

MARINER NATION NEWS

Murdock Middle School

17325 Mariner Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

941.255-7525 Attendance: 941.255-7525

Hours Operation: 8:35 A.M- 4:20 P.M.

Administration

Principal: Lyman Welton

Assistant Principal: Jamie Verwey

Assistant Principal: Deshon Jenkins

Counselor: Sandra Tavares

Counselor: Kim Ceballos

ESE Liason: Shelly Kramer

School Resource Officer: Officer Morse

Principal's Message

Mariners,

We have entered the 4th quarter of the 2022-23 school year determined to finish Mariner Strong. We have faced serious challenges this year. With each challenge, we demonstrated a steadfast commitment to building a positive learning and working environment for all Mariners. We want each of our students and staff to hold within themselves a confident hope for a brighter tomorrow. Are we a perfect school? No, not at all, but we believe that creating a great place to work and learn can have a positive impact on every Mariner, instilling hope for a better future. This belief makes us strive to be better as individuals and as a school family.

Instilling hope is no small thing, but the inner belief that I/we can make the world a better place by becoming better people is the foundation of our School Vision. This brief letter is written as a celebration: while it is important to remember our Mission, but it is also important to stop and celebrate success along the way to achieving our Vision.

We are seeing growth and improvements across our campus. Over the past 5 years we have added STEM, Digital Design, 3D Printing, Robotics, Large Format Printing, Spanish1, and Intensive Math classes. We have expanded science lab supplies, designed a new weight room, and purchased all new weightlifting equipment. A new logo was designed, transforming everything from our letterhead to the gym floor. All gym lights with fixtures were replaced with LED's. New protective padding for the gym walls were designed and mounted. We began a multi-year exterior and interior painting plan. We asked

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for and received improvements to rainwater drainage to minimize sidewalk flooding. We added and improved landscaping, ordered a new school sign, focused on improving communication via Facebook, YouTube, Remind, phone messages, and this newsletter. We were the first school in the District to have students deliver live stream programming, broadcasting sporting events and award ceremonies. We added an English Language teacher and paraprofessional for our increasing English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) population. All of this was accomplished during 18 months of Covid 19 restrictions, followed by Hurricane IAN, and now we are in the middle of a major campus construction project.

Yes, we have a long way to go before fully realizing our Vision, but we have come a long way and overcome significant obstacles. When I say we, I mean a very big WE. All our growth has come because of the work and support of so many, many people - more people than I can name or even recall - but I do want to take a minute to say thank you. None of this would have

happened without the support of our parents, the community, our District, and The School Board. All of these improvements are expensive and would have never occurred without the community passing the "Say Yes to Education Referendum" Thank you. We also have a team of grant writers at the District who have found funds for us from a wide variety of sources. Thank you as well to our teachers and support staff for the creativity, long hours, incredible grit and adaptability required in the ever changing world of education.

It takes people plus resources to move our Mariner Vision from the reality of the past to the dream of tomorrow. This letter is a small celebration of the first steps we have taken together - steps we hope will result in every Mariner achieving our Vision of becoming better people, building a better life, and creating a better world. At Murdock Middle School we believe this Vision is possible if we achieve our Mission of creating a place where the power of education is made accessible to every student within the context of positive relationships.

Murdock Middle School Riser Night

Who: Future Mariners

What: Introduction to Murdock Middle School

We will show a presentation, however due to construction on our campus the tour will take place during Open House.

When: April 26, 2023 @ 5:30

Where: 17325 Mariner Way Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Why: We will review expectations and provide opportunities to meet administration and teachers.

Mariners: Hold Fast and Stay True



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MURDOCK MIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 12 - TDAP SHOTS
- 13 - AWARDS CEREMONY ALL GRADES- 2:00
- 19 - SPANISH CLASS LUNCHEON - 1:25
- 20 - WRESTLING MATCH LAA @ MMS -5:30
- 24 - 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP - LEGOLAND
- 25 - 7TH & 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP - BUSCH GARDENS
- 26 - 5TH GRADE RISER NIGHT- 5:30
- 27 - WRESTLING MATCH MMS @ PGM -5:30

MAY

- 2 - GRADES 6-8 FAST READING ASSESSMENT
- 4 - WRESTLING MATCH MMS @ PCMS - 5:30
- 6 - WRESTLING TOURNAMENT @ CHS - 10:00
- 9 - GRADES 6-8 FASTS MATH ASSESSMENT & ALGEBRA TESTING
- 12 - MURDOCK BAND CONCERT @ CPAC - 6:00
- 13 - TRACK MEET @ CHS - 9:00
- 16 -17- 8TH GRADE SCIENCE & 7TH GRADE CIVICS TESTING
- 18 - 6TH & 7TH GRADE AWARDS - 2:00
- 18 - 8TH GRADE AWARDS - 5:30
- 20 - BAND SUNSPASH EVENT
- 20 - 8TH GRADE FAREWELL DANCE - 6:00 -8:00
- 23-26 - FINAL EXAMS
- 26 - STUDENTS LAST DAY!



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This semester in PE, we continued with our sport units. We have played kickball, whiffle ball, soccer, hockey, frisbee, and football. We also introduced a brand-new game in PE this quarter! 9 Square in the Air combines 4 square skills with volleyball skills. We had an awesome time playing this glow in the dark game!



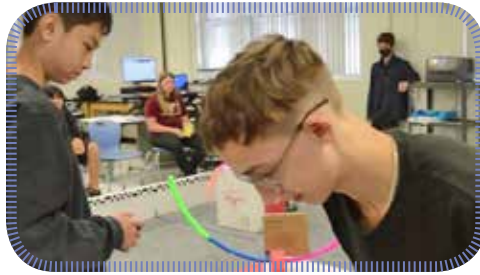
Mariner Robotics Presents

Mariner Robotics classes have completed two robotic competitions this past quarter. One for 6th grade and one for 8th.

Please check out our videos of these competitions at the WMAR website!

6th grade

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8w-MvBnEwAQ&t=3s>



8th Grade Coding Robotics Challenge I Ep. II
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8th grade

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Sweeping the Rotary Club Essay Contest

Congratulations to Mr. Herring and our Mariner students for sweeping the Rotary Club Essay Contest. Our students took all three top spots. Way to go Mariners!!



Ava Herring – 1st Place

Jopshua Holmes – 2nd place

Mary Charlize De Jesus – 3rd place

Mardi Gras PBIS Event



Civics Boot Camp

Coming up on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, we will have our 5th annual Murdock Middle School Civics Boot Camp. It is not required, and all students could not be originally invited as we have a limit to the number of students we can have attend due to the student-teacher ratio. So, if you receive an invitation and you'd like to come, please RSVP to do so. We will open it up to all students roughly April 10th, so please think about whether you'd want to go or not right now so you can jump on a spot when it opens up. Review games, testing tips and strategies, reviewing material, etc. will all be happening as students will rotate between four different classrooms, set up as "stations". The Boot Camp is 4 days before the Civics EOC, so it is meant to be a cram-session for students before the exam. Think it over, and we hope to see 100 students there to try and learn as much as possible to feel more comfortable for the EOC!

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Athletics

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Wrestling

Match time: 5:30pm

4/20	PGM @ PCM	LAA @ MMS
4/27	MMS @ PGM	PCM @ LAA
5/4	PGM @ LAA	MMS @ PCM

County Tournament

Time: 10am start
5/6 (SAT) @ Charlotte High School

Track and Field

Meet Time: 9 AM
5/13 (SAT) @ Charlotte High School



Cooking with the kids!!!!



A few spots are left!



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Anti-Bullying Policy

Charlotte County Public Schools does not tolerate bullying, which includes cyberbullying. Throughout the school year, our schools do a variety of classroom, large group, and small group lessons on bullying and bully prevention.

Though we teach all of our students that bullying is wrong, it still occasionally occurs. And, while we would like cases of bullying to be reported to the administration, they are not always reported.


Parents - if you have a bully (or cyberbullying) concern please let us know. If your child is a target and is being bullied or if you believe your child bullies others, please let us know. Open and consistent communications with the school will not only help your child but will help many others and the school. Unfortunately, some bully situations take a number of interventions before it subsides. Please continue to communicate with the school and provide any additional information that will help the school put an end to the situation.

It is important to note that investigation of cyberbullying can occur regardless of whether the bullying was conducted using public or private property (cell phone, computers, etc). Please reference Florida Statute 1006.47

Report bullying by filling out the Bully Report form which can be found on the district website at: <https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/Page/11977>

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