

# MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Important Dates

### ORIENTATION

Thursday -  
September 8, 2016

### PICTURE DAY

Thursday —  
September 15, 2016

WELCOME BACK

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A monthly newsletter is written each month to keep our Mars Area Elementary School parents informed.

You are receiving this first newsletter via paper copy (and online). Please know that beginning with October, the monthly newsletter will only be available online. You can find the newsletter on our Mars Area Elementary school website.

The newsletter can be found under the “Our School” tab. . . then choose newsletter.

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2016 – 2017 school year. We hope that you have had a very enjoyable summer. We are off to a terrific start for the new school year. We welcomed 740+ eager students to the Mars Area Elementary School on the first day of school. We also welcomed our second graders, several new staff members, and new families to our school. On behalf of the entire staff, I welcome each of you to our school. We look forward to working with you and your children to provide a very positive and enjoyable year.



## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE 2016—2017 SCHOOL YEAR...

|                             |   |                             |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Mrs. Sally Buszinski</i> | - | <i>Support Teacher</i>      |
| <i>Mrs. Susan Brydon</i>    | - | <i>Music Teacher</i>        |
| <i>Miss Danielle DeMay</i>  | - | <i>Grade 3</i>              |
| <i>Mrs. Greta Huggins</i>   | - | <i>Grade 2 Sub. Teacher</i> |
| <i>Mr. Nick Stockert</i>    | - | <i>Grade 4 Sub. Teacher</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Cheri McGuire</i>   | - | <i>Support Para</i>         |

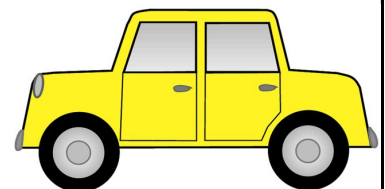
## PARENT HANDBOOK

Please be certain to read your Mars Area Elementary Parent Handbook. Many of your questions will be answered in that booklet.



## STUDENT DROP OFF

Student Drop Off is at the rear of the building. You will need to take Three Degree Road past the Middle School to "Doc's Way." Proceed on Doc's Way to the Drop Off Lane at the back of the school.



## STUDENT PICK UP

The end of the day bell at the Mars Area Elementary School rings at 3:20 PM. **Please remember that if you are picking your child up at the end of the day, you MUST send a note in the morning.** Please do not just stop in to pick up your child. Remember...**a note in the morning is necessary.** In order to avoid confusion in the classrooms at the Elementary School, please know that we will not call down to classrooms to dismiss students “just prior to regular pick up time” unless an emergency exists. Your child will be dismissed at the 3:20 bell...meeting you in the cafeteria. This will help to eliminate a lot of confusion for our students and teachers. Your cooperation is truly appreciated.

**All students must be picked up no later than 3:40 pm.**



## PARENT ORIENTATION



Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday—September 8, 2016 from 6:00 PM—7:45 PM. A flyer with more details was sent home with the students on the first day of school.

## PICTURE DAY

Mars Area Elementary School Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016.



## CASUAL DAYS

You will notice that the last Friday of every month, many of our faculty and staff members participate in our “casual/dress down day.” As in the past, many of our staff members make a generous donation to our Children’s Make-A-Wish Fund on those special “Make a Wish Fridays!” Our faculty and staff donated \$2,140.00 last year to support the worthwhile cause.



## VOLUNTEER POLICY

Please read Mars Area School District Board Policy # 916. This policy outlines the necessary clearances.

The new policy also will be discussed at Parent Orientation.

## PATIENCE PLEASE

Please be patient during the afternoon “traffic jams” on our entrance road. Your cooperation and kindness with each other and our bus drivers will ensure that we have a safe dismissal for all.

Also, please note that the busses will be running late for the first few weeks of school as we learn our new routines. Your children should arrive home a little sooner each day during those first few weeks!



## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Please note that birthday treats are no longer permitted in the Mars Area School District.

This includes food as well as “small” gifts.

Birthdays will be celebrated via extra recess time for your child’s class. You may wish to consider donating a book to the library in honor of your child’s birthday.