

# Marin Elementary School



Newsletter

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Dear Families,

**WINTER BREAK REMINDER:** Albany Schools will be closed for two weeks beginning Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our last day of school, we will be on a regular schedule.** We return to school on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Happy Holidays!

**MARIN SCHOOL DIRECTORY UP-DATE:** The Marin School Directory is still missing many families! This year's directory features artwork by Marin students. The directory will be distributed to all Marin families before winter break. Use it to plan play dates and parties! Don't be left out of the directory! You do not need to join the PTA to be included in the directory. Take a moment to **opt in**, by logging in to the PTA membership toolkit.

1. Login to <https://marinschoolpta.membershiptoolkit.com/membership>
2. Look under My Donations/Info to update directory preferences and opt-in

**SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT ED NIGHT:** All AUSD Elementary Parents are invited to the Speak Up Be Safe Parent Education Night on **Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00pm - 7:00pm at Marin Elementary. AUSD implements the Speak Up Be Safe curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is a research-based, comprehensive child abuse and bullying prevention education curriculum equipping students nationwide with skills they need to play a significant role in the prevention or interruption of abuse and bullying. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe covers topics such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, bullying and cyber bullying, all at an age-appropriate level. In the coming weeks, all AUSD elementary students in grades 1-5 will be receiving their grade level's Speak Up Be Safe two-part lesson series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please join us at the Parent Education night. We encourage all parents to attend if you have questions about the program.

**NOT RETURNING AFTER WINTER BREAK:** If you plan on moving (out of Albany) during winter break, please inform your child's teacher and Janet or Natalie in the office that your child **will not** be returning to Marin school after the holidays (last day of school 12/21/18). If you need a document stating your child has been enrolled at Marin, please see Janet in the office. Also, please complete the "EXIT" form online (to be completed before leaving), at [ausdk12.org](http://ausdk12.org) under "Enrollment".

**AMS WRITERCOACH CONNECTION :** We need volunteers for WriterCoach Connection at Albany Middle School this winter, to work with the 8th-graders on their English research projects. Coaches meet with students, one-on-one during the school day, providing feedback on writing, help with brainstorming, and positive vibes! The program is 8 weeks, Jan. 29-Mar. 28. Coaches commit to one, 2-hour shift per week, either Tuesdays or Thursdays. WriterCoach Connection provides training & support. It's a great way to get familiar with the middle school and this major 8th grade project. Interested? For details, please go online to <http://www.writercoachconnection.org/>. Questions before you commit? Write Site Coordinator, Mary Flaherty at [amscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:amscoaching@gmail.com). Thank you for considering it.

**OVERLOADED LOST AND FOUND:** Our lost and found rack/bin is overflowing. Please take a moment to look through and claim any items that may belong to your family. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity during winter break. **Please label your child's clothing, bags, lunch boxes , etc.**

**SCHOOLCARE:** SchoolCARE proudly announces a new partnership with Umami Interiors.

Umami Interiors - custom window coverings in Albany, specializes in designing and creating beautiful custom window treatments such as curtains, Roman shades, roller shades, and cellular shades. They are a local small business who can truly attend to detail - resulting in a high-quality product. 10% of all sales go to SchoolCARE! [www.umamiinteriors.com](http://www.umamiinteriors.com)

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE - LAST WEEK:** We are accepting donations of nutritious, healthy, and non-perishable foods, through the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please check the expiration dates before donating. We can make a difference in making this holiday season joyous for everyone. Thank you!

**TOY DRIVE - LAST DAY TUESDAY:** We are collecting new and "gently used" toys to donate to families at Coronado School in Richmond. Items requested are art supplies, puzzles with boxes taped shut, games and toys for all ages, and books in very good condition. **Unwrapped donations can be brought to the Marin office through Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your donation in helping others.

**DO NOT LEAVE VISIBLE ITEMS ON YOUR CAR SEATS/FLOORS:** The holiday season is just around the corner, and is often also the season for car break-ins: Car windows are sometimes broken and the items on the seats or on the floors are then stolen. **Please do not leave valuables in your car!**

**PARKING & DRIVE SAFELY:**

- Do not double park and leave your vehicle unattended (double parking along Santa Fe and Curtis is illegal and particularly dangerous).
- Park your car and allow your child to exit onto the curb side/sidewalk. Never run across the middle of the road.
- Designate a location for your child to meet you or park away from the school entrances and walk your child.
- Remember, Children and Parents must use the crosswalk.
- Do not stop in Red or Blue Zones.
- Please use designated drop-off areas; White Zones are for loading and unloading only (see posted time limits).

**Following violations are citable:**

22500(h)VC	Double parking - parking in roadway	9-10.17ACC	Red zone /White / Green Zones
22502aVC	Parking more than 18" from curb	21212(a)VC	Helmets (required until age 18)
22507.8A VC	Handicap parking only -no stopping		(bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades & scooters)
21955VC	failure to cross in crosswalk (Jaywalking)		

**INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS:** Although there is no substitute for the classroom experience, if your child must miss school for 5-20 days for reasons other than illness, medical appointments or bereavement, assignments can be given. **Please inform your teacher two weeks prior to taking leave from School. Independent Study Contracts are in the office.**

**COLD/FLU SEASON IS HERE:** Some simple things can help us all stay healthy this season—  
1) wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers 2) cover a cough or sneeze with your arm 3) stay home with a fever (99.8 or higher), vomiting or diarrhea. If your child is ill, please call our **attendance line: 558-4787.**

<b><u>CALENDAR:</u></b>	
Dec. 24-Jan.4, 2019	Winter Break – School Closed
Jan. 7, 2019:	Return to School
January 21:	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
February 18-22:	Mid Winter Break – School Closed
March 5-14:	Spring Conferences – Early Release (Wed. Schedule)
March 15:	Staff Development Day – School Closed to Students
April 8-12:	Spring Break – School Closed

Have a wonderful weekend!

Melisa Pfohl  
Principal

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