Important Dates

- May 8—Early Release Day; dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
- May 9 - PTO Meeting, 6:00-7:00pm
- May 24- Field Day
- May 27- No School / Memorial Day
- May 31- Student of the Month Assembly
- Last day- TBD

M-STEP TESTING Continues...

It is time for our 3rd, 4th, & 6th grade students to use their tools to show what they have learned this year. What your child is learning on a daily basis builds the foundation for being able to demonstrate high achievement on tests.

Field Trips!!!

Many classroom field trips are being planned during May. If you do not have background check paperwork submitted to the office ahead of time, we cannot allow you to chaperone! Please check with the office to make sure your forms are up to date.

Principal’s Corner

Springtime is here, some warmer weather, flowers in bloom, and opening day of baseball season. For those of us who work in schools this brings a frenzied pace as we continue to instruct students in the important skills and concepts that must be mastered while completing year end assessments.

As we look ahead to the final stretch. We will be wrapping up the school year with continued learning, field trips, and planning for next year. The staff and I greatly appreciate all that you contribute to the ongoing success of our wonderful school.

Sincerely,
Dave Hardenburgh

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The PTO has one more meeting for this school year. They are busy organizing next year’s festivities and could use your help. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 09, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library. We hope to see you there!

Contact Information

Brandon Elementary: 672-7253   Bus Garage: 672-5086   Food Service: 672-5556
Administration: 672-5554   Website: www.martinpublicschools.org
Principal email: dave.hardenburgh@martinpublicschools.org
April’s Students of the Month

Congratulations to April’s recipients of Student of the Month awards! Our honorees were...

For Courage:
- Neveah Elkins
- Stephenie Visser
- Dayton Brouwer
- Summer Swinney
- Weston Brennan
- Kassie Poulson
- Kyle Fennema
- Connor Kerley
- Loulabelle Veecher
- Hanna Alley
- Lorenzo Morris
- Taylor Hayes
- Maci Warncke
- Haven Stewart
- Jonathon Owen
- Irie Stocking
- Kashton Meisner
- Layne Simpson
- Brooke Miller

For Academic Excellence & Effort:
- Maggie Sego
- Brynnlee Bowman
- Taylor Hollar
- Joseph Burroughs
- Adam Van Houten
- Tytus Visser
- Sylvianna Kerley
- Amayah Pastoor
- Alayna Gum
- Kale Kelemen
- Torryn Harris
- Serenity Courtney
- Madison Shook
- Alexia Becker
- Eden Stocking
- Caden Courtney

We look forward to seeing some of you at the assemblies; this month’s assemblies will be on **Friday, May 31**.

May’s Trait… Integrity!

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Dress Code Reminder

With the weather getting warmer, please remember our school dress code… Shorts should be no higher than three inches from the knee; where fingertips touch the leg is a good estimate.

No spaghetti straps or halter blouses, unless covered by another garment.

Thank you!!!

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Looking for a New Adventure for Your 4- or 5-year old?

**Brandon Elementary is Now Enrolling!!!**

Kindergarten
Brandon Elementary School
1583 University St. · Martin
269-672-7253

Stop in the office M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to register your child.

Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019, to register for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year, however, an age waiver is available.

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Summer Learning

Once again, we will be providing Summer School and individual tutoring. The Martin Library also offers fun summer reading events. Summer School focuses on continuing your child’s learning over the twelve weeks of summer vacation, yet making this time together fun and entertaining. Brandon Elementary will be providing a targeted services elementary summer school program based on teacher and principal referral only. The classes in summer school will emphasize language arts and mathematics for students who are below grade level in one or both areas. Registration information will be sent home to the parents of teacher-recommended students. Families of recommended students will receive communication on specific dates, locations, and times for the program. Transportation will be provided for Summer School. Tutoring has a more flexible time schedule to fit your needs, but you will need to set up a time with the tutoring staff and provide your own transportation. Please watch our district website and Facebook page for exciting summer opportunities as well.

Classroom/Teacher Request Forms

If you wish to request a particular teacher for your child for next year you will need to complete a teacher request form. You may pick one up in the office or ask your child’s teacher to send one home. These forms are due back no later than May 10th. No late teacher request forms will be accepted. If you do not have a strong preference between the two teachers, then we will look at the academic and social/emotional needs of your child and make the choice of which teacher we feel would be the better fit for next year. We will do our best to honor requests, but must keep in mind class sizes, Title one and special education services, etc. when making placement decisions. You may also request your child be separated from another student, but there are only two classrooms per grade level and we carefully look at personality types and building a sense of family in each of our classrooms, no matter how many unique personalities there are! ☺