



## Event Descriptions for the 2017 -18 School Year

**Back to School/Wish Night** – Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Find out about the coming years curriculum, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and contribute directly to valuable resources needed in your child's classroom.

**Parent Party** - Saturday, September 23rd. Enjoy great food, drinks, dancing, a silent auction and games of chance while you meet new parents and reconnect with old friends.

**Read-a-thon** - Kick off Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Pledges are collected to earn money on a per-minute or flat-rate basis. Students will read and track their minutes on a reading calendar. October 1-31<sup>st</sup>.

**Fall Family Pumpkin Festival and Movie Night**- Friday, October 20th. A pumpkin Patch supporting 5<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion will open at 3pm. Come to the Marengo soccer field and purchase your Halloween pumpkins. Once the sun goes down, stay and pull up a chair and watch a free movie under the stars. Fun for the entire family.

**Red Ribbon Week** - October 23rd – 27th. Students take part in daily activities that teach and promote healthy lifestyle choices.

**Book Character Parade** - Tuesday, October 31st. Students and teachers come dressed as their favorite character from a book and parade around the school. This is a great culmination to our annual Read-a-thon.

**Celebrate the Arts Day** - Saturday, November 4th. A showcase of creativity as a process where critical thinking, exploration, collaboration and experimentation are encouraged and exercised. The whole family is encouraged to participate.

**Fall Book Fair** – November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1st. Family Night Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Stop by during Parent/Teacher Conferences and support Marengo by purchasing books for your classroom, home or the school library.

**Holiday Workshop** – Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. For a nominal fee, students have the opportunity to make holiday gifts for family and friends in this afterschool workshop.

**Winter Concert** - Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> grade performances.

**Super Science Night** - Thursday, February 1st. See displays and participate in hands-on science experiments in the auditorium. You can also participate in ticketed (free) presentations in various classrooms throughout the night. Science is cool at Marengo!

**Talent Show** - Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. In our annual showcase, students perform a wide variety of talents for family and friends.

**Jog-a-thon** - Friday, March 9th. Pledges are collected to earn money on a per-lap or flat-rate basis. Come and cheer on your Marengo Lions as they run/jog/walk to raise money for Marengo.

**Spring Book Fair** - March 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Family Night Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Stop by during Parent/Teacher Conferences and support Marengo by purchasing books for your classroom, home or the school library.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** - April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This week gives students and families a chance to show their appreciation for the teachers and staff at Marengo. Room parents will give details at a later date.

**All City Track Meet** – Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>. A Marengo favorite where everyone can compete at the SPMS track in a variety of field and track events. Our school will compete against all other South Pasadena Elementary Schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to show good sportsmanship and Marengo pride!

**Parent/Child Dance**- Friday, May 11th. A fun night out for the whole family with a dj and dancing.

**Open House** - Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Join the teachers and students as they open the doors to their classrooms and showcase all they have accomplished throughout the year.

**Spring Dance & PTA Service Awards** - Friday, May 18th. A long-standing tradition at Marengo, students dance to honor our volunteers. The students perform dances by grade level culminating with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders dancing the maypole. The PTA will honor members for outstanding service and leadership.

### **Ongoing events throughout the school year**

**Cultural Arts Assemblies** - Outside groups come to perform for our students and expose them to a wide variety of cultural arts.

**Art Happenings** - Parents provide opportunities for students to be creative during their lunchtime recess, the second Thursday of the month (except December and April). All students are able to participate in making the project of the month.

**Marengo Cares** - Marengo Cares promotes the spirit of giving to those in need during the holidays and for the months beyond through programs that support the homeless and others less fortunate in our area..

**Weekly Bulletin & Paw Print** - All “backpack” mail is sent home electronically at Marengo. Each week parents and teachers receive a Weekly Bulletin with a calendar of upcoming events. The Paw Print (a quarterly newsletter) celebrates our successes and passes along information to our families.

There are many volunteer opportunities at Marengo. In addition to events mentioned here, there are volunteer opportunities in the classrooms, library, media center, office and around campus.

To volunteer for any of these events, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Michael Keller at [michaelkel@mac.com](mailto:michaelkel@mac.com) or visit us at [www.Marengopta.org](http://www.Marengopta.org)