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Happy Thursday! With January ending and February beginning tomorrow, we are moving ever closer to our 100th day of school celebration. In our younger grade classrooms, days are tallied, tens are gathered and as it stands now, on February 5th, the tens will be traded in for a hundred. On the 5th, celebrations focusing on the concept of 100 will commence. Projects, collections, and predictions on what you will be like at 100 years old will fill the days in our younger grade wing. Our upper grades children often don't know it is the one hundredth day until they see our younger children representing the 100th day in a wide range of ways.

Our 2019 Invention Convention inventors met for the first time this week. Each of our 20 inventors met in our STEAM Room, shared their invention ideas and received their invention packets. If anyone would like to participate in this year's Invention Convention, but missed the meeting this week, please let us know. We will get the materials to you.

Another huge THANK YOU to our PTO for bringing in the High Touch High Tech company to present the science workshop *Get Buggy*. Our PreK students explored the world of insects through completing a number of activities, such as sorting bugs by how many legs they have and creating their own six-legged bug.

With Marlborough Elementary School being a building that contains children that range in ages 3 to 12 years old, we have a wide range of topics to cover. One topic that is becoming ever increasing in need, is sharing information on technology with our children. On a daily basis new apps are released, making it a challenge to keep up with all the information to share with the students. Our informational sessions with our 5th and 6th graders focused on safety, especially with media created. In our Thursday Family Letters, we will try to outline some of the apps that we know some of our students have mentioned interacting with.

TikTok: This app is for creating and sharing short videos. Common Sense Media (www.common Sense Media.org) states that while the app provides users an ability to use their artistic talents to create predominantly music videos, some users are uploading content that is more questionable. Making sure privacy settings are appropriate prior to using the app is highly encouraged for users.

Our 4th graders are currently working on a project during their Library Media special time where they are creating a book review that will be posted on the Patrons Catalog site. As soon as the book reviews are completed, we will share information on where you can read them. We are very excited to read the book reviews that our 4th graders complete.

Next week is our Student Council sponsored MES Spirit week. Funds raised during the week are going to support the local food bank. Please bring \$1.00 or a non-perishable food item donation each day. (Most needed: canned fruit, canned pasta, canned soup, bar soap)

- Monday, February 4th: Sports Day (Support your favorite sports team)
Tuesday, February 5th: 100th Day (Dress-up like you are 100 years old)
Wednesday, February 6th: Wacky Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day (mix up any outfit, wear clothes backwards and inside out)
Thursday, February 7th: Character Day (Dress-up like your favorite character)
Friday, February 8th: PJ/Comfy Day (Stay comfy all day by wearing your pajamas or relaxing clothes).

We will keep a tally of funds and non-perishable food items collected throughout the week and share it in next Thursday's Family Letter.

On Monday, February 11th, we are thrilled to have the Governor's Foot Guard Band performing for us at 7:00 pm in the Marlborough Elementary School Community Room. The band will be performing seven songs and then our Marlborough Elementary School musicians will be joining them for five songs. Admission is free. We look forward to this fantastic concert!

We hope that everyone has a fabulous Friday and a happy Super Bowl weekend!

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

- 2/6 – Kindergarten Registration
- 2/7 – Kindergarten Registration
- 2/11 – Governor's Foot Guard Band
Concert – 7:00 pm
- 2/13 – RHAM Budget Presentation – 7:00 pm
- 2/14 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 2/18 – No School – President's Day
- 2/19 – No School – President's Day Break

New Fliers:

- Marlborough Lions Club -
[Medical Equipment Collection Drive](#)
- [AHM – Comedy for a Cause](#)
- [Kindergarten Girl Scouts](#)
- [HAMR Softball](#)
- Park & Rec:
[6th Grade Dance](#)
- [Sewing 101 – Know Your Machine](#)
- [Valentine's Cupcake and Candy Decorating](#)