



**STILLWATER AREA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Marine Memo

**Marine Elementary School**

550 Pine Street  
Marine on St. Croix,  
Minnesota 55047

<http://www.marine.stillwater.k12.mn.us>

651-351-8870



Melissa Sonnek, Principal

September 19, 2013

## **IMPORTANT Conference Information**

The time slots for **fall conferences have changed from the morning of Friday, October 11 to the afternoon of October 11.** If your conference form indicated other available times than the morning of October 11, we will schedule you for those times. Otherwise, if you only had Friday available, we will now schedule you for an afternoon time slot.

As always, we will send home conference confirmation letters and you will have an opportunity to request a different time and day, if needed. If the afternoon of Friday, October 11, between 12 PM and 3:45 PM, is now your first choice, please contact the office before Monday to have your preference noted.

This October is our first "official" goal setting conference. The purpose of this conference is to set goals in mathematics, reading and work habits for the year, and will not be a conference to share specific academic content.

To prepare for the conference, students will work with the guidance of their teacher in setting one goal in the areas of mathematics, reading, and work habits. These goals will be shared with parents during the conference time. In grades 3 – 6, students are asked to participate in the conference with their parents/guardians. Conferences for Kindergarten through grade 2 will be for parents and guardians only.



### **Thank You Scandia/ Marine Lions!**

For the eleventh consecutive year, the Scandia/Marine Lions have donated a dictionary to every third grade student at Marine and Withrow Elementary. The third grade students will use these dictionaries throughout the year and at the end of the year the dictionaries are theirs to keep. Members of the Lions presented the dictionaries on September 12.

We appreciate this generous donation from the Scandia/Marine Lions and thank them for their ongoing support of Marine Elementary.

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**ATTENDANCE LINE – 351-8871  
HEALTH AIDE – 351-8874  
MN CENTRAL (BUSING) – 430-3311**

**School Portrait Day**  
**Wednesday Morning**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION**

As part of the annual Take Charge of Education donation, Target has awarded Marine Elementary with a check for \$1775. This payout is a direct result of the parents, teachers and school supporters who participate in the program.

Through Take Charge of Education, families, teachers and members of the community have an easy way to raise money for their school. When they sign up and designate an eligible K-12 school, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase they make with their REDcard<sup>SM</sup> to that school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools once a year in the fall and the program is part of Target's broad commitment to education and enhanced educational opportunities in communities across the country.

## **Now Introducing...**

### **Sara Terpstra, Student Advocate**

Hi, my name is Sarah Terpstra, and I am the student advocate for Withrow and Marine Elementary. I received my bachelors in Social Work at St. Cloud State University and my Masters in Social Work at Augsburg college. After graduating from St. Cloud State I was a Head Start Family Advocate, but within a month became a Child Protection Social Worker for Kandiyohi County in Willmar, MN. Needing a change I became a School Social Worker at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, but after a year decided to stay home with my daughter. After four years of being a stay at home parent I was contacted by the principal at Cokato Elementary to sub for the other School Social Worker which I did and was later hired on a part time basis for the past six years. This past year I was also being trained as a play therapist. I also co-facilitated a Kinship group for family members that are raising children that are not necessarily their own.

This past spring my husband, Chad, and I decided that we needed to make a change because he was driving from Dassel, MN to Hugo, MN every day, so that is how I came to Withrow and Marine. My family and I are currently in the process of adjusting to our new community in Osceola, WI. We have a daughter, Chloe (age 10) and a son, Blake (age 7). My family and I like to travel, camp, hike, and play games.

I have enjoyed getting to know the students and staff at Marine Elementary.



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Simply select a K-12 school from our list of eligible schools (Marine Elementary, zip code 55047) and vote for it weekly until September 21 or until \$5 million has been awarded, whichever occurs first. At the time of this printing, only \$730,000 remains. It took just 25 votes to start and Marine has already met that target. After that, Target will donate \$25 to our school, plus each additional vote equals \$1 more for up to \$10,000.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Warner Nature Center Field Trip  
Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:15 AM to 2:25 PM

1st/2nd Grade - Children's Theatre Field Trip  
Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM

Fall Conferences - NO SCHOOL - Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 11 – 12:00 PM to 3:45 PM  
Monday, October 14 – 3:30 PM to 7:45 PM  
Tuesday, October 15 – 3:30 PM to 7:45 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Warner Nature Center Field Trip  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 AM to 2:25 PM

NO SCHOOL - Education Minnesota Break  
Thursday, October 17 & Friday, October 18

MSA Silent Auction - Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Adapted Flag Football Game**

*Join the Ponies for a fun filled Saturday afternoon of FLAG Football at the Miller Stadium.*

Stillwater Junior High School  
523 West Marsh Street, Stillwater  
Saturday, September 28, 2013  
1:30 – 3:00 PM

Refreshments will be served at 3:00 PM. Students currently enrolled in special education programs in Stillwater Area Public Schools, Early Childhood Family Education and Alumni are invited to participate. *Spectators Welcome*