Our Martinez Theme for the 2022-2023 School Year

Leveling up simply means **taking yourself to the next level**. We all have big dreams and goals and we want to make them come true. To achieve those goals, you have to become better, learn new skills and take new chances. When you become better, you level up. We will challenge ourselves, each other, and our students to LEVEL UP this year.

**MES Core Values**

Empowering All
Trust
Assume Positive Intent
**MES Vision**
Empowering a community of innovative and creative learners.

**MES Mission**
Embrace, engage, and empower.

**Month at a Glance**
- October 3 - Martinez Day
- October 4 - Picture Retakes
- October 6 - PBIS Activity; Swamp Ball 2:50-3:50 Permission slip will be sent home
- October 8 - Fall Festival and Craft Fair
- October 14-17 - Teacher Work Days - No School
- October 24-31 - Book Fair

**Quick Links**

Martinez Parking Lot Social Agreement
**Principal Updates**

Greetings, Mustang Families!

It has been a great first quarter so far! Our students and teachers are working hard and doing great things. Please check out the sections below to get a recap of September and for upcoming events in October.

Thanks!

Principal Berry

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**Martinez Elementary School SPF Report: Fall 2022**

**Academic Updates**

We have good news and bad news as far as school-wide academic successes go. I will always share with full transparency and give you an opportunity to provide us with feedback.

**School Performance Framework (SPF)**

SPFs are action-oriented tools that provide information on school performance and quality across a variety of measures. SPFs are intended to provide meaningful, comparable, and understandable measures of school quality and to support informed actions from key stakeholders, which can include educators, leaders, and community members. SPFs are sometimes referred to as school report cards or rating systems.

Schools can receive four possible rankings:

- **Turnaround (lowest):** 0.0% - 33.9% of students are meeting desired academic growth and achievement
- **High Priority Improvement:** 34.0% - 41.9% of students are meeting desired academic growth and achievement
- **Improvement:** 42.0% - 52.9% of students are meeting desired academic growth and achievement
- **Performance:** 53.0% - 100% of students are meeting desired academic growth and achievement
Over the last five years, our campus has received a SPF of Performance or Improvement. Rankings were temporarily put on hold due to COVID conditions, and this fall was the first year that rankings were released again. Unfortunately, our school received a ranking of High Priority Improvement coming in at 41.1% of desired student outcomes.

This is a hard pill to swallow, but we are already hard at work to make improvements and receiving exceptional support from our D11 team to ensure we get to where we need to be. Please press the button below to see a detailed view of our SPF report.

**Beginning of Year (BOY) Benchmarks**
All of our 2nd-5th grade students took a BOY benchmark exam to assess where they are academically and give us needed information to effectively serve them. These exams are called STAR Math and Reading. We used this data to help form our groups for the What I Need (WIN) intervention blocks that we hold daily. I am happy to report that our campus exceeded the D11 average in both Math and Reading! This is evidence that improvement is already beginning!

Daily our students have small group intervention during Math, Reading, and WIN time to ensure we are giving them exactly what they need every day. Our students are making gains, and our teachers are able to regularly use student data to inform instruction. Our goal is to ensure that all of our students achieve AT LEAST one year's worth of growth in all areas. Our school improvement, ONE Plan, is focused on building trust and capacity with our teachers and students to ensure they meet their full potential.

**ONE Plan (School Improvement Plan)**
Our ONE Plan has three major components:
- Improving Best, First Instruction (BFI) to improve student outcomes
- Creating a Collaborative Coaching Culture to maximize teacher effectiveness
- Utilizing Arts Integration to empower higher-level thinking and creativity

There is information below about a school-wide meeting in which we will present the ONE Plan in more details. We hope that you can join us!!

**Mustang Student Updates**

**Cross Country**
Our Kinder through Fifth grade students have been participating in cross country meets with all of our D11 schools. Our Mustangs have had several students place in the top 10 for every grade level heat each week. Their last meet is today. We are so so so proud of our hard-working Mustangs!

**Artists Exploring Hispanic Heritage**
Through art, dance, and music our Mustangs have been exploring the impact and influence of our Hispanic/Latino artists. They have really been doing an amazing job in their exploration!!
Campus Beautification DDay

Our PTA, parents, students, and staff teamed up with COSILoveYou and beautified our campus on Saturday. Together we spruced up our front parking area and made it more safe for arrival and dismissal, we landscaped, prepared for our upcoming Fall Festival, and ensured our campus was litter free. A big thanks to all who showed up to support our campus!!!
Putting Our Best Foot Forward

With Beginning of Year Assessments out of the way, I have been able to get into more classrooms over the last two weeks and I am seeing some really great things. Building wide we have morning meetings to start our day, which are designed to help us tune into our social emotional well-being. Students are learning and growing within the five social emotional competencies of self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, social awareness and relationship skills.

As we finish up this first quarter, students will be doing more goal-setting and using our morning meeting time to check in with and celebrate one another regarding these goals. The vision is that students will be more involved in understanding how they are doing both academically and socially as they receive feedback from their teachers and peers. You can help reinforce this process from home by asking students about their goals and following up with their action steps that they have created to help them achieve their goals.

Library and Technology Updates
Hello Families!

Hello amazing Martinez families!

I am in need of parents and community members to join my counseling advisory council. This is an opportunity to have input and help build and grow the counseling program at Martinez. Your commitment would involve two meetings; one this fall and one in the spring.

Please email me, call me, or grab me when you see me to let me know of your interest!

Sara.tusler@d11.org
719-328-6104.

Parents,

Here are a few updates from the library:
- You may have noticed that your students haven't been bringing home their devices, iPads and Chromebooks, this year. Devices are being used daily in the classroom but will only be sent home for reasons such as an assignment that requires the use of technology, possible inclement weather in the forecast, and remote learning.
- All students have been to the library at least once and book checkouts have begun. As with last year, we are asking that students do not take their library books home for at least the first quarter of the school year. As we get back into the school routine, you will start to see library books coming home.
- Our Fall BookFair will be here before you know it! The Fall Fair will run from Oct. 24- Nov. 2.
- As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding any of these items, please feel free to contact me by email: Richard.wastler@d11.org or by phone at 719-328-6124.
Hello Families!

My name is Nicholas Liles and I am the school social worker at Martinez Elementary School. As the school social worker, I am responsible for supporting and advocating for our children and their emotional, mental health and physical wellbeing. My duties include but are not limited to counseling, assisting with 504’s/IEP’s and providing social emotional learning for our “Mustangs”. I also aid in connecting families with outside resources and services when issues arise. The best way to contact me is Nicholas.Liles@d11.org or give me a call at 719-328-2650.

Hello Families! Updates from our WONDERFUL Administrative Assistant

Picture Re-Take Day is tomorrow, 10am-1pm. Youngest grades will go first, then higher grades. Let your child's teacher know if your child needs to have their photo taken tomorrow.

The Bemis Mobile Art Bus will be here after school on 10/12 (for grades K-2) & on 10/13 (for grades 3-5) after school for an hour-long art experience. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive Supports) is sponsoring an after-school Swamp Ball game in the gym on Thurs. Oct. 6. Students must have earned 10 Level Up Loot tickets to attend. Level Up Loot tickets are given out by school teachers and staff for good behavior.

Skate City Night is a fundraiser for Martinez held at the Austin Bluffs Skate City location. The event will be held from 5-7pm. Parents will provide transportation to and from Skate City.

For more details on all events, go to: www.d11.org/martinez. You'll find our Upcoming Events there.
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