

## TEACH PEACE

June

8 8TH GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS-OFFICE

Donna Andrews, Principal, 668-1020  
Trinity Raw Asst. Principal 668-1020  
Attendance Line, 668-1027  
Rosemary Schindeldecker, 668-1022  
Chul Schwanke, Social Worker, 668-1057  
John Kollodge, Head Engineer, 668-1031  
Sidney Orchard, Parent Liaison, 668-1023

### **Marcy's Web Site URL:**

<http://marcy.mpls.k12.mn.us>

### PARENTS PLEASE REPORT ALL ABSENCES ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE

Please state the reason your student will be absent from school. 612-668-1027

### PICK UP/DROP OFF REMINDER

Please remember that the 5th Street entrance is for school buses only. Parents dropping or picking up in cars should only be using 4th Avenue, the Main Entrance.

### 8TH GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY

The 8th Grade Completion Ceremony will be on June 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The doors will open at 9:30 for parents and families to enter and find a seat. After the ceremony there will be a small reception to celebrate the 8th graders. Be on the lookout next week for a letter to go home with your child providing more details. If you have immediate questions, contact Leslie at [leslie.froyso@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:leslie.froyso@mpls.k12.mn.us) or your child's advisory teacher.

### MAGAZINE SALES CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED

Make a big impact at Marcy Open with a low time commitment! Join the current Magazine Sales Coordinator as a Co-Chair. Must have 2 mornings free in September to count orders. Contact Sidney for more information.

### SPIRIT WEEK 5/4-5/8

MONDAY MISMATCH Day--Wear your most Obnoxious Color Patterns.

TUESDAY: Sports Jersey Day. Hopefully, some Twins or Saints Baseball!

WEDNESDAY: HAT Day.

THURSDAY: MARCY PRIDE DAY.

FRIDAY: Dress Nice Day. (8th Graders usually do anyway for their Completion Ceremony).

### A NOTE FROM DONNA

Dear Marcy families,

It is hard to believe that our school year is just about over. The time has flown by! With our unpredictable Minnesota weather, it felt as though we went through a long winter right into summer!

Your students have grown so much, not only in height, but in academic knowledge, compassion and global perspective. They are really ready to enjoy time off, but please make sure they make time for reading every single day. If you can get some practical math into their lives, that would be great, too! Nothing is as motivating as knowing how much change you will get back at the store when you buy an ice cream cone!

This time of the year we say goodbye to some of our staff who are leaving Marcy. Congratulations to Rhonda Vopava-Geyette on her retirement; to Sigrid Espe on her move to Woodbury and her new job there; to Sarah Moffat, who is going to teach just a few blocks from her home in Richfield; to Elizabeth Hawley, who is off to grad school; to Mackenzie Kloempken, who will be pursuing her singing career full-time and to Grace Wood, Peggy Palumbo, Sean Casey, Indra Singh and Carol Dose who are also moving on next year. We wish all of you the very best and hope you come and visit sometime in the future. Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you in August!

Donna

### FALL FUN VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a new Game's Coordinator for Fall Fun Fest for next year. Don't let the title intimidate you – you don't create all the games. Most games are in storage and ready to go. You simply coordinate with teachers, direct volunteers with set up/clean up, and sort prizes. Check in with Sidney if you are interested or know of someone you think would enjoy this being a part of the "fun-est" night at Marcy.

### A NOTE FROM PARENT COUNCIL

We are so appreciative of our Marcy teachers and staff and want to do everything we can to make their lives more fulfilled. The Parent Council is excited to announce the creation of the Teacher Resiliency Fund! This year, part of the money raised through various fundraisers, such as the plant and magazine sales and our Annual Fund donations have been set aside to fund projects of various sizes – each with the goal of providing those who care so deeply about students something extra. We surveyed teachers and staff (keep your ideas coming!) and are getting to work fulfilling them. This includes some upgrades to the staff lounge, buying coffee and condiments, microwaves, beanbag chairs, a vacuum cleaner, soil and mulch, improvements to the staff bathroom and a water station.

As we close in on yet another year at Marcy, we wanted to reflect on the positive momentum we feel in building an even stronger Marcy community. Stepping in to chair Parent Counsel, we weren't sure exactly what to expect. Well, it's given us the chance to meet so many of you and to try with steps small and large to build a well-connected network, where all feel welcome to contribute in any way they can to a better learning environment for their students. This year we were proud as Parent Counsel to keep all of the activities built and to generate new ideas to raise even more money in years to come. With education funding continuously at risk, we hope you will recognize so that many things we consider core to Marcy, such as the arts programming provided by MAP, trips to Wolf Ridge, the Teacher Resiliency Fund, and basic supplies for classrooms are not funded by the District. Among the things we will tackle next year include setting firm financial goals (dreaming big with large school projects in mind), working with Minneapolis Park and Rec to ensure our playground remodel serves the needs of our school and community, increased programming on issues of importance such as school safety, and ideas to increase parent participation. Please plan on joining us – we'd love to have you and to hear from you (marcyopenpc@gmail.com). On behalf of the Marcy Parent Counsel, thanks for a wonderful school year and looking forward to next year.

Kelly McLain

### RHONDA IS RETIRING!

Rhonda Joy Vopava is retiring after 42 years! In honor of her I'm putting together a video (with the help of a technology expert). I'm asking everyone interested in participating to send me a short 20 second (or less) video clip of themselves or their kids giving Rhonda a message. This could be anything you want, a thank-you, a fond memory, or a well wish for the future, etc. Please send me your video clip as soon as possible, I will be able to receive them up until June 1st when we will work on compiling them into one video. Please drop and drag your video into the following Goggle drive.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VUb5lulOul\\_fEBLqm9w3UiGRQmiSJv8X?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VUb5lulOul_fEBLqm9w3UiGRQmiSJv8X?usp=sharing)

or email them to me at [alixhibbard@yahoo.com](mailto:alixhibbard@yahoo.com)

Looking forward to getting all your awesome video clips to honor Rhonda and commemorate this momentous occasion.

Thanks! Alix Herzing

### PARENTS/AMAZON SHOPPERS:

A reminder before the summer break: .5% of your purchases on Amazon can be donated to Marcy! HOW?

1) Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

2) if it's your first visit you'll need to select Marcy Parent Council as your charitable organization OR to change your charity, sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account" and select Marcy Parent Council.

3) shop

Thanks!

### LABYRINTH CHALLENGE

Things are happening at the Labyrinth! Go out and check out the new signs at the Labyrinth! We have installed the informational signs at the rain garden and Labyrinth to complete the Mississippi Water Shed grant and installation if the space and it tells how Water and run off affects the environment and relates to the river and Marcy. We also have the annual Classroom Challenge 2018 Starting Monday the 5/14/2018. Please look for the annual Classroom Brick challenge to fund the Labyrinth and future installation of bricks, landscaping and future art due to begin installations in the fall with an event!

Each classroom will be getting envelopes to remind families and individuals to contribute a donation to the Labyrinth or to buy a brick paver for the installation on the "Path to Peace". Brick sizes and prices are; 4 x 8 - \$150.00 each

8x8 - \$400.00 each/accommodates JPEG image

12 x 12 - \$1000.00 each/accommodates JPEG image.

Please consider this for your graduate, family, legacy, corporation or business or consider a kind word to sponsor. Classrooms in the past have voted and come up with a word or phrase for the year, peace or school. Thank you for your continued support of the Marcy Path to Peace Terry Labyrinth.

Jacqueline Dekker-Travis Coordinator

### MARCY OPEN K-4 VOCABULARY PARADE!!

The students of Marcy Open School will participate in a Vocabulary Parade on Thursday, June 7th at 2:00. Parents are invited to bring a chair or blanket and come watch the parade. Invite neighbors and relatives! The parade will be held outside along the north side of the building (kindergarten doors), as well as, the west side of the playground. Parents will sit in their chair or on their blanket in the grass next to the sidewalk. In the event of heavy rain, the parade will be cancelled and there will be a student viewing only. If you have any questions, please contact the literacy specialist, Kilee Christnagel at [kilee.christnagel@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kilee.christnagel@mpls.k12.mn.us)