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## Science and Art Fairs

### Invention Convention & Experiment Expo.

By Zoe Womack

On May 13, in the afternoon, the Science Fair at Marvin was held in the auditorium. It was very interesting and exciting. Many students did the Invention Convention or Experiment Exposition. Even some of the Kindergarteners participated. Students who participated got a very cool chance to learn more about science and then share that information to others.

There were lots of different types of experiments. One of projects for Experiment Exposition was what would happen to Mentos in Coke, root beer, and Fanta. Other projects were about who lost the most weight, or about napkins or toilet paper that was colored with dye. They were all cool to see.

In Invention Convention, a boy named Makai from Mrs. Arce's class did his experiment to see and measure sound waves in water. He connected his iPad to speakers that made vibrations through a running fountain of water he also made. The iPad and speakers made sound waves. Makai said you could



Some of the projects at the Science Fair.  
Photo Taken by Samantha Soto

hear the sound waves vibrate. The video on the iPad would let you see the water vibrate through the fountain depending on the frequency. He also said his dad helped him. Makai also said he got his Invention Convention from a YouTube video he saw and thought it was cool and wanted to try it.

On Friday, May 15, there was an award ceremony for students that participated in the science fair. Ice cream and awards were given to each student for their hard work. In all, the 2015 Science Fair was a success.

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# Art Walk and Spring Concert

By Allison Manderville

During the month of May, our school had a Science Fair and an Art Walk. We also had a concert where the beginner and advanced strings and band performed for the entire school. The Art Walk showcased many different types of art from lots of artists. Each student from every class got to show one piece of art that was inspired by an



**Marvin band and strings.**  
Photo Taken by Mr. Schreiber

artist they learned about. The art was then hung on the main hall way at Marvin.

At the concert, Mr. Parks and Mr. T. introduced all the kids in orchestra and band and also introduced the songs they would each play such as “Ode to Joy”, “Star Wars”, and “My Heart Will Go On”.

## Mr. Bergstrom

By Makenzie Wehrman

Jeff Bergstrom teaches Special Education at Marvin Elementary. His classroom is Room 4. Mr. Bergstrom started being a teacher in 1990 when he was 30 years old. He has taught at one other school, Lee Elementary. He likes to work with special needs kids because he thinks they need the most help. If the students are having a bad day, he tries to redirect them in the right way and then reward them.

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Photo taken by Makenzie Wehrman

## Silent Auction

By Stephanie Pemberton

Saturday, May 2, Marvin had a Silent Auction where they sold all sorts of things like objects students made, painted, and drew. The Silent Auction was held at the East San Diego Masonic Lodge in San Carlos.

The reason for the auction was to raise money for the school. Parents and teachers attended, totaling around 150 altogether.

All 120 items sold. The auction made \$18,000 for the school. Some items sold for a lot, like a school parking space for \$1,000. The auction was a big success!

## Teacher's Treat

By Nika Bordbar

Marvin is having this contest for its students. Teacher's Treat is a fun opportunity for teachers to treat two students to lunch. Winners are chosen two different ways.

One way was to get drawn from a raffle. A mom from the PTF took pictures of all the teachers at Marvin wearing a cowboy hat and bandana. She put the pictures all around school. Every teacher got a box in their class and the students got tickets that they could put in

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## Teacher Appreciation Week

By Nika Bordbar

May 4-8<sup>th</sup> was Marvin's Teacher Appreciation week. All the kids brought so many wonderful things for their teachers. The week before teacher appreciation week, the kids got a yellow paper telling the students what to bring each day. Monday was “Bring a Cool Drink”, like soda, Starbucks, or Jamba Juice gift card. Tuesday was “Something from the Garden” like fruits, veggies, or a plant.

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## Smarter Balanced Testing

By Samantha Soto

The SBAC or Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is a test all third through fifth graders had to take to show what they have learned through the school year. The SBAC was given during the last two weeks in May. The first of those two weeks was for English Language Arts, and the second week was for Math.

Most 5th graders thought the SBAC was good. Some thought it was hard because of all the writing on the ELA test. They also felt that Math was easier than ELA, but some problems were long and they had to do a lot of work.

Grades 3 through 5 had to take four tests in all. two for ELA and two for Math.

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was "Write a Poem or a Card". Thursday was "Something Sweet" like See's candy, cookies, brownies, or a gift card. "Something from the Heart" was Friday and students could bring in a gift or token of appreciation. So those were the themes for each day.

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any teacher's box and each ticket you put in you have to pay one dollar. Students could not put in a ticket and not pay. After the last day to put in tickets, a ticket is then pulled out of the box and that's the winner for that teacher.

On June 3, after school, the winners and the teachers got on a bus and went to Grossmont Center. Depending on the students and teachers, some went to Shakeys or Chuckie Cheese. I spoke with two of the winners, Keegan and Lily. Keegan won a lunch with Mr. Schreiber and Lily won Mr. Bergstrom. Keegan said he was excited to go and happy he won. Lily said she was also excited and thought it was nice of him to always helps students in Room 4.

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## Mrs. Beecher

By Taylor Connolly

Mrs. Beecher's full name is Alicia Beecher. She is a Special Education teacher at Marvin and has Special Ed. for 17 years. She also spent some of that time working at Hearst and Kumeyaay Elementary schools. Her hometown is West Covina, CA. She also has two children, Mathew and Jillian, and is also married. Mrs. Beecher does not have a favorite grade because she already works with TK-5th graders.



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