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Happy Thursday!

In November 2015, the State of CT adopted new science standards (Next Generation Science Standards – NGSS). With the adoption, Marlborough evaluated our science curriculum and implemented new components to our program. Last year, we included the resources of Mosa Mack and Mystery Science for our children and teachers. Both of these resources integrated content standards with technology tools to create learning experiences for our children.

Currently in Science:

Pre-K: Our PreK 3 year olds are learning about the life cycles of pumpkins and our PreK 4 year olds are studying magnets.

K: Our kindergarteners are starting their weather unit. So far, they are learning to use clues in their environment to assist them in predicting the weather (i.e. sky appearance).

1st grade: Our 1st graders are starting their sun and shadow unit, starting with an exploration of shadows.

2nd grade: Our 2nd graders are starting their Earth Systems and Landforms unit.

3rd grade: Our 3rd graders are starting their 'Flower Power' unit that details the lifecycle of plants.

4th grade: Our 4th graders are currently studying tectonic plates and volcanoes.

5th grade: Our 5th graders are working on their scientific method unit.

6th grade: Our 6th graders are working on their data unit, where they are analyzing results from their experiments using concepts such as the statistical mean, median, mode, and range.

On Saturday, October 27th the PTO will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat. Along with the fun games and creepy haunted house, there will be decorated cars where treats will be provided to our children. While Halloween is a fun event to collect candy, children for whom candy is not an option, are happy with their treats as well. Trunk or Treat will be providing Teal Pumpkins for each decorated car, where non-food treats will be available for those children where candy is not an option. We will be explaining to the children that the Teal Pumpkins contain non-food treats to ensure everyone collects fun treats. If anyone has some non-food treats to donate (i.e. stickers, pencils), we would be happy to distribute them at this event. Please let us know if you have any questions.

The PTO is asking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat. With so many fun opportunities for our children that night, having lots of helpers is important. Decorated car update from Trunk or Treat: as of Monday, October 15th, there were 20 cars confirmed to be decorated for the event. If you would like to decorate your car, your entire family gets entrance to the event for only \$5.00. If you can assist with volunteering or car decorating, please contact Melissa Jordan at salvia601@aol.com.

Congratulations to our 6th graders for the two terrific performances of the musical *Thwacked* on Wednesday! After weeks of practicing two to three times per week at 7:30 in the morning, they performed two memorable shows. Who doesn't love a story about talking frogs who believe the sky is falling? All funds raised from the musical help pay for the Grade 6 spring activities (i.e. field trips, end of year celebrations). Congratulations 6th graders!

Our MEA Pasta Dinner was a HUGE success! Thank you to our always supportive Marlborough families and community for sharing this night with us. The dunk tank was an adventure, dunking several different staff members into the water and raising funds for Mr. Underwood's Trestle Tree equipment. Even with darkness falling, the children seemed very excited to dunk their favorite staff members and a member of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Underwood will use the \$550.00 that was raised to purchase pieces to help bridge the space between the trestles. Students will be using the Trestle Tree equipment in the spring.

Box Tops are being sent out on Saturday. Please send in all box tops so we can include them in this shipment. Thank you!!

Cards from the My Cards program are coming home today in Thursday folders. Please review and return to homeroom teachers by Monday, October 22.

Marlborough Elementary School's Maria Skorski is the winner of the Design a T-shirt for the Marlborough 5K Masquerade Road Race! Congratulations to Maria!!

The Marlborough Knights of Columbus Council 15734 is sponsoring the 2018 Winter Clothing Drop Box. The box is located in the Marlborough Elementary School foyer area. The Knights of Columbus are looking for donations of new or gently used winter clothes for local families in need. The collection will run through November 3rd. Thank you in advance for supporting their efforts.

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

October 24 – PTO Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
October 25 – Grade K Field Trip
October 25 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
October 27 – PTO Trunk or Treat

New Fliers:

Park & Rec:
[Grade 6 Dance](#)
[Fall Celebration @ Carter Hill](#)
[Horseback Riding Lessons](#)
[Mad Science – Eureka Invention](#)