



MESSENGER

Monthly Newsletter of Marshall Elementary School

Dear Marshall Families,

To all of our students and staff, welcome back! It's wonderful to see everyone back in the building and working hard. I missed all of our students and love seeing their smiling faces in the hallways again. We have had some hot days here at Marshall but everyone has been great about managing the heat. We haven't melted yet!

This year at Marshall we will focus on:

Our School's Vision: Marshall Eagles Soaring to Excellence

Our School's Mission: Doing our BEST work.... Being our BEST selves

Our School's Character Traits: Being Responsible, Respectful and Caring

We are very excited for the school year ahead and are working on a new report card format that will better guide our students and their learning. We are also moving to co-teaching, when possible, to have a smaller teacher/student ratio to better meet the needs of our students. In addition, you may see some interesting chairs in your child's classroom as we are integrating flexible seating choices for our students.

I would like to encourage you all to be a part of our Marshall family by checking out our PTO meetings. All are welcome the first Monday in every month starting at 6:00 p.m. in the library. There are so many great events happening at school and the PTO has been an important contributor to our success.

In addition, this year we will continue our monthly all school "Marshee" assemblies: These assemblies have certificates and recognition given in the following areas:

Attendance – our goal is that everyone is here 100% of the time and a traveling trophy is given to the class with the highest attendance for the month.

Reading – we will be sending home monthly calendars with students for them to record their nightly reading, which is an expectation for all of our students. The calendars should be returned to the school at the end of the month and then these students will be recognized during the assembly.

Character – classroom teachers will be watching for 2 students that demonstrate respect, responsibility and caring and will present certificates at the assembly. Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation. In addition, the class that demonstrates the most character during specialists' classes will be awarded a traveling trophy.

Community Building – lots of fun and surprises, students and staff laughing together and building relationships.

Finally, we will be taking our school assessments in September. FAST reading will be on September 11 and MAP testing will begin last week in September. Please help your child(ren) get to bed on time and start each day with breakfast so they are coming to school ready to learn and doing their best work.

This is going to be a great year!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Schmidt
Principal

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5TH GRADE NEWS

Band & Orchestra – The 5th grade school year started off with a bang...or at least a lot of noise. On Thursday, September 6, orchestra and band teachers from across the district were at Marshall School to give our 5th graders the opportunity to try out many different instruments. They had stations set up with drums, flutes, and violins, to name just a few. Great fun was had by all!

Math – Students have been reviewing averages and will soon be getting into big numbers and fractions. Keep working on those multiplication facts!

LEAD 21 – 5th grade is currently covering a unit that asks the question, “How do we achieve common ground?” It has been interesting to hear some of their personal stories about how they work together to find common ground at school and in their own neighborhoods. Keep studying those spelling words!

History – Students will be studying Americans Indians and the different routes they took to settle in the Americas.

Science – The first unit in science is Mixtures and Solutions. Students will be conducting experiments to determine what happens to materials when they seem to disappear in a liquid and what makes a solid or a gas form when certain elements are combined.

Health - Our first chapter in health covers Emotional, Family, and Social Health. Students are learning how to make healthy choices and ways to manage stress.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 18

Leisure Services Soccer
Begins After School

SEPTEMBER 20

John Marshall Open House
5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

AND

PTO Butter Braids and Little Caesars
Pizza Fundraiser Kicks Off

SEPTEMBER 21

NO SCHOOL / Staff Meetings

SEPTEMBER 25

PTO Fundraiser at Chipotle Mexican
Grill - 3450 Dodge St. 4:00 -8:00 pm

OCTOBER 1

PTO Meeting in the Library 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 3

Fall student pictures by Siebe Studio





WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

JOHN MARSHALL OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

We will host our annual **John Marshall Open House** celebrating John Marshall's birthday on Thursday, September 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. We will provide hospitality in the courtyard (weather permitting) starting @ 6:15 p.m.

Bring in canned goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry and ring the school bell. Please plan to join us for this FAMILY event!

BUTTER BRAIDS AND LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

PTO will kick off the Fall Marshall Fundraiser (optional for all students) by taking orders for delicious Butter Braids and Little Caesars Pizza kits. Order forms will go home today and will need to be returned with payment to school by October 8. Checks are payable to the Marshall PTO. Thank you for your support!

NO TIME TO FIX DINNER? JOIN US FROM 4:00 to 8:00 pm CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

PTO has partnered with Chipotle Mexican Grill at 3450 Dodge Street in Dubuque for a one night only fundraiser. Chipotle will donate 33% of the proceeds to Marshall School when you mention the fundraiser at checkout when you order. What a great way to donate and check dinner off the list!



CONNECTING WITH MRS. SMITH

Marshall's Connection Specialist

Thank you for the warm welcome to Marshall Elementary! I am Mrs. Smith the Connection Specialist. I look forward to building relationships with students and families with the hope of positively impacting student attendance & achievement at Marshall.

Being a parent of three I understand the difficulty of switching from summer mode to school mode, so please know how much we appreciate all of your efforts in getting your children to school every day and on time. Daily attendance is one of the key factors in student success. This is going to be a fantastic year. GO MARSHALL EAGLES!

BIRTHDAY TREAT REMINDER

The safety of our children is of utmost importance, please remember that edible treats are not an option for birthdays.

We have many students with a wide range of severe, life threatening allergies to various nuts, milk products, wheat, soy, strawberries, kiwi, and much more. Although we are very diligent about monitoring items it is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in any food product.

Non-Edible Birthday treat suggestions:

- *Donate a book to the school library or classroom in honor of your child's birthday.
- *Have your child bring their favorite book to share; the teacher or child may read it to the class.
- *Donate a ball, jump rope or game to the classroom for recess.
- *Provide each student in class with a colorful pencil, sticker, eraser, bookmark or chalk.

Recognition of birthdays or other special events with the delivery of flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, etc. is not encouraged. If items do arrive for students they will be kept in the office until the end of the school day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ART TEACHER, MRS. LERCHE!

Mrs. Lerche received a check for \$250.00 for use in her classroom. She was chosen from a scholarship drawing from DuTrac Community Credit Union. Thank you DuTrac for helping to expand our budget for art supplies for students!



LUNCH REMINDERS

Marshall continues to be a part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a FREE lunch and breakfast program. This funding is from both the federal and state level governments and allows our students to qualify regardless of family income. Families are required to complete the form during online registration. If you feel you did not complete the form, please call the office.

Milk is only free when it is part of the complete hot or cold lunch provided by the school district.

If a student brings a packed lunch from home and drinks a milk provided by Marshall, the milk is not free to the student. The cost will be \$.55 per carton. Families may bank money in a student lunch account to use for future milk purchases, or pay daily for the milk.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF STUDENTS

Parents and guardians we appreciate you continuing to be careful drivers and walkers with our students back in school. We know Marshall does not have a perfect area for students to be dropped off before heading for the courtyard and their lineup. Please make sure you and your students use the marked crosswalks that are monitored by Marshall staff. Please watch for the cones that mark off safe zones in the street and do not park in the crosswalk areas making it dangerous for students and staff.

Thank you for your help, student safety is important in and out of the building!

DCSD DIGITAL BACKPACK

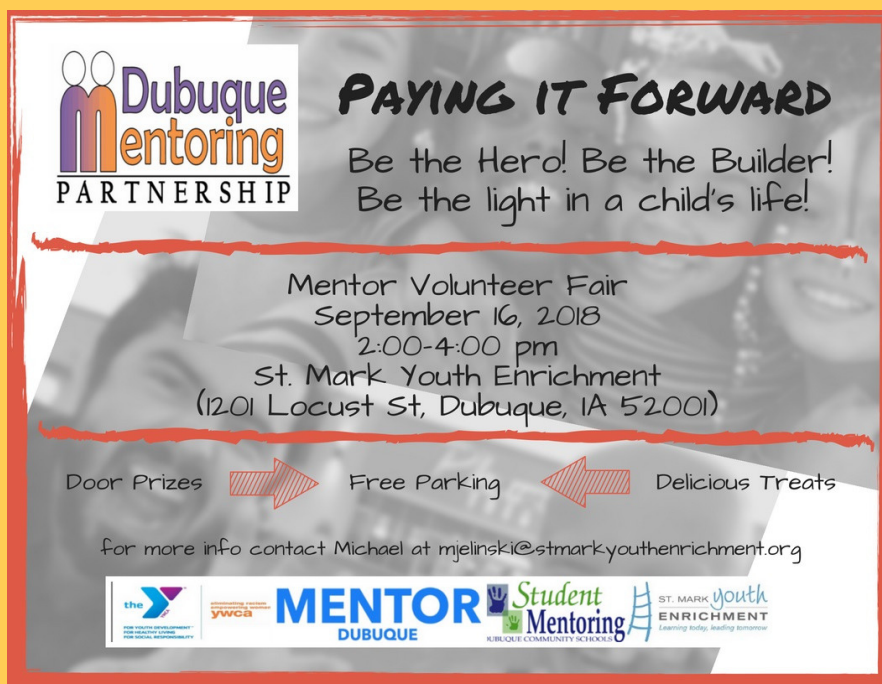
Dubuque is lucky to have a wide variety of events that support the education, health, wellness, quality of life, and enrichment of our students and the entire community. The district's Digital Backpack is a central, paperless way to share non-profit and educational information with families.

The Dubuque Community School District is pleased to share information about community events/activities. You may submit an event/activity at the Digital Backpack website.

Community flyers can be viewed on our new Digital Backpack at www.dbqschools.org/backpack

MARSHALL YEARBOOKS FOR SALE 2017 - 2018 LIMITED AMOUNT AVAILABLE!

Yearbooks are still available for purchase from last school year. The price is \$7.00 and available through the main office. Please send a note with cash, or a check written to Marshall School. Treasure your students school memories with a yearbook today!



Dubuque Mentoring PARTNERSHIP

PAYING IT FORWARD
Be the Hero! Be the Builder!
Be the light in a child's life!

Mentor Volunteer Fair
September 16, 2018
2:00-4:00 pm
St. Mark Youth Enrichment
(1201 Locust St, Dubuque, IA 52001)

Door Prizes → Free Parking ← Delicious Treats

for more info contact Michael at mjelinski@stmarkyouthenrichment.org

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FAMILY RESOURCE

& FUN FAIR



KIDS EXPO
Dubuque County

Saturday, October 6th
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Grand River Center
Dubuque, IA

Health Services Available for Children:

Immunizations
Oral Health Screenings
Lead Testing
Vision Checks
Developmental Screenings

For immunizations
and lead tests only:
Make an appointment
through the VNA at 556-6200

**This FREE event has
over 50 booths of info for families
with children of all ages!**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Balloon Artists • Musical/Dance Performances
Make-and-Takes • Photo Booth
Large Inflatables • Crafts and Games
Valuable Family Resource Guide

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