



## Elmer Thienes – Mary Hall Elementary School

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Happy Thursday!

Another wonderful week, complete with a day of unpredictable extreme downpours, is almost completed. With every classroom visit, or walk down the hall, sounds of learning are heard throughout the building. From a quick hug by a friend, to assistance with the art of shoe tying, kindness and smart choices are everywhere. As we met with every grade level, we have shared the importance of being kind. Throughout the year, we will continue to highlight all the kindness we see on a daily basis. Kindness is powerful.

On Friday, we will be completing three safety drills. As with all of our safety drills, we talk to the children before and after the drill to make sure they understand the purpose of the drill and to answer any questions they have. Staff does a fabulous job of explaining the purpose and procedures and reassuring the children of their safety and success with execution of the drills.

As the children arrive at school tomorrow, we will be having our Bus Evacuation Drill. All students, whether they arrive on a bus, or are a morning drop-off, will be learning how to exit a bus in case of an emergency.

Also on Friday, we will be completing a Lockdown Drill and an On-site Evacuation Drill. The purpose of the lockdown is to move the building into a secure status. The on-site evacuation is practiced so if we should ever need to temporarily leave the building, the procedure is known by all. Our off-site location procedure is set, but we will not be practicing it at this time.

During one of our August staff days, we worked with the state police and local rescue personnel to ensure that we had all of the most recent information regarding school safety and security. Our amazing local rescue personnel were there, as well as a Board of Education representative, Officer Kehoe, and our local emergency management director, to ensure that our children are able to spend their time at school being children, learning all kinds of interesting lessons, and feeling completely safe. We are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such an amazing team.

Finally, while trying not to encourage being impolite, we would like to remind everyone to only please let themselves into school when they are buzzed in. We know it is hard to not let in others who come up to the door at the same time, but we need to know every person who enters the building. Thank you so much for your understanding.

We hope everyone has a fabulous Friday and a wonderful weekend!

*Dan & Kim*

### **Upcoming Events:**

9/21 – Safety Drills

9/26 – PTO Meeting @ 7:00 – STEAM Room

9/27 – SAC Meeting @ 3:30 – Media Center

9/27 – Board of Education @ 7:00 – Media Center

### **New Fliers:**

Park & Rec: [Lego – Jedi Engineering](#)

[Kid's Sewing – Seasonal Skirts](#)

[Swim Lessons at Camp Hemlocks](#)

[PTO – Funds for Fun](#)

[Marlborough 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale](#)

[Chatham Health - Influenza Vaccination Clinic](#)

## Marlborough PTO *Bake-less* Bake Sale Fundraiser

We are asking families to *NOT* bake something  
and help support extra educational fun!



- Multicultural Day
- Classroom Enhancement Experiences
- Physical Education Equipment

This Trestle Tree Climbing Apparatus will be set up throughout March for students in all grade levels.



**100% of the Donations go directly to MES!**

If each family were to donate:

\$15 = \$ 7,000

\$25 = \$11,000

\*\* Any Donation Amount is Welcome

Please return donations in an envelope labeled "PTO Bake-less Bake Sale"

by **November 16th**

Checks should be made out to **Marlborough PTO**