



Marin School

ALBANY, CA

PTA

Dear Marin Families,

On behalf of the Marin Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), we hope you had a wonderful summer break and you share our excitement to begin a new school year.

The [Marin PTA](#) is a collaborative partnership between families, teachers, and school administrators working together to enhance the educational experience for all our students while building a strong and inclusive community.

Thanks to the generous support of our community, the Marin PTA distributed about \$95,000 last year to fund programs, events and initiatives that directly benefit our students and families. Here's *just a sampling* of what your contributions made possible last year:

Empowering Learning

- Teacher reimbursements for classroom supplies
- Grants for grade-level special experiences in every single classroom
- Math intervention and community coordinator positions (for 25-26 school year, in partnership with Albany SchoolCARE)
- Four engaging school-wide assemblies (Ballet Folklórico, African American Folktales and more!)

Supporting Every Student

- Scholarships so every student can attend field trips
- Free childcare at Back-to-School Night to make sure all families can participate
- Funds to ensure every fifth grader received a memory book, regardless of ability to pay

Building Community

- Family Events:
 - Movie nights
 - International Potluck
 - Talent show
 - STEM Day
 - Parent education events
 - School-wide dance party
 - Moonlight Auction Evening out

- Monthly teacher & staff appreciation lunches
- A new playground mural
- Refreshed emergency supplies for every classroom

We invite every family to participate, and there is no wrong or right way to be involved - anything you can give, whether it's time or money, makes an impact.

1. **Join the PTA or Make a Donation Today!** Whether you're a parent, grandparent, teacher, or community member, everyone is welcome. Your membership helps strengthen our community and your donations help fund vital programs at Marin (and are tax deductible)

👉 **Join the PTA [here](#) or Donate to the PTA [here](#)**

(No time to volunteer? No problem. Your membership alone makes a difference!)

2. **Volunteer.** Whether you can give an hour a month or just attend an event now and then, your involvement matters. Every little bit strengthens our community and enhances the experience for our children - plus, it's a fun way to get to know other Marin families!

👉 **Join our volunteer community [here](#).**

3. **Follow us on social media.** Stay connected and engaged by following us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming events!

TK & K Orientation Meet & Greet: Welcome Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten families! The PTA invites you to a playdate on **Tuesday, August 11 following Orientation** at the Marin campus. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with other families, build relationships, and learn more about the PTA and the Marin community.

Grade-level Welcome Back Playdates and New Principal Meet & Greet: Join us on **Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 (TK & K) and 11:00 (grades 1-5)** for a casual play date at Terrace Park **and an opportunity to meet our wonderful new principal, Ginger Cook!** Bring your refillable water bottle and a picnic blanket, and connect with friends old and new. The PTA will provide snacks.

PTA Meetings: The first PTA meeting of the school year will be **Thursday, August 20th at 6:30pm**. PTA meetings are hybrid, held in the Marin Elementary library (dinner is provided) and online, to allow the community to attend easily. Future meeting dates will be announced via Parent Square in the weekly school newsletter.

Back to School Night: The school is hosting Back to School night on **Thursday, August 27th**. The PTA will be providing **free childcare** for those who need it. A sign up link will be sent with our newsletter.

International Potluck: On **Thursday, September 3 at 5:30 pm** at Marin School, we will be hosting our annual International Potluck dinner. Join us for an evening to get to know new and old friends and bring a dish to share that's culturally relevant for you! We are looking for volunteers to help with the event (set-up, help during the event and clean-up). If you can help, please sign up [here](#).

Movie Night: Our first movie night will be **Friday, September 25th**. Join us for pizza and a family movie in the Marin Multipurpose Room (MPR). Tickets can be purchased in advance (look for a link in the PTA Friday newsletters), or are free for Dolphin and Premier Dolphin PTA members (join [here](#)!).

Check out the [Marin Spirit Store](#) for fun apparel to show your school pride! Pricing is set at cost to make sure everyone that wants to sport our gear has access.

Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to see you at our upcoming PTA events and meetings. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

Laura Weyl on behalf of the 2026-2027 Marin PTA Board

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