



Roadrunner Review

Upcoming Events

- 10/5 International Walk to School Day
9:30am PTA meeting
- 10/7 9:00 am Welcome Tea
- 10/13 School Picture Day
- 10/14 6-9pm Family Fun Night
- 10/21 8:45 am Doughnuts for Dads
- 10/26 Cultural Assembly-Storyteller Megan Hicks

For more information on these events and a complete listing, please check out the Marshall Road PTA website at:

www.marshallroadpta.org/monthlycalendar.html

Principal's Corner - Jennifer Heiges

I began working as the assistant principal at Marshall Road in the spring of 2002. One of the first big events I was honored to attend was our 40th Anniversary Party. Ten years later, I am proud to be planning, facilitating, and participating in our 50th Anniversary. I spent many summer days thinking about how to make this year meaningful to our community in ways they would remember forever. I brainstormed how to make this more than a party, but a year that would have an impact for years to come. I am grateful to one creative Marshall Road mom, Suzan Gibson, who came up with a brilliant idea that encompasses my vision (and more) for this memorable year. 50 for 50! Suzan's idea that I will proudly help implement is for our community to complete 50 service projects in our 50th year. This lofty goal truly embodies who we are as a faculty, students, parents, alumni and the community. If we can teach the students the philosophy that giving of ourselves is the most powerful gift we can give to

others, we will send our students into their futures with a greater sense of themselves and a vast understanding of the world. The projects will strengthen our students' sense of civic engagement, environmental stewardship and community. These service learning projects will help students develop and achieve their own learning, social and personal goals. We have been working with students to help them develop goals of their own; this year, our school has a S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely) Goal. With your help, we will complete 50 meaningful service projects by the end of the school year to celebrate our 50th year. I am honored to participate in this effort with all of you, and I hope you join me in embracing this ambitious goal and in making this school year one filled with life lessons that will strengthen our character, our community, and our world. Thank you Suzan!

Jennifer Heiges
Principal

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Note from the PTA President - Beth Eachus

When I was asked last spring if I would consider the role of PTA President, I was both honored and a little nervous. I knew that it was the 50th anniversary of Marshall Road Elementary School, and that was a milestone that we should celebrate in a big way. But how would we make this year special? How would we involve everyone – the students and teachers, administration and families, as well as reach out to the Marshall Road alumni? What could we do that would be a gift to the entire community?



And then I read an early morning email from Suzan Gibson, a Marshall Road parent. We had attended a PTA Communications Committee meeting the night before and, after Suzan left the meeting, she had an idea. An amazing idea. Her idea was to find 50 ways to give back to the community. To give back to the community that had supported our school for the last 50 years. This was an idea that could include everyone, this was an idea that could make a difference.

So in the midst of our fabulous celebrations, our original mosaic in the school lobby, our 50th Anniversary Benefit and Silent Auction and our Birthday Party in the spring, we will also be searching for ways to give back. It may be as simple as bringing 50 cents to school to donate to Leukemia and Lymphoma research – or it could be making a healthy choice (and an environmentally friendly one) by choosing to participate in International Walk to School Day on October 5th. In the next two weeks, our students will be writing letters to include with care packages that will be shipped to soldiers overseas, and our 5th and 6th graders will be learning to bake bread that will be donated to a local food pantry.

But for our effort to be successful, we need your feedback on how to give back to our community. What do you think those 50 community service projects should be? Your student and your family may also be asked to get involved by donating an item or volunteering your time.

Those individual requests may seem small but all of our efforts together will result in something truly extraordinary. 50 service projects in honor of 50 wonderful years.

Beth Eachus

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Family Fun Night--Freaky Friday!

Please join us Friday, October 14th from 6:00-8:30pm for loads of seasonal Family Fun!

6:00-7:30

Spirit Wear for purchase in the cafeteria

6:00-8:00

Candy Raffle in the Gym

Fall Book Fair open

Dinner for purchase in the Cafeteria

6:00-8:30

DJ Dad- Dancing in Gym

Free Face Painting in the Gym

Marshall Road Cupcake Shop in Cafeteria

Laboratory Experiments in Gym

Checks and Cash will be accepted.

Dinner in the Cafeteria by



We will create a mural celebrating 50 years of helping hands in the cafeteria!

Children are invited to wear costumes. Please do not bring play weapons. Adults are asked not to wear masks for security reasons.

[This is a Family Event, all children MUST be accompanied by an Adult](#)

For more information on this event, or if you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Nellie Hatch noviella@georgetown.edu or Caryn Baum CarynLBaum@aol.com

To the Book Fair! And Beyond!

Blast off at this year's Scholastic Book Fair and support reading in our schools! All funds raised through the book fair will go directly to the library to purchase the books and technology that we need to help promote reading comprehension and fluency. Highlights for this year's fair include:

* A new online book store for our school! Thousands of books not available at our in-school book fair can be purchased by students, family and friends at the online store. Items purchased through the online book store are delivered directly to the school with no shipping within 3 days of the order being placed. Orders will be sent home with students through their homeroom teacher. Our online bookstore is open from October 7th through October 26th. Look for a link to the online book store on the PTA website, the school's website and on the book fair home page <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/marshallroad>

* Our annual reading contest! For every book read or 20 minutes spent reading, students can complete a "Spaceman" contest entry form and put it in the box in the library for a chance to win a free book at the book fair (drawings to be held each morning during the book fair and announced by the morning new team). Additional entry forms can be picked up in the library. Look for entry forms and the Scholastic Book Fair Flyer in Tuesday folders, October 11th.

* Finally! The Sixth Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever is due to be released on November 15th. You can reserve your paperback edition by sending in \$8.49 (checks made payable to Marshall Road PTA) and the pre-order form that will come home in Tuesday folders on October 11th.

For more information, go to our [Marshall Road Book Fair Home Page](#) or contact Erin Kane at bookfair@marshallroadpta.org.

Teacher Feature:



Jessica Shroyer
Instructional Coach

Instructional Coaches are teacher leaders specifically trained to guide their colleagues in data analysis, best practices, and working collaboratively.

New to Marshall Road this year, our full time coach Jessica Shroyer was formerly a 7th and 8th grade math teacher at Stone MS and Rocky Run MS. She has been an Instructional Coach for years, starting at Jackson MS and was at Cunningham Park last year.

Jessica has already been working with all grade level teams to help them plan for instruction, intervention and enrichment. She has also assisted teams in looking at student data to plan for individual needs. One of the highlights of Jessica's skills has been her knowledge of guided math. She has already made a positive impact on Marshall Road.

Looking for a translator

The Roadrunner Review is looking for volunteers to translate our newsletter into Korean and Spanish. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Dauernheim at newsletter@marshallroadpta.org. A great way for a bilingual student to earn service hours!

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We want to know what you are interested in! Please send in ideas or comments to Lisa Dauernheim at newsletter@marshallroadpta.org

Do you want to know what is going on in our school community?

Join the PTA!

The Marshall Road Elementary School (MRES) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is made up of parents just like you, working with the school to enrich our children's public school experience. You can join the PTA online at www.marshallroadpts.org/join.html

Our PTA meets monthly to discuss programs, provide special events for our teachers, raise funds and support our school. Please join us, **Wednesday, October 5th at 9:30am.**

Ms. Luck's Little Wellness Wisdom

FALL into Fitness - As the leaves are changing and the weather is cooling off make time to have a family bike ride, walk, jog, go apple, berry or pumpkin picking, or even let your kids help rake the leaves and then let them JUMP in them. Fall is a time of beautiful colors too – as a family try to brainstorm & eat a variety of different fruits and vegetables this month, maybe even try some new ones! Aim for 5 a day!