



Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

Martinez Middle School
5601 W Lutz Lake Fern
Lutz, Florida 33558
813.558.1190
A Hillsborough County School

PTSA Newsletter
November 2019
Volume 16, Issue 4

Visit our Web site www.martinezptsa.org

Calendar

Volleyball Schedule

November

5 vs Walker
6 @ Smith
14 vs Farnell
18-20 Championships

Track Schedule

December

4 @ Sickles
11 Championships

November

4* *NO EARLY RELEASE* Day
7 Track Paperwork Due
7 2nd Quarter Progress Reports
11 No School – Veterans Day
12 Conference Night 4:50-6:50pm
12 Track Tryouts
18* *NO EARLY RELEASE* Day
21 Great American Teach-In
21 PTSA Board Meeting 8:30am
25-29 Thanksgiving Break

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Martinez Families and welcome to November!

The PTSA would like to extend a warm welcome to our new school principal Mr. Toby Johnson. We are excited to have you join our Mustang family.

I have some great news to share, as the donations for our fundraiser have finally finished coming in, we have slightly surpassed our initial goal of \$25,000 and ended up with a grand total of \$25,299!! I would like to extend my thanks to Wanda Grimsley, VP of Ways and Means who spearheaded our "Just One" campaign and also to our generous Martinez families who made this possible through personal and corporate donations. During the last few weeks students enjoyed some of the incentive rewards that were earned during the event. On October 11th the students were rewarded with the Upside-down day and a Kona Ice treat that was earned through the fundraiser. Last week we also had our Out Of Class Party for those who donated at the \$75 level. Thank you to all the families that donated treats and water for this.

Our Mustang Meet-n- Greet and General Meeting held on September 5th had a great turn out. Families were treated to Kona Ice, received information on various clubs and ways for their student to be involved at Martinez, and got to view the raffle drawings that were done for the fundraiser.

Some final reminders for parents:

- Yearbooks on sale now at www.yearbookordercenter.com, use order #2686
- The Great American Teach In will be held at Martinez on November 21st. If you would like to participate as a presenter, please sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548ABAE29ABFE3-great>, password is mms
- If you would like to be included on our list for volunteers, please email your contact information to:
martinezptsa.vpvolunteers@gmail.com

Jennifer Bommarito
Martinez PTSA President

Thank You

The Martinez PTSA would like to thank all the students, parents, and teachers for coming out to the annual Mustang Meet and Greet. Martinez showcased numerous clubs which offer exciting opportunities for students to get involved in the school community. Yet again, Martinez demonstrates dedication in providing students opportunities to excel both academically and socially. Go Mustangs!

Big thanks to the PTSA and Kona Ice for providing refreshing cool treats!

Mark your calendars! The next big Martinez PTSA event is

Mustang Jam on February 4th

You don't want to dodge to it.

MUSTANG NEWS

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.ptapsa.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 martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com.

HAPPY  **BIRTHDAY!!!**
November

Ty M	1	Cecilia E	26
Patrick Y	5	Morgan L	27
Dallas C	15		
Alexandra L	17		
Zachary L	17		

2019-2020 Martinez PTSA Board

President: Jennifer Bommarito

martinezptsapresident@gmail.com

VP of Programs: Amy Pardo/Erica Rude

martinezptsavpprograms@gmail.com

VP Ways And Means: Wanda Grimsley

martinezptsavpfundraiser@gmail.com

VP of Membership: Leslie Nixon

martinezptsamembership@gmail.com

VP of Volunteers: Angela Bydalek

martinezptsavpvolunteers@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sonya Choi/Jessica Diefenderfer

martinezptsatreasurer@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Simonette Paragas

martinezptsarecsecretary@gmail.com

Corresponding Secretary: Portia Engman

martinezptsacorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com

8th Grade Activities: Tamara Ponce

martinezptsas8thgradedance@gmail.com

Birthday Marquee: Laurie Grantham

lauriepgrantham@hotmail.com

Hospitality: Sharri Cagle

sharri@keystokindness.org

Newsletter: Annie Hayman

martinezptsanewsletter@gmail.com

Reflections: Melissa Cauger

melissacauger@gmail.com

Sno-Cones: Laurie Grantham

lauriepgrantham@hotmail.com

Spirit Wear Liaison: Bridget Verrecchia

martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com

Tutoring: Sonal Patel

martinezptsatutoring@gmail.com

Website: Annie Hayman

martinezptsawebsite@gmail.com

Open House Coordinator: Amy Smith

Recycled Uniforms: Karan Lamb

Teacher Appreciation: Cheryl Michel

Teacher Representative: Christopher Johns

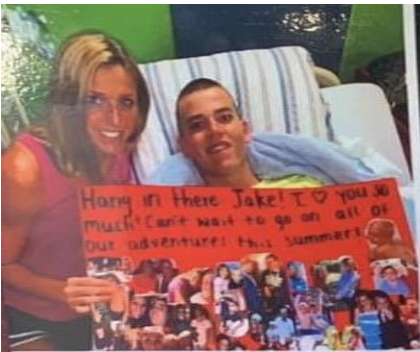
christopher.johns@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Staff Representative: Beverly Clifford

beverly.clifford@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Martinez Principal: Toby Johnson

toby.johnson@sdhc.k12.fl.us



Thanks so much for all of your support!!!
We are so appreciative and will forever be grateful!!
Love,
Mike, Michelle, Lexie & Jake
#TeamJake
NeverStopFighting



**FIGHTER
SUPERSTAR
WARRIOR
SURVIVOR**



Hello Martinez Family,

I want to express a tremendous thank you on behalf of the PTSA board and membership, students, teachers, Martinez Middle School Staff and the entire school community to everyone who donated to our 2019-2020 PTSA Fundraiser. We had tremendous success and surpassed this year's \$20,000 goal!

Qualifying students enjoyed Out of Uniform Days and the entire campus participated in ***Upside Down*** Day as teachers dress in uniforms and students get to wear their own, original clothing within dress code.

Our entire school community will benefit from your generosity in tangible, meaningful ways. Below, we recognize our Business sponsors from the community who donated services or items for our Meet and Greet raffle, as well as Student Family businesses who donated. We hope you'll support these businesses who have partnered with us in our efforts to improve our school. Additionally, we want to say a special thank you to our families who donated at the \$250 threshold or higher.

It has been such a joy to me, personally, to serve in this way and see all the goodness and generosity here in our midst. We appreciate you!

With Mustang Pride,

Wanda T. Grimsley

VP Ways & Means

Community Business Sponsors

Tropics Boat Tours - Clearwater

Altitude Trampoline Park - Tampa

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

TreeHoppers – Aerial Adventure Park – Dade City

TopGolf - Tampa

Daddio's Pizza (Formerly Uncle Maddio's Pizza) - Lutz

Starbucks - Odessa

Jersey Mike's Subs - Lutz

Tijuana Flats - Lutz

Target – Lutz

Jeremiah's Italian Ice – Tampa

Martinez Family Business Donors

Van Dyke Animal Clinic – The Lynch Family

1st Choice Fasteners & Tools, Inc. – The Sampson Family

RHW Interior Design – The Waller Family

Chisholm & Beach, PLLC –The Chisholm Family

New Homes Solutions – The Anderson/Mackey Family

Family Donor Special Recognition

Amelia Langlois

Hannah Williams

Ella Lawrence

Matthew Leon

Ryan Reichmuth

Eli Bedingfield

Johanna Barnett

Kierstyn Gordon

Alyssa Hayman

Logan Hylton

Henry Dorrell

Jacob Ward

Ryley Waller

Ben Glas

Kristina Galchenko

Ava Gelyon

Jack Lynch

Brynn McCardle

Caden Sanchez

Madison Kuster

Sophia Ioannidis

Ben Lejkowski

Saige Sampson

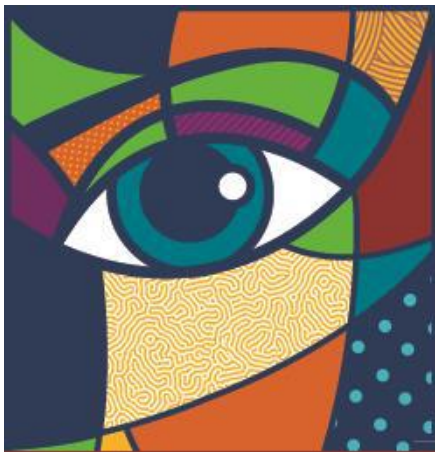
Ryan King

Ben Parker

Adrienne Locke

Julian Roig

Mina Thackeray



2019–2020
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® THEME
LOOK WITHIN
Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.



Visit **PTA.org/Reflections** to learn more and get involved.

CONTACT MELISSA CAUGER, MARTINEZ REFLECTIONS COORDINATOR AT
MELISSACAUGER@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
VISUAL ARTS ENTRIES MUST NOT EXCEED 11x14 IN SIZE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE **MONDAY 11/4/2019**.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MARTINEZ WEBSITE.



**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

Please contact Laurie Grantham with any questions at lauriepggrantham@hotmail.com

.....

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day was held on October 24th. Martinez students who support their school community through Membership were celebrated on this day. 137 FREE DONUTS were distributed and enjoyed during lunch. Fresh glazed & chocolate covered versions of the sweet pastry were offered. Which donut to choose proved to be a difficult decision for many. Seeing their smiling faces, many with chocolate at the corners of their mouth, was a reward in itself.

THANK YOU MARTINEZ PTSA STUDENT MEMBERS!!

Membership Drive Continues

It's not too late to help support our students and school community through Membership. NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED. Anyone can become a member! Your one time membership due helps support student programs, teacher grants, school improvements, and so much more. All current PTSA Student Members & those who become a member by December 31st will receive a FREE TREAT during the Spring Semester (date TBD).

Student members also have voting rights at all general PTSA meetings.

There are two ways to become a Martinez PTSA Member:

1. Print & fill out the form that is included in this newsletter. Have your student give the form with payment to their homeroom teacher.
2. Order online at martinezptsa.myschoolcentral.com

Questions? Please contact Leslie Nixon at martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com



Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership

2019-2020

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

Your PTSA Membership helps fund:

Student Programs

Department & Teacher Grants

Family Activity Nights

School Needs & Improvements

Student Incentives

And so much more

ALL CURRENT STUDENT PTSA MEMBERS & ALL NEW STUDENTS who register by *December 31st* will get a **FREE SPECIAL TREAT** during the Spring Semester (student must have a valid 2019-2020 Martinez PTSA membership card *in his/her name* to receive the FREE TREAT). In addition, every student PTSA member will have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings.

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?

(Print clearly)

(Circle one)

Name: _____ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

Name: _____ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

Name: _____ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

Name: _____ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

****Required info!! needed** for e-membership card delivery, DONUT ticket delivery, & questions:

Parent Contact info: Email _____ Phone _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Please contact Leslie Nixon with any questions: martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com

Total paid: \$ _____ cash _____ check # _____ CC (last 4 digits) _____

2020

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 - 9/30/19)

Tier 2 = \$40 (10/1/19 - 1/13/20)

Tier 3 = \$45 (1/14/20 - 4/11/20)

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

Deadline for dedication ads is November 30, 2019.

QUESTIONS?

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



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



We are excited to announce that Mascot Universe and the Martinez PTSA have partnered together, as of April 2019, to sell the Martinez polos, spirit wear and even PE uniforms! One stop shopping for all of your Martinez uniform needs! With our new 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.

*New spirit wear designs for the 2019-2020 school year.

*PE uniforms must be purchased through Mascot Universe, in lieu of purchasing them at school. A new option for a female style gym short is being offered this year.

*PE shorts are for PE! **PE SHORTS MAY NOT BE WORN AS A UNIFORM SHORT WITH THE REQUIRED POLO. THEY MAY ONLY BE WORN DURING GYM CLASS!**

*Effective for the 2019-2020 school year, 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!**

*Shoe requirements follow the Hillsborough County dress code which state "no tennis shoes with wheels or bedroom slippers".

*Students must wear their polo shirts Monday through Thursday, with the option on Friday, to wear a Martinez spirit shirt, a college t-shirt or their uniform polo.

*Students may wear a hoodie, along with their uniform shirt underneath.

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.