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Mariposa Matters

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Special Honors for Special Mariposians

We are so very proud of the following staff members who received these special honors at Mariposa for this school year – Mrs. Heydys Sanchez (Teacher of the Year - TOY), Mrs. Adriana Roberts (Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year - DMEOY), Ms. Erica Martinez (School Related Employee of the Year - SREY), and Mr. Tyler Wilson (Outstanding First Year Teacher of the Year – OFYTOY). Each year, schools in St. Lucie County vote for their own school’s recipients for these very important awards. Once that is done, they all attend the “Night of the Stars” gala in February where they announce the winners from our entire county. These four individuals are representative of the fine staff we have here at Mariposa serving you and your children.

Mark Your Calendar

*Jan. 4 Tues.- Students Return to school

*Jan. 4- 14.- Squirmler 5th grade fundraiser- \$1.00 each

* Jan 10-14- Kindness Week

*Jan. 13 Thur.- SAC/PTO Meeting 5:00 p.m. on TEAMS

<https://tinyurl.com/5fr4mpwv>

*Jan. 17 Mon.- No School Holiday for all.- MLK Holiday

*Jan. 19 Wed.- Report Card Day

*Jan. 24-28- Celebrate Literacy Week



World’s Finest Chocolate

Angel Castro (from Ms. McCrory's class) is our top student seller, with a whopping 12 boxes sold! All student prizes will be distributed as soon as they are delivered to the school. Congratulations to Ms. Dimeglio (K - 2 winner, 29 boxes) and Ms. Recco (3 - 5 winner, 38 boxes)! Their classes sold the most boxes in their respective categories! Thank you all families who supported this fundraiser. The money raised will go along way to support Mariposa’s student activities and library.



Heydys Sanchez
T.O.Y.



Adriana Roberts
D.M.E.O.Y.



Erica Martinez
S.R.E.Y.



Tyler Wilson
O.F.Y.T.O.Y.

Saturday Writing Camp



Select fourth graders participated in the first day of our Saturday Writing Camp! Families came and had breakfast with Ms.



Almeida, where they learned a bit more about the upcoming writing assessments. Ms. Delancy and Ms. Sanchez led our students in further improv-

ing their writing skills. They definitely had lots of learning and fun!

Newspaper Editor
Mrs. Wendy Munao, Media Specialist

Barnes and Noble Literacy Night



Thank you to all who attended Barnes and Noble night. It was a great night of literacy with

Mrs. Whitaker reading student's favorite read alouds and Mr. Evans' Bell Choir performing a heart-warming performance.



Winter Concert



Monarch Musicians from Mariposa Elementary made their grand debut at the winter concert. This officially broke a two-year hiatus of students performing on stage. Students and parents alike were overjoyed to hear three different performing ensembles. The three ensembles were tubano drumming, chorus, and Orff xylophone band. The selected fourth and fifth grade students dedicated after-school time to participate in preparing music for their ensemble.

The tubano drumming ensemble opened the concert playing drum patterns sequenced to holiday songs. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey, "Feliz Navidad" by José Feliciano, "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee, and "A Holly Jolly Christmas" by Burl Ives were all performed. Along with a rocking closer from "Wizards In Winter" by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

The chorus filled the cafeteria with confident singing. Selections were "Hanukkah Is Here" by Karl Hitzemann, "Keep The Candles Going" by Teresa Jennings (featuring solos by Alexandra Torres and Abigail Negron), "O Kwanzaa" by Teresa Jennings, "Christmas Night" by Mike Wilson, "Red Bird" by Teresa Jennings, and a closer of "Fiesta De Navidad" by Mike Wilson.

The Orff xylophone band was the last ensemble to perform. The students started and ended their own performance without any teacher assistance. They played "Troika! A Russian Sleigh Ride" composed by Jeff Henson along with "Masquerade Ball" arranged by Jeff Henson. Their enthusiasm and pride shined throughout the performance. Cheers and congratulations to their peers that performed alongside them were shared. Great job by all!



Grace Packs



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please contact your school's Gracie **Mrs. Jennifer Scipioni-** Jennifer.Scipioni@stlucieschools.org / **772-337-5960 ext. 714**

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