

Book Fair

October 3-5

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Parent Teacher Conferences October 3-5

We encourage all parents to meet with their child's teacher during parent teacher conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and social behavior.

Fall Fundraiser Begins October 2nd – 16th

We will kick-off our Fannie May and Candle Fall Fundraiser. Students who sell 20 items per student or 35 items per family, get to ride in a limo to Monical's Pizza for lunch.

Information will come home on October 2nd.

Access into the Building

Hard to believe we have already finished over a month of school. Thank you so much for embracing our new pick up procedures. Things seem to be running very smoothly. The safety of your child is very important to us.

In regards to safety, currently when entering our building you are buzzed into the lobby area and then walk into the office. Beginning in October, you will need to be buzzed in a second time to enter the office. This is another safety measure we are instilling here at Maroa-Forsyth.

Welcome your 2018-2019 Student Council

3rd Grade: Layla Squires, Olivia Oropeza, Cyrus Bohlmann, Caden Scheuler, Graham Blackwell, Nora Khali, Prisha Kothari, Clairra Timmons

4th Grade: Brooke Nelson, Alexa Hurst, Will Gentle, Emery Bunselmeyer, Madeline Michael, Nick Brooks, Jacob Knupple, Aaliyah DeBartolomeo

5th Grade: Gabi Kirgan, Josh Lewis, Samantha Goede, Tess Willingham, Arnav Kolluru, Rebecca Riley, Sophia Crowe, Brian Lewis

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Dates to Remember in October

- 10/2-- Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 10/3-- 2:13 Dismissal, Book Fair
- 10/3-- Conferences
- 10/4-- 2:13 Dismissal, Book Fair
- 10/4-- Conferences
- 10/5-- 2:13 Dismissal, Book Fair
- 10/8-- No School, Columbus Day
- 10/16-- End of Fall Fundraiser
- 10/17-- 11:40 Dismissal
- 10/19-- End of Quarter 1
- 10/22-- School Board Meeting
- 10/26-- Report Cards go Home
- 10/25-- Picture Retake
- 10/31-- 1:45 Fall Festival Parade
2:00-2:45-- Class Party



Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind

Would you start a trip without knowing where you are going?

Knowing what you trying to accomplish directs all the choices on the way.

Habit 2 is Begin with the End in Mind - Think about how you want something to turn out before you start it. Goal setting is an important skill for success. Set a goal. Then, break it down into small manageable pieces. A great example is a puzzle. You study the picture. Then, you sort pieces. Perhaps you'll do the edge first. Next, you may find all the pieces of one color, and so on step-by-step until it is complete.

Ways to apply at home:

Point out examples: Share stories from your life, or even your day at work, where you had a goal or task that you accomplished. What steps did you take to accomplish it? How did breaking it down make it easier? Point out examples from your child's life such as riding a bike, tying shoes, or another skill.

Create a goal: Is there something your child wants that he/she can work for? Better reading skills, a day with a parent, a new toy or game? Help your child set the goal and define steps they can take to achieve it. Make sure it is attainable to create a positive experience.

Look to the future: From the time they are small, adults ask kids, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Help your child identify an interest and then encourage activities, skills, books, or other opportunities that support that interest. Show them how these little steps can lead them to greater opportunities to use this interest in a variety ways or careers in their adult life. They very well may change their mind, but they will know you support them.

Family Mission Statement: What kind of family do you want to have? What does your family value? What is your ultimate goal? Discussing it as a family and putting it in writing can help lead the whole family in a more positive direction. It can be simple: "We are kind to each other all the time so everyone will always like coming to our home." Or it can be a paragraph. Whatever sums up your family and creates a positive picture everyone can feel a part of. Be sure to include everyone in your family in the process of creating the mission statement.

Words to use: Reminder: It is important to use a non-judgmental tone. You are inviting your child to think for themselves and share their ideas, views and conclusions with you.

"What do you plan on this being when you are finished?"

"Can we break this into more manageable steps?"

"Do you need anything from me in order for you to be successful?"

"What other steps do we need to take to reach this goal?"

"Well, what do you want more, this (immediate) or your goal of (child's goal)?"