

# SILVEIRA TIMES!

(SchoolWebsite) [www.marysilveira.org](http://www.marysilveira.org)

(Library Website) <http://sites.google.com/site/libraryroom14/>



**One of our amazing acts at the talent showcase! They sang Help, Beatles**

**They needed none...**



**MONDAY 1/30**

Event Free

**TUESDAY 1/31**

MESHSA General Meeting  
6:30pm in the MPR

**WEDNESDAY 2/1**

Silveira Green Team 8:45am

**THURSDAY 2/2**

Event Free

**FRIDAY 2/3**

LifeSkill Assembly - Honesty!  
Kindergarten Presentation!  
Coordinating Council  
9:00am

## In the news this week!

### Talent Show Review

What a lovely show last Thursday and Friday night! Packed house both evenings! Great sound and what a jaw-dropping performance by our student Stage managing crew! DVD's are available for both shows in the front office. I am already reserving a few for myself!

### 'Chicken' support needed over the break

Miss Melissa here, your garden caretaker, with a call out to any families who will be around during the President's Week 2/20-2/24. I need to connect with you ASAP to ensure that our beloved chickens will be fed, watered, and showered with joy in Next Generation's absence. I will be out of state that week and need to know that they are in good, capable family hands in my absence. You can shoot me a quick email – [melissa@gonextgeneration.org](mailto:melissa@gonextgeneration.org) or call the office @ 459-6398 to sign up. *The chickens and I thank you!*

### Site Council Information

Our team met this week to review the 2012-2013 School Site Plan, our Top 10 achievements, and our newly established New Parent welcome program called the Welcome Wagon! Our committee recognizes the importance of developing a program that connects new families to our school and its varied programs and to provide information about our community.

### January 23rd Staff Development Day

What a fantastic learning day! K-3 staff at Silveira continued their professional development in the areas of Guided Language Acquisition Design as well as Step Up to Writing, a writing program. 4th and 5th graders worked diligently at Val in the area of upper grade writing as well. Trainers were terrific and I intend to follow up with our own grade level workshops on Wednesday afternoons to support their teaching efforts. Just a quick note from the inside: *I am really proud of the dedication our staff has to meeting the needs of your children. It is non-stop, always pushing ahead, looking ahead, and preparing your children to be equipped with the necessary skills to be successful. The Wednesday conversations are deep and specific.*

### Swimming with the Waterdevils

Does your child love to swim? Now is the time of year when local summer league swim teams register for the upcoming season. On the school website you will find an informational flyer about the Marinwood Waterdevils swim team. Join the Waterdevils for an "Open House" and spaghetti feed on February, 3rd at 6pm at the Marinwood Community Center. Meet the coaches and other families, and find out more about what being a part of the swim team is all about. Waterdevil team registration will be held on Feb 11th, 10am-12pm, at the Miller Creek Library. Visit [www.waterdevils.org](http://www.waterdevils.org) for more information and to rsvp for the Open House.



### **Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013**

Registration packets are now available in the office.

### **Science Fair Update - 4th and 5th Graders**

So far we have received 37 Approval Forms—a terrific start to our Science Fair! Last year we had about 10 so we are really excited! Experiments involving pennies, bread, cat litter, soap, and root beer are just some of the fun ideas our students will be working on. On Friday, Approval Forms were returned with comments to ensure that the hypothesis conforms to the Scientific Method. It took about 8 hours to individually and carefully analyze each form to include helpful hints that will guide the students onto the “Materials” and “Procedures” section for the next week of this Program. Special thanks to Jo-Ann, parent leader for the mentoring program, for her work on this.

Please check with your children for their Approval Forms or their forms that need to be revised & resubmitted. Some of these forms were returned to the students on Friday. Attached to the Approval Forms are comments tailored to their individual experiments that will help guide them on the work outlined in the coming week's schedule (check out the website or the Program handout for this information). We will be coming up on the 3rd week of this 6-week Program, so it's important that the students keep up with this rapidly-paced Program. If your child has any questions, he or she may ask them at Monday's lunch time meeting or can stop by the office and speak to the principal for help.

Monday, January 30th, I am sending Science Fair Boards home with your children. The boards are free. Only those students with a hypothesis completed and turned in will be given a board to begin working on. There is a model example in the library students and parents can refer to if needed. On our home web page we have additional information to support their work.

We believe strongly in supporting the sciences for our students. Elementary school students are naturally curious, which makes science an ideal subject for them to learn. Science allows students to explore their world and discover new things. It is also an active subject, containing activities such as hands-on labs and experiments. This makes science well-suited to active younger children. It is an important part of the foundation for education for all children. It also teaches children necessary skills that they can use in other areas of their lives. *Early experiences in science help children develop problem-solving skills and motivate them toward a lifelong interest in the natural world.*

### **Memory Book Update**

The Memory Book is a student generated yearbook of 80 color pages that capture many of the events that happen during the school year. The book also includes portraits of students organized by class. The cost of the book is \$ 25 if purchased online at [www.myyear.com](http://www.myyear.com) and follow the prompts. The online order system also allows orders of yearbook momento's. The cost is \$26 if paying by check in the office. The presale ends February 17th. The cost will go up slightly after this date. (\$27 online and \$28 via the office). We have a limited number of books and sold out last year.

## **FUTURE DATES**

### **February**

3rd Coordinating Council Meeting

7th Green Initiative Meeting

9th Zones of Regulation Meeting for Parents 7:00pm

14th Valentines day

15th School Site Council

17th Volunteer Assembly

20th-24th President's Week

### **March**

2nd Coordinating Council Meeting

6th Spring Visitation

6th & 7th 4th Grade State Writing Test

8th DELAC Meeting

12th No school

14th School Site Council