



Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll

September 5, 2017

I would like to welcome you to the first edition of “*Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll*” for the 2017-2018 school year. Beginning today, and every other Tuesday, we will be e-mailing this publication as an effort to update our community on student and staff achievements, as well as upcoming district events. We trust that this information will help you stay up-to-date on what is happening here at Marlinton. If you would like to submit a student or staff achievement, please e-mail the information to my assistant at: l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

Attention all parents! We are now in year four of electronic forms. Forms included in the on-line process are: Emergency Medical Authorizations and Free and Reduced Lunch Forms. **Please visit our website at www.marlingtonlocal.org where you will find instructions and a Quick Start Guide and complete these forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** If you need further assistance, please contact building secretaries regarding Emergency Medical Authorizations and miscellaneous questions. Call our Food Services Director, Rojean Cole, at 330-821-4017 for information concerning Free & Reduce Lunch Applications.

Attention Marlinton Parents! Ohio State Law requires all children to be properly immunized against childhood diseases in order for them to attend school. The Ohio Department of Health requires all schools to provide documentation of students who have not received the required vaccinations for school. **Without proper documentation of all required immunizations, your child will be excluded from school and school activities beginning Wednesday September 20th, 2017 until written proof of these immunizations is received in the school office.** All school absences from this exclusion are unexcused and will be counted as such. If you have received a letter from the nurse about missing immunizations, please turn in an updated shot record including those immunizations. If your child is entering 7th grade, a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and Meningococcal (A, C, Y, W-135) are required in addition to the shot record the school already has on file. If your child is entering 12th grade, a Meningococcal (A, C, Y, W-135) is required after the age of 16 years old in addition to the shot record the school already has on file. Please submit written documentation from your physician/provider or a copy of your child’s immunization record to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

At our August 2017 board meeting, the Marlinton Local Board of Education approved an updated 2017-2018 school calendar to include the addition of two professional days on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 and Thursday, March 22, 2018. These days are for staff members only as they participate in professional development opportunities. An updated calendar is available on our district website.

Please join us for our annual **Community Day** on Friday, **September 8th**, prior to the football game vs. St. Thomas for a tailgate-themed cookout celebration at the Marlinton High School Campus. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are many fun activities planned for the evening, a magician, inflatables, hayrides, raffles, face painting, games, the OMG Video Game Truck and also hot dogs and cotton candy. Something for everyone! Special thanks to our elementary parent-teacher organizations, local churches and businesses for their support.

In an ongoing effort to simplify and/or reduce school fees, several school fees have been eliminated or reduced for the current school year. Please see your school building home page on the Marlinton website for details.

If your child needs health insurance, Guarantee Trust Life has student health insurance plans available. Please visit any of our buildings websites for more information.

Congratulations to Robby Ritchie, a seventh grade student at the middle school, who won the Elks State Soccer Shoot competition. Robby will represent Ohio in the Regional Elks Soccer Shoot this coming March in Maryland. Great Job Robby!

Congratulations to our staff members who made application and received grants from the Marlinton Education Innovation Fund for the upcoming year. They are **Stephani Swisher, Tyler Cosma and Kylie Shackle** - \$436.00, **Jesse Groff and Rita Morrisison** - \$1,500.00, and **Tyler Cosma and Stephani Swisher** - \$1,500.00. Great Job!

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

Joe Knoll, Superintendent
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