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**First Annual MP&MS Open House May 12
Community Invited to Attend**

LARKSPUR, Calif. — Marin Primary & Middle School will hold its first annual Open House May 12. The community is invited to visit and learn about Marin Primary & Middle School's primary program, including our new Junior Kindergarten program.

The Junior Kindergarten is a new program that acts as a balance between preschool and kindergarten and provides a welcoming environment for children to ease into primary school.

Junior Kindergarten allows children to have another year to mature physically, developmentally and socially. "We want students to be confident, successful learners," says Murray E. Lopdell Lawrence, Head of School.

"The Junior Kindergarten program gives children the gift of time," says Mia Munson, co-founding Junior Kindergarten teacher. "We're letting them mature developmentally, and cultivate their social skills."

Munson teaches with Marianne Thomas co-founder of the program that began in the 2004-2005 school year. Munson and Thomas have previously taught both in preschool and kindergarten.

The Junior Kindergarten curriculum involves project-based learning, pre-reading and writing skills, the introduction of math concepts and free play. Students also participate in projects lab, Spanish and drama classes along with field trips and physical education.

Open House begins at 9:30 a.m. for Junior Kindergarten through First Grade. Second through Fourth Grade program information begins at 12:30 p.m. Classroom tours, teacher and parent answer periods, informational materials and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Donna Fanfelle, Admission Director, 415.924.2608, ext. 215; dfanfelle@mpms.org.

Marin Primary & Middle School, founded in 1975, is a Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade co-educational independent school located in Marin County, California. Our curriculum is built around "teams of teaching." We believe education requires an integrated and interactive approach, inside the classroom and beyond - from physical education to science and technology, the arts and languages to outdoor education.

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