

Marin Oaks Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School

Important Dates:

- **Starting September 14** - Free English Classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Call 892-5681 for more information
- **September 21** - Site Leadership Team Training for new members @ the district office 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- **September 26** - Rock'n Blues By the Lake

Wish List

- Kleenex
- Gel Pens
- Paper Towels
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Purell Hand Sanitizer
- Water Bottles
- Three ring 1.5" Binders
- Fly swatters

As you know there has been a shift in culture here at Marin Oaks and we have implemented No Excuses College Prep.

The first week of school was filled with positive energy, hard-work, motivation and academics! It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome all of you back to Marin Oaks for our new school year.

A commitment of excellence is the hallmark of this year's students. This commitment to the future is reflected in an attitude of hard work and engagement.

As I walk through classrooms, there is a new energy and intensity which pervades the campus, an "I can do this and reach my

goals" attitude. Students are respectful, interested, and engaged in their own learning process.

In our welcome back packet each family was given a Commitment to Excellence agreement form. Each parent or guardian and student is expected to sign and date the sheet and return it to school. If you have not yet turned one in, please do so

immediately or you will be hearing from me to schedule an appointment to meet with me.

Here at Marin Oaks we have

made a commitment to do whatever it takes to ensure your student is learning and we need your support

that you will do the same!

We have an open door policy and welcome you to join us on campus. Communication is such an important piece to each student finding success so please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions or concerns.



Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! With the implementation of No Excuses College Prep at Marin Oaks we will be rewarding our students who are actively participating and who demonstrate positive productive behavior, with a focus on

academics. We would like to provide our students with excellent incentives to focus on academics and take their commitment to excellence seriously.

We are asking for donations of any kind.:



Food for barbecues, baseball

tickets or to any sporting event, amusement park tickets, monetary donations made payable to Marin Oaks ASB.

After-School Programs

Every Tuesday at 1:45 male students are invited to attend men's group where they can talk about important issues and receive 2.0 credits for the quarter if they attend every class.

Every Thursday at 1:45 all students are invited to attend sobriety class. Sobriety class allows our students a safe place to discuss issues regarding alcohol and drugs. Students that attend each week can earn 2.0 credits for every quarter.

Mandatory tutorial will begin September 21. Mandatory tutorial is for students who are receiving a

C- or below in any of their academic classes. Students must attend four days a week either in the morning before school begins or after-school for 40 minutes. Once they have raised their grade to a C or above they no longer are required to attend. It is imperative that we have your support to help ensure your students remain on campus if they are required to attend mandatory tutorial.

Tutorial

As you know homework is not a requirement at our school, however, students who are interested in earning additional credits or are nearing graduation are recommended to ask their teachers for extra-credit homework. In order to be successful in college students must have the skills to complete assignments on their own, including homework. In order to help prepare your student you can **encourage them to ask for extra-credit homework.**

How to Get Involved at Marin Oaks

We are always looking for parents to lend a helping hand on campus. There are several ways for you to get involved with your students' education.

Join the Site Leadership Team, this requires minimal time on your part, but you provide the voice of our parent community. We meet once a quarter.

Join the PTSA, being a member of the PTSA does not require you attend monthly meetings, but it allows you to be apart of the school community.

Help make phone calls or be an on-

call parent that we can turn to when we need additional help.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities please contact Kessa Early at 892-8733



Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night was a success! Teachers enjoyed meeting our new parents and visiting with our returning ones.

Each one of you have busy lives but we thank those of you who took the time



to visit each classroom and discover what your student's day is like.

We appreciate the home-school communication and I believe it is a necessity for a successful school year.

If you were unable to attend,

but you are interested in communicating with our teachers please call the school to schedule a meeting or you can email teachers directly by using their first initial and last name @ nusd.org (i.e. Kessa Early is kearly@nusd.org)