



Welcome to 2018!

Marion Walker PTO

January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!!!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are excited about the new year. The PTO has many exciting events coming up. Please continue reading for more details!

HOLIDAY STORE RECAP:

In mid-December Marion Walker PTO held one of its biggest annual events...the Holiday Store. Volunteers and crafters graciously created, donated and wrapped over 4,500 items for our students to enjoy.

Perhaps the best part of this entire event is watching the students joyfully shop for those they love. Their smiles make all the hard work well worth it. A special thanks to volunteers and crafters who helped transform the multipurpose room into a miniature North Pole.

LET IT SNOW!!!



WINTER CARNIVAL:



Next month Marion Walker will host its annual Winter Carnival on February 23rd. (Snow day March 2nd) The night is a great mix of games, raffles, food and fun! We hope to see you there!

Information regarding donation needs, pre-sale tickets and volunteer opportunities will be made available in upcoming weeks. The event requires a great deal of volunteers for games and helping in the kitchen. If you have any questions, you may contact the carnival co-chairs as follows:

- Games – Bikem Oskin at bikem523@hotmail.com
- Raffles – Laurie Henry at lauries36@yahoo.com or Lindsey Harter at katkr8zy@gmail.com
- Kitchen – Danyelle Crouthamel at Danyelle_brown@hotmail.com

Clearances are NOT required to volunteer for this event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Many of our upcoming events require volunteers to help make them a success. Please remember the school district requires all volunteers to obtain clearances for activities during the school day. For more information about becoming a registered volunteer, please visit <http://www.basd.net/Domain/84> or contact PTO Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Wynkoop at litcoachjackiew@gmail.com.

- Matchbox Cars
- Snack Size Doritos / Tortilla Chips
- Dum-Dum Lollipops
- Tootsie Rolls
- Canned Soda
- Baked Goods (Day of Carnival)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- Reading Counts Monitors needed. These labs give our students an extra opportunity to earn points towards their Reading Counts totals, but we need your help to continue to provide these lab sessions. To volunteer, please visit <http://signup.com/go/kMgYTAH>. Clearances NOT required.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No School January 15th & 22nd
- PTO Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th 6:30-7:30pm
- Winter Carnival February 23rd
(Snow date March 3rd if needed)

DONATION CORNER:

- Winter Carnival –
 - Clean / Gently Used Stuffed Animals

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that the school year is almost half-way over! January is our month to wrap up units for the semester's end and complete mid-year assessments of reading and math. **There is no school on Jan 15 & 22 because of teacher training and a clerical day.**

In February, we will kick-off the Mini-Thon activities and celebrate Valentine's Day in addition to the PTO activities.

I would like to remind parents to be sure that students have proper winter gear (hats, gloves, boots, coats) for winter recess activities. If the temperature is above 20 degrees (real feel), students may be going out, depending on conditions. If your child is in need of any of these items, let us know. We have some connections to help.

I would also like to remind parents the YMCA Weekend Food Backpack program is open to any child age 0-18 in the district. All that is required is a parent or guardian signing a permission to receive and we'll gladly provide. Forms are available in the main office or by requesting one by email or from your child's teacher. No income requirements.

For more information on the Marion Walker PTO, please contact Amanda Grindley at pimi812@hotmail.com.