



# Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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**Visit our Web site [www.martinezptsa.org](http://www.martinezptsa.org)**

## Calendar

### October

- 4 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 8 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period**
- 11 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 12 Picture Day**
- 18 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 25 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 28 Middle School Report Cards Available**

### November

- 1 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 8 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 15 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 22-26 Fall Break**
- 29 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**

## Note from the PTSA President

Hello Mustang Families!

The first quarter of this school year is coming to a close, and we hope that your children are enjoying their experiences so far. Some of you took advantage of the opportunity to have a conference with your child's teachers during conference night. Our Hospitality Chairperson, Kristi Watts, provided a boxed dinner for the teachers to enjoy that night. This is a tradition we will continue throughout the school year, and we hope to be able to provide a variety of tasty options.

Although there continue to be restrictions with volunteering on campus, Our PTSA has been working hard with our membership drive and "Just One" fundraiser. We raised over \$23,000 during our donation drive! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed! As a result, the children earned all the schoolwide incentives that were offered, which includes a dress out day on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child adheres to school and county dress code guidelines when dressing out of uniform that day. 100% of these donations go to directly support our students and teachers. For example, this money has already begun supporting our teacher grant fund program bringing supplies directly into the classroom. We will also be funding devices for our students, which have been vital to learning during the pandemic and will continue to be a valuable tool in our children's education.

We also now have 526 PTSA members! Our goal is 1000 members for this year. Any student who joins the PTSA will get to take part in special rewards incentives throughout the year. Our first membership incentive is a dress out day on 10/22. Students will need to show their membership cards upon arrival to school to participate. Dues are only \$7 and help support a wide range of programs and events geared toward educating and building a sense of community. Volunteering is appreciated but not required. You can support our PTSA through your donations, membership, and/or time. You may join our PTSA through our website and make payments for the birthday marquee. We will also keep you updated through our Martinez PTSA Facebook page, flyers and emails.

Please also complete the PTA School of Excellence survey posted on our website and the PTSA Facebook page. We value everyone's input and want to provide an inclusive environment for our children, families, and staff. More information is included in this newsletter.

Finally, please consider having your children participate in the Reflections art program. There is more information in the newsletter about this, as well as on our website and Facebook page. We would like to get as much participation as possible.

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey  
Martinez PTSA President



## STAY IN THE KNOW

[www.martinezptsa.org](http://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](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us)

## MUSTANG NEWS

### Meet Your PTSA

Our PTSA Treasurer, Melissa Avila, is responsible for managing all the financials of our PTSA. This includes depositing funds received, distributing funds for approved teacher grants and other programs run through the PTSA (such as Reflections, student incentives, hospitality, etc.), and keeping a budget and accounting of all PTSA funds/expenses. The treasurer's work never stops throughout the school year and attention to detail is very important. We really appreciate everything she does daily to support our PTSA!

**Reflections Chairperson** – The Reflections chairperson is responsible for promoting the National PTA Reflections Art Program to students at Martinez Middle School. They distribute enrollment forms, create signage for school advertising, share electronic media for parents to get students involved, gather volunteers and judges and plan a celebration to reward participants.

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation** – This position celebrates the amazing teachers and staff at Martinez Middle School throughout the school year. Events and gifts are planned for specials days such as Bus Driver Appreciation Day, School Nurse Day, Teacher Appreciation Week and many more.

### Membership

Hello Martinez families! We are continuing to encourage all of our parents, family members, students and close friends to become PTSA members. We currently have 526 memberships with a goal of reaching 1,000 memberships for the 2021-2022 school year!

**Good News! The September 30th deadline for students to join the PTSA to enjoy an out of uniform day has been extended until October 20th.** The out of uniform day has been approved to take place on October 22nd. The membership must be in the student's name and the student must have their PTSA membership card with them on October 22 to show they are eligible to be out of uniform.

You can purchase a membership at our online store by going to <https://martinezlutzfl.ptapta.org/> or send in the membership form with your student. The PTSA membership is an important part of our organization at the school level as well as county and state level. Many large businesses give discounts for PTSA members and it's an easy and effective way to demonstrate your commitment and support for Martinez and our students without having to volunteer!

You can email [martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com) with any questions!

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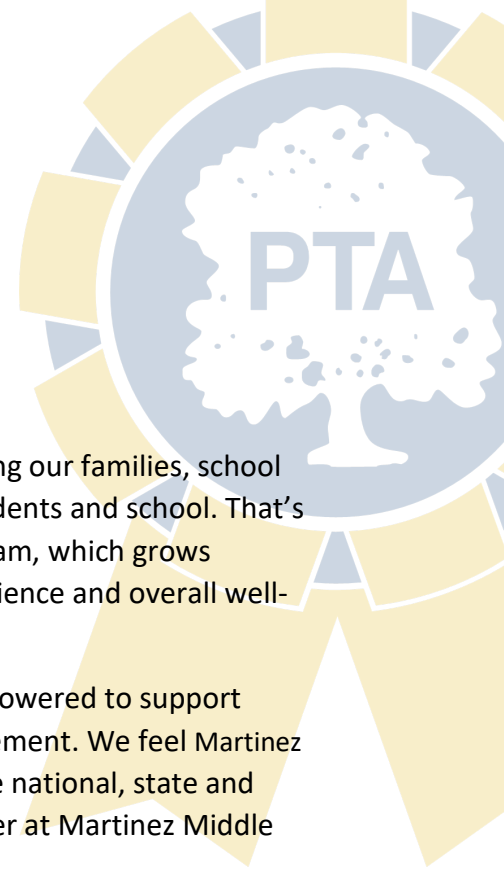
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September 20, 2021

Dear Families, Administrators and Teachers:

The Martinez Middle School PTSA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That's why we are participating in the National PTA School of Excellence program, which grows partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

At a National PTA School of Excellence, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement. We feel Martinez and the Martinez PTSA can achieve that together—and the result will be national, state and community-wide visibility for the positive impact we are making together at Martinez Middle School.

**We need your help!** 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. Your feedback will help us improve our family-school partnership and achieve excellence.

Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experience at this school and complete the attached survey. Mark the box that most accurately expresses how you feel about your experience. This survey is completely anonymous. Please complete this online survey by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Does this sound like a PTA program you'd really like to help with?** Join us! Contact Cindy Bailey at [martinezptsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.president@gmail.com) to learn more!

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey

Martinez PTSA President

Toby Johnson

Martinez Middle School Principal

**LINK FOR SURVEY:** [School of Excellence Survey](#)

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



**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.

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**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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

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***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](mailto:martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com)



The 2021-2022 National PTA Reflections Art Contest is underway! Entry forms can be picked up in the front office. Make sure that all criteria has been met before returning your submission. Please return entries to the front office by the end of school on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be handled by select Martinez Middle School teachers. We can't wait to see how you will Change the World



## Earn cash for Martinez Middle School PTSA while you shop!

Martinez Middle School PTSA will receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases each time you shop on Amazon Smile; **at no cost to you!** Just make sure to go to **smile.amazon.com** for all your Amazon purchases. You can use your existing account and all those holiday purchases will help our PTSA serve the students, teachers and faculty all year long! SEARCH: Bob Martinez Middle School

# **HAPPY** **BIRTHDAY!!!**

## **October**

**Lucy M 10/1**

**Tania P 10/6**

**Matthew C 10/8**

**Aiden G 10/11**

**Maya J 10/15**

**Joaquin D 10/17**

**Noah Y 10/17**

**Raina I 10/17**

**Hunter P 10/18**

**Tripp D 10/18**

**Allessandrina K 10/20**

**Colin M 10/23**

**Sophia A 10/31**

## **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](http://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](mailto:diefenderfer13@gmail.com))

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## **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!**

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# **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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com).

## BUSINESS SPONSORS

Thank You!



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