



# MARINER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TRITON PRIDE

## From the Principal's Desk...

We are off and running to a great year. The first interim reports have been distributed and you would have had a chance to see your child's progress. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Please join me in congratulating three of our Mariner Middle School teachers:

Mr. Ferlazzo, Mrs. Harmon, and Ms. Jackson have received the Florida Music Educators' Association Innovative Teaching Award for 2009! These teachers were involved in a project involving 8th grade students reading a novel and having a composer write a piece for the band to play that mirrored the book.. They will be receiving their award in January at the State Convention in Tampa. MMS is very proud of their outstanding work!

I want to thank all parents who attended the Back To School Open House on Sept. 17th. It was a huge success! On that night parents were asked to take part in a survey. The results are printed in this issue of the newsletter. As you will notice, some of you think we are doing a good job with your children, and some of you pointed out some things we need to work on for improvement. This is why we conduct these surveys, to find out how you feel, and what you see in regards to our school.

As always, thank you for your support. We appreciate your involvement!

## SCIENCE FAIR NEWS

from Mrs. Wikman

We are excited to announce that it is, once again, time for Science Fair to begin! Mariner Middle School students have done quite well with Science Fair in the past few years, winning prizes such as summer research opportunities and four-year full scholarships to FGCU. Students participating in Science Fair design research projects that provide quantitative data through experimentation, followed by analysis and application of that data. This year, MMS Science Fair projects will be displayed in the Media Center Dec. 3rd and 4th. Winners of the school fair will be given the opportunity to compete at the Regional Science and Inventor's Fair on January 30th at the Harborside Events Center. Further information will be forthcoming, through science classes

## NYLSC

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council has asked Mariner Middle School to nominate students to participate in their 2010 National Young Leaders State Conference. The NYLSC accepts nominations of select “students who demonstrate leadership potential and a history of academic achievement who will contribute to the strength and character of the State Conference—outstanding students representing a variety of backgrounds and possessing a broad range of interests and goals”. Mariner Middle School has nominated the following students to participate in the conference:

8th grade: Natalya Cifuentes-Zabala

Robert Ralls

Alyssa Kruse

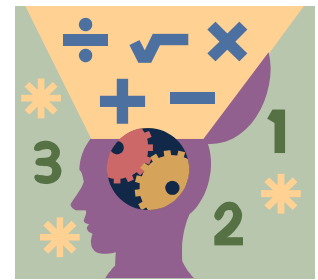
7th grade: Kaitlyn Adams

Kyle Payne

6th grade: Dominick Aponte

Kyle Skillman

Congratulations Mariner Middle for being selected for such a prestigious event!



## MATH TEAM

The Mariner Middle Math Nerds will meet every other Thursday starting Oct. 1st from 4:10-5:15 in rm. 502.

What does the Math Team do? We compete against other middle schools in Lee County, play fun math games, and hang out with other kids who love math! Come have fun with us and improve your math skills. Parent pickup is required no later than 5:20 as an activity bus is not available. We hope to see you after school. See Mrs. Lukes or Mrs. Schuls for more information.

## BAND NEWS

The Advanced and Intermediate Bands will have their Fall Band Concert on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 pm. Both groups of students should arrive at 6:45 pm for final preparations and warm-up. Mr. Ferlazzo and the band members are very excited about their Fall performances.

All Intermediate and Advanced Band students will perform the National Anthem at Mariner High School on Saturday, Nov. 14th. This performance will be prior to the MHS Band's *Preview of Champions Marching Band Competition* and will be a massed band performance with the other middle school bands in the West Zone. All band members should arrive at Mariner High at 2:00 pm in full uniform, band shirt, black pants and black shoes.

**BAND SHIRTS are \$23.00 and will be worn for all band performances and Band Pictures. Please turn in your money to Mr. Ferlazzo before October 27th.**

## BAND PICTURES Thursday, Nov. 19th

Full length photos in full uniform will be taken of each student.



The band will again sell Brax Spirit cups, our highly successful fundraiser from last year. This program will run during the last 2 weeks of October so that orders will arrive prior to the holiday season. A set of 4 cups will sell for \$12.00 and all NFL, MLB, NBA & NCAA teams will be available.

## SAC

### School Advisory Council

SAC is a team of people representing various segments of the community — parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business people, and other interested members.

The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and implementation, and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). SAC also assists the Principal in the expenditure of the school improvement funds.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 13TH**

**6:30 PM**

**MEDIA CENTER**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

*Barbara Ramos*

*Parental Education Specialist*

Student care provided  
(movie and popcorn)

## STUDENT NEWSPAPER

MMS students will be producing a student newspaper for 10 cents per copy. It will highlight the accomplishments of students working hard at Mariner Middle in the areas of academics, athletics, and citizenship. There will also be Word of the Month, and Famous Quote of the Month. Students can submit questions and ideas for articles of interest.

Please see Ms. Mullins-Shurling in room 912 for more information.

### SAC Meeting Dates

Nov. 16, 2009

Feb. 22, 2010

June 7, 2010

Media Center

6:30 pm



Student grades are available 24 hours a day and can be accessed using your telephone or the internet. Grade reports are by subject and reflect the student's current grade.

Call the Parentlink telephone number **337-3347** or use the internet site <http://Parentlink.leeschools.net>

## PTO

Parent/Teacher Organization

Meeting Dates:

October 6th

November 12th

December 10th

6:30 pm

Media Center

## PARENT LINK

The **Parent Login ID** is the 8 digit student ID of the oldest child in the Lee County School District plus their first & last initial.

The **password** is the birth-date of the oldest child in the school district entered in this format: **MMDDYY**

P.E./SCHOOL  
SPIRIT

T-SHIRTS

\$10.00

See Ms. Koprowski

In the Gym.

# A Celebration of Poets

MMS 6th grader, Kyle Skillman, received notification that his poetry, written this summer, will be published in the 2009 hardbound anthology, A Celebration of Poets. This is an honor, as most entries are not selected to be published. Kyle's poem is in the final competition in which the top ten could receive up to \$3000.00 in prizes.

## EPEP

(Electronic Personal Education Plan)

What is an EPEP? It stands for Electronic Personal Education Plan. Effective beginning with the school year 2008-09 the Florida State Legislature mandated that ALL 8th graders have a career education class that included constructing an EPEP before they leave middle school.

Here we are at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. The class that your 8th graders will be required to have to fulfill this state mandate is Computer Applications in Business and Careers. This is a semester long required class. During this class the students will learn to use a variety of computer programs AND research various careers for which they may be well suited and/or have expressed interest. Toward the end of the semester they will select a high school program based on their interests and will complete their EPEP. Each student will bring an EPEP home for a parent signature as required by law. While the EPEP may be for a high school that your child may not attend, we are still required to have an EPEP on file that contains a parent signature.

Please watch for more information in coming newsletters.



## Ms. Gonzalez

Mariner Middle School counselor, Ms. Gonzalez, has been elected to the position of President of the Lee County School Counselor's Association. The purpose of this organization is to maintain and improve professional standards in the counseling field, as well as promote professional development and focus public attention on counseling programs. As President, Ms. Gonzalez is the leader of the Association's executive council and membership initiatives. The Triton family is lucky to have a school counselor who is active in their professional community and represents leadership within the District.

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## Seasons

By Kyle Skillman

*The changing of the seasons  
For many different reasons  
Emerald leaves you and I meet  
To the scorching summer's heat  
Down to the leaves of fiery color  
Around in a pattern  
With the beauty of Saturn  
Got to go  
It's about to snow*

# TSA

The Mariner Middle Chapter of the Technology Student Association (TSA) is off to a great start. Our officers are in place and our fund-raising planning is underway. We will be running the concession stands at the home games for our Triton Sports teams and those of us not working the concession stand will be in the bleachers cheering on our Tritons to victory! Some of our TSA members served as campus guides for the annual Back To School Night and they did a great job.

In other TSA news, I am pleased to announce the 2009-10 Mariner Middle TSA Officers:

Historian	<i>Dylan Franklin</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Monica Green</i>
Sergeant at Arms	<i>Lena Mocurer</i>
Secretary	<i>Kyle Skillman</i>
Treasurer	<i>Robert Ralls</i>
Reporter	<i>Andrew DeMaria</i>
Vice President	<i>Daidee Rodriguez</i>
President	<i>Alyssa Kruse</i>

We look forward to a great year!

Mr. Nowicki, TSA Advisor

## OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

Florida State Board Rules require that the School Board must approve out-of-field assignments, and parents of students being taught by a teacher who is out-of-field must be notified. This includes teachers who are out-of-field in ESOL and are working on completing their requirements for the ESOL endorsement or ESOL K-12 certification.

The following teachers are out-of-field:

<i>Ms. Amato</i>	ESOL
<i>Mr. Fitzgerald</i>	ESOL
<i>Mrs. Ford</i>	ESOL
<i>Ms. Harrison</i>	ESOL
<i>Ms. Mullins-Shurling</i>	ESOL
<i>Ms. Perez</i>	ESOL
<i>Ms. Yost</i>	ESOL
<i>Mrs. Zollars</i>	ESOL
<i>Mrs. Garretto</i>	Gifted