlutzfl.ptaptsa.org/staff-favorites> & there is also a binder in the front office containing the same information. As we receive the forms from the Martinez staff, we will be updating the binder and website. We hope that you will find this helpful when you would like to show your appreciation to your teachers, a favorite student nutrition or custodian member, as well as your guidance counselor or administration. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Bridget Verrecchia at martinezpts.spiritwear@gmail.com.

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Tryouts for:

- B/G Track - Week of October 12th
- B/G Flag Football **AND** Volleyball - Week of October 19th

Dates and times TBD - Note: Tryouts will be staggered in order for everyone to have the opportunity to tryout for both sports.

Athletic paperwork must be submitted online via PlanetHS no later than 4PM:

- Thursday, October 8th for any student trying out for Track
- Thursday, October 15th for any student trying out for Flag Football and/or Volleyball
- PlanetHS Getting Started: https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/docs/00/00/17/13/HCPHS_PHS_Parent_Student_Getting_Started.pdf
- PlanetHS Login/Create Account: <https://www.planeths.com/index.php?keyword=%2Fuser%2Fsignin&schoolID=0>
- Note: Parent/Guardian **AND** Student must have an PlanetHS Account in order to submit forms accurately.

Please Note:

- No athletic paperwork accepted after deadline or at school site
- Student may not participate in tryouts if online submission is not complete/Approved
- 7th Grade students may not participate if non-compliant for DTaP immunization



OCT 5-OCT 10

HOPE CHILDRENS HOME DONATION DRIVE

Helping children in need:

Student Government will be sponsoring a donation drive for Hope Children's Home. Hope Children's Home holds a special place in the hearts of our SGA member Alyssa Hayman and her mother. They love volunteering and helping at the Hope community. Founded in 1968, Hope Children's Home has rescued nearly 5,000 children between the ages of infant to 18 years of age. The type of children they care for, through no fault of their own, find themselves in a situation of needed rescue. Some children simply come out of a situation where a parent just needs a little help. For over 50 years, Hope Children's Home has lovingly cared for children in need and tried to make a difference in their very impressionable lives.

Household Items needed:

Gallon Ziplock bags	Disposable cups	Disinfectant spray
Heavy Duty Tin Foil	Womens/Men's deodorant	Children Daily Vitamins
Pine-sol	Face wash	Conditioner
Qtips	Shampoo	Loofahs

School Items needed:

USB cables for ipad	White board cleaner	Over the head headphones	Manilla Envelopes
Binders	Expo markers	Sticky tac	AA batteries
File folders	Tab Dividers	Copy paper	Paper Clips

Non-Perishable Food Items:

Canned Soup	Instant Mashed potatoes	Spanish rice	Peanut Butter
Juice Boxes	Canned Fruit	Canned Veggies	Bread
Cereals	Chips	Canned Pasta Sauce	Jelly
Flour tortillas	Soy sauce	Canned meat	Box noodles
Canned peas	Ranch/ Italian dressing	Instant Rice	Individual packed snacks

Any other NON-perishable items are more than welcome. Thank you.

**Spread the word...
collect from friends
and family**

**Saturday collection at
Stonebrier's
basketball court
gazebo on Oct. 10th
from 9-4.**

**Location: 3741 W.
Countyline Road**

**Bring donations to
Mrs. Kelly (329)
during the week**

**Sponsored by:
Martinez Middle
Student Government**

MARTINEZ MIDDLE

**5601 W. LUTZ
LAKE FERN ROAD**





*“I’ve never had **FUN** like this before!”*

*If you want to make friends, play games be creative and have a blast – **Camp GOTR** is for you! At **Camp GOTR**, you will participate in exciting activities and have tons of fun with other amazing girls.*



What's Camp GOTR?

The First Citrus Bank **Camp GOTR** by Girls on the Run provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for girls of all abilities to develop self-confidence and learn life skills they can use now and as they grow. Girls will enjoy building friendships in a fun and inclusive setting that includes interactive lessons, being physically active, and expressing creativity through arts and crafts and storytelling. Led by caring and qualified Girls on the Run coaches, our camp combines the best of the Girls on the Run program with all the fun of camp!

WHEN: 4:30-6:30 PM Mondays & Wednesdays, 10/12 – 11/4

WHERE: Martinez Middle School

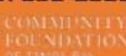
REGISTER: Online at www.gotrtampa.org
or call (813) 832-2826 to register over the phone

SLIDING FEE: \$5 – \$120

*Scholarships and Payment Plans Available!
If you have a Need, you Qualify!*



QUESTIONS? Contact us at (813) 832-2826 or





VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

SAVE THE DATE!

Martinez Middle School

Book Fair dates: October 19th – November 1st

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from **October 19th – November 2nd**.

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist.

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/martinezmiddleschool1>

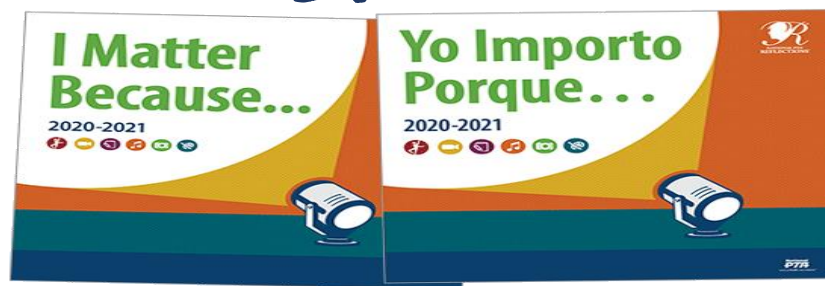
Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Supple, Media Specialist
Martinez Middle School

MARTINEZ PTSA ARTS COMPETITION








Reflections



Do you enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme is, ***"I Matter Because..."***, calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts.


ALL Martinez students are invited to participate, whether you are e-Learning or a Brick & Mortar Learner!

Students can submit their completed works of art in one or more of the available arts categories. The number of categories to enter is your choice.

-  Dance Choreography (.avi or .mp4 format) [Click here for dance choreography rules/guidelines](#)
-  Film Production (.avi or .mp4 format) [Click here for film production rules/guidelines](#)
-  Literature (.pdf file) [Click here for literature rules/guidelines](#)
-  Music Composition (.mp3 or .wav file, and score in .pdf) [Click here music composition rules/guidelines](#)
-  Photography (.jpeg, .jpg, or .png) [Click here for photography rules/guidelines](#)
-  Visual Arts (.jpeg, .jpg, or .png) [Click here for visual arts rules/guidelines](#)
-  Special Artist [Click here for special artist rules/guidelines](#)

The deadline for submitting Martinez Reflections entries is **October 26.** Submit your art piece(s) to your Homeroom Teacher.

Step 1.

Download and fill out the Student Entry Form by double clicking on the image to the right  [2020-2021-Reflections Student-Entry-Packet.pdf](#). **Make sure you save this form to your computer after you fill it out.** Print out the completed form (2 pgs.) and submit along with your art piece. Also include the digital version of your form when submitting your art. If you are entering multiple arts categories, a Student Entry Form (printed & digital) must be submitted along with each art piece.

Step 2.

Read through all the rules for your chosen art category(ies) and start creating. Click on the links located above to see each category rule/guideline.

Step 3.

On October 26th, submit your art to your Homeroom Teacher. Make sure **ALL** submission requirements are followed according to the category you have chosen (info included in category rules/guidelines links located above). Your artwork can advance to the County Level Competition only if the submission requirements are followed.

Have fun creating!! Contact [Leslie Nixon](#) if you have any questions.

2021 *Martinez Mustang* YEARBOOK

**PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK
BY PHONE OR ONLINE**

Yearbooks will not be available for purchase through the school by cash or check at this time.

**Call 1-866-287-3096 OR go to
www.YearbookOrderCenter.com
Use order number 2686**

***The earlier you order, the more you save..**

Tier 1 = \$35 (NOW - 9/30/20)

Tier 2 = \$40 (10/1/20 - 1/11/21)

Tier 3 = \$45 (1/12/21 - 4/10/21)

***8th Grade Dedication Ads
are to be designed and purchased online.***

Deadline for dedication ads is December 12, 2020

QUESTIONS?

Email Dawn Perez @
dawn.perez@sdhc.k12.fl.us



***YOU ARE ONLY
GUARANTEED A
YEARBOOK IF YOU
PRE-ORDER!**



Please print the birthday marquee order form below and send it to the office marked
PTSA Birthday Marquee!

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: _____

Birth Month _____ Date _____

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 _____ pay online @ www.martinezptsa.org

Please make checks payable to Martinez Middle School PTSA

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

Please contact Martha Burke with any questions at Mhburke001@aol.com

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Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership

2020-2021

Help us accomplish great things by becoming a Martinez PTSA Member.

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.**

ALL STUDENTS The OUT OF UNIFORM incentive for students has been extended to October 30. When your student becomes a Martinez PTSA Member, s/he will receive a free ticket to dress out of uniform on Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day (date TBA).

To order your PTSA Membership for you and your family, go to <https://martinezlutzfl.ptapsa.org/> and click on "online store".

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 Out of Uniform pass delivery & questions:

Parent Phone: _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____



Online Ordering for 2020-2021

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 jeggings, 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 me, Bridget Verrecchia, at martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com.

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Thank You!



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