A Note from Mrs. Martin

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first monthly issue of Starfish Scoop, our award winning monthly newsletter published by the Marigny PTA. This is a great resource you can refer to, to help you stay informed about whatever may be happening here at school. We also upload each issue to our school website as you can access it electronically as well.

This issue of the Starfish Scoop is filled with tons of information on what will be happening during the month of September here at school. We, of course, are already busy with fun filled events and learning activities that we hope our entire Marigny family will enjoy. A huge event this month will be our Open House. This is a time when I get to formerly introduce our wonderful teachers and a time for you and your children to see what they have been learning so far. We will also kick off our PTA year as well with our first general membership meeting of the year. On Tuesday, September 11th we will have Open House for all Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. The 11th will also be the night of the PTA meeting. On Wednesday, September 12th Open House will be for all T-1 and first grade classes. Open house begins at 6:30 in the gym. Please plan to join us on your designated night. We will also be hosting Grandparents Week and our first Book Fair during the week of September 17th - 21st. You will receive a separate letter and reservation form with more details concerning both of these events. We are looking forward to having many grandparents or special friends come to lunch with their grandchild.

Please keep this issue of the Starfish Scoop handy. I’m sure you will want to refer to it often this month for all the details and important dates for what’s going on here at Marigny. I look forward to a wonderful year with us working as partners to offer our students the best possible educational experience they can have! If you have any comments or questions please feel free to call me or email me at leslie.martin@stpsb.org. I’ll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful, STARRIFIC month!

Leslie C. Martin, M.Ed.
Principal
# Calendar of Events

## September 2012

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**Book Fair & Grandparents Week October 17-21**

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**Techie Corner**

Welcome to a new year at Marigny!
Here are some great websites to help your child at home build on skills that he/she is learning at school.

- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- [http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/gooey.html](http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/gooey.html)
From the Presidents...

What a busy and exciting couple of weeks we have had getting back to school! Thank you so much to all of the Red Shirt Moms who showed up to help our new kindergartners get to their classes and learn the lunchtime routine for the first few days of school. Also, a huge thank you to all of you who have signed up or contacted us about getting involved in PTA this year. We have had a super response and already have a great group of Moms and Dads who are ready to jump in and make possible all the wonderful events we have planned for this year.

The Executive PTA board attended district training a couple of weeks ago at Lakeshore High School. We have an awesome support system in the St. Tammany District PTA! We each attended some informative workshops and gathered a wealth of information to help us plan, organize and execute our busy and exciting year at Marigny. The theme this year is "Building Bridges with PTA" which is exactly what we are doing here at Marigny. And we can't build that bridge without you!

Thank you to everyone who has already joined PTA and paid dues. Once you receive your PTA membership card, you will be asked to register it on the National PTA website (www.PTA.org). While you are there, be sure and check out all the great information!

A few upcoming dates....

On Thursday, September 6 at 10:30 am in the cafeteria we will have a Meet and Greet for all our new and returning volunteers. If you have signed up for any position on the PTA or are just interested (or know someone who might be) and want to know more about who we are, what we do, and what we have coming up, we hope you’ll join us for coffee (and donut) talk!

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12, is Open House and our first general PTA meetings of the year. The meetings will be short (we promise!) but very informative and important. We will approve our budget at these meetings.

Finally, the week of September 17-21 is Grandparents Week where the students will be able to bring their grandparents or other special guests to visit with them at school, have lunch and take a special picture together. Please encourage grandparents to be a part of this special time. That same week our Book Fair will be going on and this is a wonderful chance to support the library while also getting a head start on some early Christmas shopping for your little starfish.

We have a very special school with some of the finest teachers, support staff and administration anywhere. Marigny is a wonderful place to learn, grow and serve. We hope you will come on board with us and help us make this the best year ever. And remember....you can always get in touch with us through email (MarignyPTA@hotmail.com) or on our Facebook page, which is a wonderful place to stay connected.

Julie F. and Julie R.
Welcome back to school! The first grade teachers are so excited to be back in school. We have gotten to know our students and they are a wonderful group of children. They are practicing our Star-riffic 5 rules and showing everyone around them how to behave. Curriculum Night was a success. If you could not make it, please be sure to contact your child's teacher to set up a conference. We are looking forward to showing off all of the great things we have been learning at Open House which will be September 11th at 6:30. We hope you enjoy this special time with your family!

Pre-K

We want to say thank you for helping us get off to a GREAT YEAR! We really enjoyed seeing all of you at Meet & Greet and Curriculum Night. In the upcoming month, we will be learning about our 5 senses and Our Feelings. We are looking forward to showing off all of the great things we have been learning at Open House which will be September 11th at 6:30. We hope you enjoy this special time with your family!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has settled into Marigny! We have had a fun filled start. We hunted all over Marigny for that sneaky Gingerbread man who stole our cookies! We didn’t catch him but we found the cookies. The Kindergarten students have learned so much about Marigny already! We learned the “Star-riffic Five” and all our great songs! We are learning about our families and getting ready for Open House. We can’t wait for our families to see how many things we are learning and loving about Marigny!

T-1

What an exciting beginning to a new school year we have had in T-1! We have been busy going over our school rules and practicing our “Star-riffic Five”. Our T-1 Teddy Bear Picnic was quite a success with activities of counting, measuring, sorting, graphing and sharing. We look forward to the month of September in preparing for Open House. We are having lots of learning fun in T-1!!!!

1st grade

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What is K-Kids?
K-Kids is our service club for Kindergarten, T-1 and First Grade students at Marigny. K-Kids members will learn the value of helping others by taking part in community service projects and club activities. Marigny teachers and parents will act as our K-Kids Club's advisors. A Kiwanis Club sponsors the K-Kids Club.

What is Kiwanis?
Kiwanis International is a worldwide organization of people interested in helping kids around the world. Kiwanis members belong to adult Kiwanis clubs, which are a lot like K-Kids Clubs. Mandeville Northshore Kiwanis will sponsor the K-Kids Club at our school.

What are the objectives of K-Kids?
* To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
* To develop leadership potential.
* To foster development of a strong moral character.
* To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

What will K-Kids members do?
* Attend an after-school monthly K-Kids meeting.
* Participate in K-Kids service and fundraising projects.
* Practice the K-Kids core values (caring, inclusiveness, leadership, and character building).
* Practice service leadership, which is coaching and building the talents in others.

How can I help?
* We need and love volunteers! Parents are needed to make copies, set up for our meetings and assist with projects during our meetings. Please email Mrs. Baumgartner (Mary.Baumgartner@stpsb.org) or Ms. Hladky (Dana.Hladky@stpsb.org) if you would like to help.

How do I find out more information?
Our first Marigny K-Kids meeting will be on Monday, September 17th. Please look for membership information and parent permission slips to be sent home soon. If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Baumgartner or Ms. Hladky.

Terrific Kids

What is a “Terrific” Kid?
Terrific Kids is a student-recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance.

“Terrific” is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

At Marigny we host a Terrific Kids breakfast once a month. One student from each class is chosen to attend the breakfast with his or her parents. Remind your child about what it means to be a “Terrific” kid.
Marigny is participating in a number of programs which will help raise funds throughout the year. The funds raised will go directly to the benefit of our students, so please participate in as many programs as you can.

- **Box Tops for Education** [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)
  
  Please collect box top coupons from participating products. Each coupon is worth $0.10. Students will receive collection sheets at the beginning of each month. When submitting additional box tops, please attach them to sheets of paper in groups of 10 or 25. You may also send them in envelopes or bags with your child's name and teacher included. The entire list of participating products can be found on the website.

- **Community Coffee Cash for Schools** [www.communitycoffee.com](http://www.communitycoffee.com)
  
  Save UPCs/proof of purchase seals from Community Coffee products. Each seal is worth $0.10-$0.15 each. Make sure to check if your employer, favorite restaurant, or church brews Community Coffee—each carton contains a seal worth 5 UPCs!

- **Tyson Project A+** [www.tyson.com/projectaplus](http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus)
  
  Clip and save the entire A+ label from participating Tyson products. Each label is worth $0.24. Please view the company's website to see which part of the label to collect.

- **Campbell's Labels for Education** [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)
  
  Save UPCs and beverage caps from participating Campbell's products. The entire label is not needed—please submit only the Labels for Education proof of purchase and the UPC. A list of products including V8, Pepperidge Farms, and Spaghettios, can be found on the website. Through this program, Marigny earns points redeemable for school supplies and equipment.

Thank you for supporting our school by participating in these generous programs. You may send collected items at any time to your child's teacher. Top collecting classes will earn special treats throughout the year. We will keep you updated on our progress and donations received through the PTA newsletter. Thanks!!!

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**Car Line Procedures**

Please assist us in keeping the students safe by following the procedures for car line. When entering the parking lot, always turn right and remain in line. Please do not try to pass another car or bus. When exiting the parking lot, please make sure that you are in the correct lane. The right lane is for making a right turn, the center lane is for making a left turn, and the left lane should be kept open for cars turning into the parking lot.

You may begin dropping your child off each morning beginning at 8:15. Please wait for a duty teacher to open the car door to ensure the safety of your child. All students should be in the gym by 8:45 each morning for Morning Meeting. It is best to plan to arrive between 8:15 and 8:35 in order to allow enough time for your child to be in the gym for 8:45.

Afternoon car line begins at 3:51 each day. Please hang your yellow sign in the windshield of your vehicle. If you are in need of a sign, send a note to the office and we will send one home with your child. Please remain in line at all times and do not pass any other cars or buses. Always pull up as far as possible and the teacher on duty will direct the students to the appropriate pole.
Marigny Elementary
Book Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marigny Elementary will be hosting a Barnes and Noble book fair the week of September 17th - 23rd during grandparent’s week. Please come see our selection of books for our young readers. Students will be able to purchase books during their library time and during lunch and recess with their grandparents. Be sure to look for a flier being sent home soon.

We will need volunteers to help work the Book fair. If you can volunteer any amount of time, please fill out the form below and return to your child’s teacher. Please return the form by Tuesday, September 11th in order for us to schedule a day and time for you to help out. You may also e-mail me at lauren.huval@stpsb.org.

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Book Fair Volunteer

*Please return by Tuesday, September 11th!

Name: ______________________________
Phone Number: __________________________
E-mail: ________________________________
Time and Day I would prefer to work: ________________________________
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One time sponsorships may also be available. Please contact the Marigny PTA at MarignyPTA@hotmail.com for more information about all sponsorship levels.