



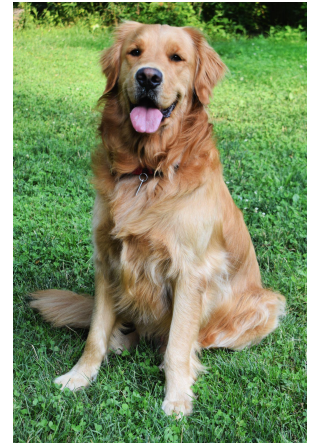
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to have the opportunity to welcome a Certified Therapy Dog, Marley, to our Desmares Dolphin community. Marley is a golden retriever. He has been thoroughly trained as a therapy dog by his handlers, Corinne and Vincent Felice, and is certified through [Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs](#). A therapy dog is a dog trained to provide affection and comfort to people in hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, and stressful situations. Marley has visited other schools in Hunterdon County, and has met with the administrators and counselors at Desmares. You can learn more about the benefits of site based school therapy dogs and answers to some questions that you may have by clicking [here](#).



If for any reason you would like to opt your student out of the therapy dog program, please complete and return the opt-out form below.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Marley to Desmares School and embrace all that he has to offer our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Custy (maryjane.custy@frsd.us).

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Custy
Francis A. Desmares Vice Principal

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO** - My child does **NOT** have permission to work with the therapy dog. (Please explain so we are mindful to not place any child in jeopardy; for example: allergies, fear of dogs, etc.)

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Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_