

# MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Important Dates

In-Service Day / No School  
May 5, 2017 / May 29, 2017

## World Record Days

Gr. 3 May 26, 2017  
Gr. 4 May 30, 2017  
Gr. 2 June 1, 2017

## Field Trips

Gr. 2—May 17, 23  
Gr. 3—May 12, 16, 25  
Gr. 4—May 18, 24, 25

Girls on the Run—  
Hartwood Acres  
May 21, 2017

Last Student Day  
June 2, 2017

Kennywood Picnic  
June 14, 2017

Walk Through /First Day 2017  
Aug. 18, 2017/ Aug. 24, 2017

## PARKING

We are hosting many activities this month to which we are inviting parents. There will be days when our parking lots are full. Please do **not** park along any roadways. Please **do** use the Primary Center parking lots if necessary.



The bus garage has asked me to remind parents to please park only in the designated spots around the bend near the Outdoor Classroom area.

## PSSA



Our Grade 3 and 4 students have completed several days of testing for ELA and Math. Our Grade 4 students will take the Science tests on May 1—2, 2017.

## IN-SERVICE DAY

Friday—May 5, 2017 is a scheduled In-Service Day. There will be no school for students. Teachers will be engaged in professional development activities during the day.

## AUTHOR DAYS

We are looking forward to our annual Author Days this year as we welcome three different authors to our school. On May 10th, second and third graders will visit with Dede Rittman, author of **Grady Gets Glasses**. Grady is a glasses wearing rabbit that explains the need for glasses as well as how to take care of glasses.

All grade levels will enjoy a presentation by author Alan St. Jean who has written several books including the **Aidan of Oren series** and **The legend of Oinka-Doodle-Moo**. Mr. St. Jean is not only an author, but a musician and songwriter as well! We are sure to be highly entertained by his upbeat and silly songs.

On May 11th, we are welcoming back “storigami” artist/storyteller Christine Petrell Kallevig. Ms. Kallevig tells stories while folding large paper into origami models with each fold representing a part of the story. **“Storytelling+ Origami= Storigami”**. Her stories already have sparked an interest in origami among our students. Her books include **The sun, the Moon, and the Origami Grammie** and **Nature Fold Along Stories**.

This year’s celebration of reading and writing is sure to provide inspiration and entertainment!

## CHOIR PERFORMANCES



Our after school choir club students will perform for our students on Friday— May 12, 2017. They will hold an evening performance for their parents on Wednesday— May 18, 2017.

## MOTHERS' DAY TEA

Mrs. Schiffhauer's students will treat their Moms to a special Mothers' Day Tea on May 8, 2017.



## FATHERS' DAY COFFEE

Mrs. Schiffhauer's students will treat their Dads to a special Fathers' Day Coffee on May 30, 2017.



## WORLD RECORD DAYS



May 26, 2017

Grade 3

(12:00—3:00)

May 30, 2017

Grade 4

(12:00—3:00)

June 1, 2017

Grade 2

(12:00—3:00)

## INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS

Several of our Grade 3 classrooms will be hosting International Nights. Mrs. Gallo will host her International Evening on May 3, 2017. Mr. McCoy, Mrs. Semler and Mrs. Morello will host their night on May 4, 2017.



## FIELD TRIPS

Many thanks to our PTO for funding and organizing our Spring Field Trips. Our Grade 2 students will be visiting the Pittsburgh Zoo. Our Grade 3 classes will be touring PNC Park and Heinz Field. Our Grade 4 students will be taking the Pittsburgh Just Ducky Tour around the city.

## ROOM ASSIGNMENTS 2017 – 2018

Student classroom assignments for 2017-2018 school year will be mailed to your homes on August 10, 2017.



## JUMP ROPE TEAM

The blue and gold Jump Rope Teams will be performing for our school on May 3, 2017. An evening performance for parents will be held on May 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM.



## GIRLS ON THE RUN

Our GOTR girls, who have been working very hard for the past weeks, will be running in the Girls on the Run 5K at Hartwood Acres on Sunday - May 21, 2017.

Best of Luck girls! I know you can do it!



## LAST STUDENT DAY

The last day for students is scheduled for Friday— June 2, 2017.



## MEMORIAL DAY

There will be no school on Monday— May 29, 2017.



## PLANNING AHEAD

The first day of school for students for the 2017-2018 school year will be Thursday — August 24, 2017.

Classroom assignment letters for the 2017—2018 school year will be mailed on August 10, 2017.

Our informal walk through for students / families will be held on Friday - August 18, 2017.

Mars Area Elementary Parent Orientation Night will be held on Thursday—August 31, 2017.



## SUMMER 2017

Best wishes for a safe and fun filled summer.  
Enjoy this special time with your children.

