



# Marcum Matters

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## August 2022

### Upcoming Events

#### August 9

Parents' Club Meeting  
6:00pm

#### August 15

Board Meeting  
6:00pm

#### August 16

Back to School Night  
Session #1 5:45  
Session #2 6:05  
Session #3 6:25  
Pizza Dinner  
Served 5:30-6:20

#### August 17

First Day of School  
8:30am

Hello Wildcat Families! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer spending time with your family and going on summer adventures. Over summer break, we had a chance to do some maintenance and upgrades on the campus and we are almost ready to welcome our Wildcats back to campus! We have missed them over these summer months and are excited to see how they have grown and hear about their summer break!

### Staff Updates

We have a few staff updates this year that we are very excited about! This year, Mrs. Staci Lucas (formerly known as Ms. Staci Emmitt) decided to make the move to become our 8th Grade Homeroom Teacher! We are so happy to have her join the Middle School Team and know that she is going to love teaching and connecting with our 6th-8th Graders! She'll be teaching 8th Grade ELA, Intervention, PE, etc. and 6th-8th Grade Science! Mrs. Lucas' move left an opening in 1st Grade and we were lucky to bring Ms. Olga Birko into the Marcum Family to teach 1st Grade. Ms. Birko comes to Marcum with two years of teaching experience and a desire to build strong relationships with her students while helping them grow academically. In addition, Mr. Ethan Malone will also be joining the Marcum family as a classroom aide and afterschool aide. Ethan has experience working with school age children in summer and camp programs and he is looking forward to working with our students.



Mrs. Lucas  
8th Grade/ 6th-8th Science Teacher



Ms. Birko  
1st Grade Teacher

### Marcum Parents' Club

Marcum Parents' Club does so much to support our students, staff, and school. Please consider joining the club and attending their monthly meetings! Their next meeting will take place on campus on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Hopefully you can join them as they'll be working on the Labor Day Parade and many other exciting projects for the upcoming school year.

*Our Parents' Club Officers for this year are:*

President- Samantha Rouse

Vice Presidents- Ashley McKenzie, Ashley Ross

Secretary- Tish Saare

Treasurer- Emily Campouris



### **Back to School Night**

Back to School Night for all grades, including preschool, will take place on Tuesday, August 16th between 5:45pm-6:40pm. There will be three sessions offered during this time so parents can attend sessions for multiple students. These will be brief sessions in the classrooms where the teachers will introduce themselves and provide an overview of the upcoming school year. The District will also be providing a pizza dinner between 5:30pm and 6:20pm. We hope to see you there!

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17th. School starts promptly at 8:30am. Students may not be on campus until 8:10am, unless they are enrolled in the Morning Care program. All students who are not riding the school bus will be dropped off at the front of the school and will enter the campus through the front entrance. Our Wildcats do not need to bring any specific school supplies, as the district provides teacher-selected supplies for all students. Wildcats should just bring their backpacks!

### **Labor Day Parade**

The Annual Nicolaus Labor Day Parade is back this year! This is a wonderful community event and a generous fundraiser for all of the local schools. It will be held on Monday, September 5th. The theme this year is Back to Our Roots. The parade will begin at 10:00am and there will be great vendors there throughout the day. Our Parents' Club will be running the hamburger booth to raise money for school. Look for sign ups for donations and volunteers to be sent out soon.

### **Houses**

We will be continuing with our House system this year. We have loved incorporating the Houses in our school culture over the past few years. Our House system encourages student leadership, teamwork, overall positive behavior, and of course, friendly competition. It also helps build community across grade levels and instills a sense of belonging for the students at our school. Last year Wilde Katze (Gold House) were our House Champions, but all the House scores have been reset to zero to start the year. Students and staff will remain in their same House for the duration of their time at Marcum. New students will be placed in their House by the end of the first week of school. We can't wait to find out who the new members of Gattopardo (Blue House), Wilde Katze (Gold House), Chat Sauvage (Black House), and Gato Montes (Silver House) are! Over the course of the school year, students and staff will continue to earn points for their houses in a variety of ways including attendance, academic excellence and improvement, participation in school activities, and through House Challenges. New House shirts will be arriving soon! Each week we'll hang the flag of the leading House on the flagpole at the front of the school. At Marcum, we're four Houses, one school... and we ROAR with pride!

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

All of our Wildcats are again eligible for free breakfast and free lunch at school this year. Breakfast is served between 8:10-8:25, please be sure to drop them off as close to 8:10 as possible so they will have ample time to eat their breakfast before school starts. Students will get their breakfast in the multiuse room and will eat their breakfast outside. The August Menus will be sent to families soon.

### **Dismissal Times**

We will continue to have staggered dismissal times for our students this year. Students will be dismissed at the front of the school at the following times:

#### *Normal School Day:*

TK-2nd Grade 2:50

3rd-5th Grade 2:55

6th-8th Grade 3:00

#### *Minimum Day:*

TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 12:20

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:25

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:30



# **Back to School Night**

## **August 16, 2022**

We will be offering 3 sessions for families to visit their child(ren)'s classroom(s) for a short informational presentation. Each session will have the same information.

Session #1 5:45pm-6:00pm

Session #2 6:05pm-6:20pm

Session #3 6:25pm-6:40pm

*Pizza Dinner will be served between  
5:30pm and 6:20pm.*

**MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

31st Annual  
**NICOLAUS  
LABOR DAY PARADE**



**Monday, September 5**  
St. Boniface Parish Hall  
**Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am**  
**Parade 10:00 am**

**Parade/Float Info.**

Do You Have A Fancy Car Or Tractor  
You'd Like To Show Off?

**CONTACT: Melanie Michel**

916-240-4744

[nicolausLDP@gmail.com](mailto:nicolausLDP@gmail.com)

**Raffle/Silent Auction**

Please Donate Your Item To:

**CONTACT: Sherry Matrix**

916-549-4124

[boosters@eastnicolaus.k12.ca.us](mailto:boosters@eastnicolaus.k12.ca.us)

**Vendor Booths**

Do You Have A Product  
You'd Like To Promote?

**CONTACT: Amber Cortez**

916-878-6239

**[nicolausLDP@gmail.com](mailto:nicolausLDP@gmail.com)**

**Hosted by ENHS, Marcum-Illinois, Browns & Pleasant Grove Schools**

*Live Music, Cornhole Tournament, Kids Area, Crafters Booths,  
Great Food and Much More!*

# Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas families can use to help children  
do well in school*

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## August 2022

## Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Ask your child to help you plan a family activity.
- 2. Give your child a leafy stalk of celery to put into colored water. Watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.
- 3. Have your child draw on white paper with a white candle. The picture will appear when your child paints over it.
- 4. Watch or read the weather forecast with your child today. Locate the hottest and the coolest locations on a map.
- 5. Play a card game that uses math with your child.
- 6. Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.
- 7. Check out the school's website. Is there information posted for your child's grade level?
- 8. If your child will take the bus to school, make sure you both know where and when it will stop.
- 9. Have a Backward Day. Walk backward, count backward, etc.
- 10. Make a sound, such as jingling keys. Ask your child to guess what you are doing without looking.
- 11. Help your child use ads for school supplies to figure out where to get the best buys.
- 12. Mute the sound on a TV show. With your child, make up the dialogue.
- 13. Have a Digital Device-Free Day. Enjoy screen-free activities together.
- 14. Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork (a homemade paper frame is fine). Rotate the work on display frequently.
- 15. Do you have errands to do? Have your child help you write a to-do list.
- 16. Make your child laugh! Tell a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.
- 17. Start a made-up story. "A man went down the road and met a ... ." Let your child finish the story.
- 18. Have a special breakfast with your child today. Talk about goals for the new school year.
- 19. Help your child reestablish school-year bedtime and wake-up routines.
- 20. Play a game of hide and seek with your child.
- 21. Plant an herb garden in pots on your window sill. Let your child smell and taste the leaves and describe the flavors.
- 22. Have your child use the telephone number keys to make words. For example, 5-6-8-3 = Love.
- 23. Choose a "person of the week." Read more about this person with your child.
- 24. Talk with your child about the importance of telling an adult when a person is being bullied.
- 25. Ask your child to tell you about a favorite summer memory.
- 26. Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.
- 27. Write a secret message in lemon juice on paper. Have your child hold it over a light bulb to read it.
- 28. Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
- 29. Visit a local historic site with your child today.
- 30. For smoother mornings, have your child choose and lay out clothes the night before.
- 31. Before driving, show your child the route on a map. Ask for help navigating.