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Traffic and Parking Concerns

Major Traffic Problems:

Parent Meeting Held

By Allison Manderville & Chloe Barquist

Marvin Elementary has a serious problem: the traffic in front is very bad! Several parents, Mr. Derwae, and Mr. Schreiber got together to find out what the problems were and what could be done about them. Some parents are letting their students run across Brunswick Ave. to school in the middle of traffic. Others are doing illegal U-turns. There was even a three-car accident just a block away from the school that occurred in the past few weeks. Neighbors are concerned and upset. Parents have parked in their driveways, and damaged their property, such as denting neighbor's cars, knocking over their mailboxes and trash cans, all of which is illegal and very rude. Parents are also parking far too long on the school side of Brunswick Ave. causing more traffic. So some parents gathered to talk about the problem. One parent in particular is working with the city of San Diego, the police, and the school to solve the traffic problem at our school. Some of the ideas to solve the problem were to pave half of the dirt



Photo Taken by Mr. Schreiber

field and put the teacher parking lot in the back so parents can use this area like a drop-off. Another idea was to make the front drop off and pick up only with no parking to make less traffic. If parents wanted to walk their child into school, they would have to park farther away.

During the meeting, those present made a wish list of what the school would like done. Some of these were to repaint the curbs, changing signs to "no parking" and lowering them so they can be easily seen. Putting a "No U-Turn" sign was also a priority and also making the intersections of Brunswick Ave. with Galewood and Eldridge streets at least a 3-way stop sign with crosswalks to make crossing the streets safer for parents and children.

The city is aware of the situation and is looking into what can be done. Unfortunately, this will take a month at the least and who knows what could happen during that time.

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Teacher Trainings

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This year at Marvin, teachers have been missing classes because of teacher training. I asked 4/5 combo teacher Mrs. Johnson what she thought about the events. She said she likes teacher trainings because it is a time for her to discuss things with her colleagues. She also mentioned that during the trainings, teachers talk about what they are doing in their classes and share new ideas to meet their student's needs. Johnson said, "I

think it is helpful because in teacher training we learn many new teaching strategies to make learning even better for Room 12." Mrs. Johnson would like to have teacher trainings afterschool on Wednesdays instead of during class. She trusts in her substitute though, when she is gone. According to Mrs. Johnson, teacher training is very helpful. Teachers can learn new ideas and fun activities for their class.

Recess at Marvin

By Stephanie Pemberton & Zoe Womack

Recess is a fun time here at Marvin. Students like to play and do many things. 3rd through 5th graders enjoy playing tag. Others like to sit and talk while eating a snack.

There are some popular games to be played at school. Popcorn is a popular game for the 3rd through 5th graders. 1st and 2nd graders like to play tag, jump rope, and kickball. Many Kindergarteners like to play on the structures or go on the swings. The most popular game at Marvin though is kickball. That's not all that can be done though. Some kids like to go to Mr. Baham's room and help out. They also get to hold the snake and frog.

Conferences from a Teacher's Point of View

By Nika Bordbar & Samantha Soto

Mrs. Johnson: She would like the parents to come to conferences with questions, ideas, and what they want for their kids. Grades are not always the most important thing to be discussed, but what can be done to make them better. Ms. O'Hara: Ms. O'Hara expects the parents to come at the assigned time and with questions. She likes asking questions to parents to learn more about them and their students. She also likes 4th and 5th grade conferences because students can also be there to express themselves.

Marvin's 4th Grade Teacher: Mr. Zeman

By Maddie Walford & Makenzie Wehrman

Mr. Z has been teaching at Marvin for 14 years, but he has been teaching much longer than that. He grew up in Chicago and moved to San Diego in 1987. He has a sister and brother, both older than him. When he was growing up, Zeman loved history. He also enjoyed college.

Now, Mr. Zeman loves to teach reading. He loves antique furniture, gardening, diet coke, and coffee, especially from Starbucks. Loves plants because they do not talk and are very beautiful. His favorite character is Charlie Brown.

Zeman has taught at two other elementary schools before coming to Marvin. He expects a lot from his students. He really likes students who do not talk, but concentrate, and work hard.

Mrs. Livingstone

By Ryann Gideon & Malia Savage

Mrs. Livingstone is a kindergarten teacher in room 2. Her favorite subject is language arts. The reason Livingstone likes to teach is because she gets to see her students learn and grow. Mrs. Livingstone's birthday is on August 7. Her favorite restaurant is Casa de Pico. She has two dogs and cats, a turtle, and a fish. She has three children. Ryan is 24, Kellie is 22, and Katelyn is 20.

Mrs. Murphy: 2nd Grade Teacher

By Caitlyn Cacciapaglia & Taylor Connolly

Mrs. Murphy, also known as Kelly Murphy is a 2nd grade teacher here at Marvin. She is 51 years old and she has 2 kids named Erin and Joey. She is from Minnesota. She has taught P.E., 1st and 5th grade in Lemon Grove. She has been teaching for 22 years. On the weekends, Mrs. Murphy likes to play volleyball and garden. On rainy days, she likes to watch black and white movies and drink hot chocolate.

Mrs. Rengstorff: Mr. Myrick's Long Term Sub

By Jazz Lariosa

Mrs. Rengstorff is a substitute teacher in Room 16 while Mr. Myrick is gone. She was born in Seattle, WA. Her birthday is on September 12. She loves painting, hiking, skiing, scuba diving, and traveling. Before moving to San Diego, Rengstorff lived somewhere else. "My husband and I moved to San Diego from Seattle in June 2013. Before that, we also lived in Thailand." Rengstorff loves watching each student grow as a scholar and person. She spends time with her husband and dog when she does not teach.

Science Teacher: Mr. Baham

By Isa Holst

Mr. Baham is the Science teacher here at Marvin. While other teachers are teaching science from the book, Baham gets to run the experiments and gives lots of information. Baham was born in Orange County and is 42. He has two kids and loves to go to the beach and is also a basketball coach. He loves to teach science because it is very hands on. His favorite class pet is Rusty the corn snake.