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Thanksgiving!

The Thanksgiving Musical

By Ethan Ramirez & Michael Wright

Marvin's Thanksgiving Musical took place on November 19, 2015. The performance is about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and the feast day called Thanksgiving. Rooms 7 (Mrs. Mainar) and 22 (Mrs. Murphy) worked together to make the play. In all, the musical lasted for about 30 minutes. It has been a Marvin tradition for 18 years.

There were 25 Pilgrims and 25 Native Americans in the Marvin Thanksgiving Musical. The Pilgrims were played by Mrs. Murphy's class and the Native Americans were played by Mrs. Mainar's class. The classes sang several songs. One of the songs they sang was "Mister Turkey Big and Fat." Mrs. Mainar played the piano for the performance and Mrs. Murphy helped the kids sing.



Mrs. Murphy and Mainar's classes performing.
Photo Taken by Emily Hanna

Thanksgiving Break Plans

By Jaden Fewell & Sydney Hejko

Several students were interviewed to find out what plans for Thanksgiving break the kids at Marvin have.

2nd grader Brianna is going to Los Angeles. She is going to meet up with her aunt and uncle to play some games as a family and celebrate Thanksgiving. Brianna will also celebrate her little brother's birthday on Thanksgiving. She will also sing karaoke.

Katy in 3rd grade is going to her cousin's **cont'd p3**

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Parking Patrol

By Ryan Lakhani & Laurence Romero

Around the beginning of October 2015, the Marvin PTF issued a safety patrol. This idea was made by Selina Stockley, a PTF member, but supported by the PTF and many parents.

The idea is to make drop off and pick up times quicker and make less traffic in front of Marvin. The PTF use cones with signs that represent the different grades so students can be organized and be picked up quickly. One of the head directors is Mrs. Wehrman.



Students line up after school
Photo Taken by Emily Hanna

She is a parent and makes sure to keep the kids in their lines. The patrol volunteers go out in the morning from 7:30 to 7:55am and 2:00 to 2:20pm in the

Afternoon. Every day, it seems that is one person that violates the rules. Police officers are usually around and watching. If they catch someone violating the rules, it is double the fine. Every single PTF member does not want this idea to change. Hopefully, people will respect our parking rules to make our school safer.

Mr. Samtmann

By Lucero Andrade & Alora Ortiz

Mr. Samtmann is one of our new teachers here at Marvin Elementary. He is a kindergarten teacher in Room 24. His full name is O'neill Samtmann and he is 23 years old. It is also his first year teaching, but he substituted for other teachers before. Mr. Samtmann lived in South Carolina and went to Kansington Elementary, Georgetown Middle and High School, and Crason College. He came to San Diego to become a teacher. He wanted to become a computer scientist, but was persuaded to become a teacher by his mother who is also a teacher. Mr. Samtmann's favorite things to do during his free time are surf, skate, and hike.

Ms. Parra

By Alexis Osuna & Bianca Robles-Estrella

Mrs. Parra is a kindergarten teacher in Room 6. She started teaching at the age of 23. Mrs. Parra is from Chino, CA. She has brown curly hair and brown eyes. Every Friday, her class does Book Buddies with Mr. Schreiber's class.

Ms. Parra was a student worker before she was an official teacher. She got interviewed and got sent to Marvin and was assigned to teach kindergarten. She loved it.

Her favorite color is red and her favorite book is The Hunger Games. Her favorite children's author is Eric Carlisle.

1st Grade Teacher Mrs. Adi

By Kayla Rico & Kate Williams

Mrs. Adi loves teaching. She has been teaching for 20 years and a little more. She's taught every grade and her favorite grades are 3rd and 6th.

Mrs. Adi thinks of teaching as fun, enjoyable, hard, easy, and rewarding. She has taught at many different schools aside from Marvin. She thinks schools are nicely planned, but they have a lot of room for improvement.

Mrs. Adi does all kinds of art. She likes painting, drawing, paper art, and many other kinds of art. Mrs. Adi is one amazing teacher!

Mrs. Murphy

By Lucero Andrade & Madison Le

Mrs. Murphy is our 2nd grade Marvin Elementary teacher. This year is going to be her 24th year teaching! She taught 1st, 2nd, 5th, and P.E. after starting in 1992. The only schools she has taught in are Marvin and San Miguel.

Mrs. Murphy's full name is Kelly Lynn Klunder, but most people know her and Murphy. She went to SDSU for college. Mrs. Murphy has 2 kids. Her hobbies are to Garden and play Volleyball. She always wanted to become a veterinarian. **cont'd p3**

Mr. Myrick

By Mia Mendoza & Ella Mendoza

Mr. Myrick was born on June 16, 1962. His mom is from Norway and his dad is from South Dakota. He also has a sister named Susan that has 3 kids.

Mr. Myrick first taught at Marvin and then went to another school, but came back. The reason Mr. Myrick wanted to teach was because he wanted his students to get good jobs and become good citizens. He also likes teaching guitar. He has taught 2nd and 4th, but likes teaching 5th the most.

Today, Mr. Myrick loves fish and regular tacos. His favorite hobbies are travelling, playing guitar, and swimming. He likes to eat chocolate, play tennis, and video games. He absolutely loves Star Wars.

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Mrs. Murphy thinks that 2nd grade is a fun grade to teach because of how young the kids are. She loves it!

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House to stay for a sleep over. She will also play boardgames with her cousins.

Ryan, in 5th grade, is staying at home, but has family coming for Thanksgiving. They are going out for a big dinner. He will hang out with them and some of his friends might come over.

Another 5th grader, Carter, will go to the desert to ride dirt bikes and celebrate Thanksgiving. He will also celebrate his birthday on that day too. He will meet up with his grandparents, aunt, and uncle.

Parent Teacher Conferences

By Hazel Bagley & Alyssa Olague

For the week of November 16 – 20, there were parent teacher conferences. This was a great opportunity for teachers to speak to parents about their student's progress in school.

There were half days during that week. The conferences lasted about 15 to 20 minutes each depending on the teacher. The conferences took place in the student's teacher's classroom after school. Conferences could also be held over the phone or by email too.

Parents get to learn how their child is doing in school and they need to improve on. Teachers say that parent teacher conferences are worthwhile.

Report Cards

By Matt Kylstad & Trenton Yancey

On the 3rd week of November, the teachers passed out report cards at parent teacher conferences. Teachers said that the last report cards are the most important, but the first ones are too. Mr. Field and Mrs. Solis believe it is good to let the parents and kids see them. It also lets kids know where grade-wise in school. Some kids react at first by being scared, but many kids change and become excited.



Painter trims a window
Photo by Emily Hanna

School Being Painted

By Gabriella Gutierrez & Taylor Luebe

As you may have seen, Marvin Elementary is beginning to receive a new coat of paint. This painting process will take approximately a month to complete. Marvin hired a professional painting company to complete the job.

Marvin Elementary has had many improvements done over the last year. New air conditioning was installed and this year, the entire school is getting new paint. The school will look amazing when all the work is completed.