



MESSENGER

Monthly Newsletter of Marshall Elementary School
Home of the Eagles! 1450 Rhomberg Ave. Phone: 563-552-4100

Dear Marshall Families,

I would like to thank each one of you for a very successful start to the 2018-19 school year. The procedures and daily activities of your child's classroom should be familiar and comfortable to them by this time in the year.

I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of you at our recent John Marshall Open House. I know your children are more important than anything in your lives, but it is always a good reminder for me to see children with their families – to see the smiles, the love and the care. I really enjoyed watching all the students trying to ring the bell, so much fun! Also, thank you to all for the canned goods donations to the Dubuque Food Pantry!

We are finishing our FAST and MAP testing and students are off to a great start. Now we will be working hard to help our students grow in their learning from Fall to Winter. We need your help. Please be reading with your student every night for 15-20 minutes. Students need to be reading at home to help practice their new skills. Then record that reading on their Reading Calendars so they can be celebrated during our "Marshee" Assembly each month.

READ, READ and READ!!

Our daily goal is to keep our building as safe as it can be for our students and staff. As you enter the school building during the day, we kindly ask that all parents, guardians, and visitors check into the main office, sign in, and wear a visitor badge. You will need identification (i.e. drivers license) to sign in. It is great to see visitors in the building supporting our school, and we highly encourage this participation. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to helping to keep our building safe.

Parent/Teacher conferences are on the horizon. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on October 11th, 17th and 18th. This is a great way to see how your child is progressing at the start of the school year. Connections between home and school are very important, and Parent/Teacher conferences are a wonderful way to build that relationship between home and school. Remember to sign up for your conference time online, or by calling the Marshall office.

I wish you all a beautiful Fall season and an October filled with a little bit of candy, some good books, warm fires and memories to treasure.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Schmidt, Principal

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**MESSAGE FROM
PRINCIPAL SCHMIDT**

CALENDAR

CLASSROOM NEWS

WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

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



3RD GRADE NEWS - MRS. OLBERDING, MRS. TAUBER & MRS. VAN CLEVE

Our third grade students are off to a great start this school year! They have been participating in classroom learning and talking about what *excellence* looks like in their work and their behavior. On September 20th, we celebrated John Marshall by sharing facts and singing a song about him at our school assembly. After the assembly, third grade students were able to ring the old school bell in front of Marshall as part of a yearly tradition to celebrate John Marshall's birthday which is September 24.

Social Studies – In social studies students are learning where our community is located compared to other communities in the world. Students are working to be able to identify what hemisphere, continent, country, state and city they live in. They are also studying the locations of the continents and oceans within our world.

Math – Students learned about graphing and how to answer questions by using and exploring the data. Our current focus is on solving various types of story problems using a variety of strategies and recognizing operation clue words. Keep practicing addition and subtraction math facts at home!

Language Arts – Our first unit has been discussing big and small changes around us. Students have been reading various stories and completed different learning tasks such as identifying the main idea and supporting details for what they are reading. In writing and grammar we have been working on types of sentences, sentence writing and making sure to have capital letters and correct punctuation. Please make sure that students are reading 20 minutes, practicing fluency and practicing spelling words each night!

Third grade students continue the tradition of ringing Marshall's original school bell in celebration of our school's namesake, John Marshall.



CALENDAR

OCTOBER 8

PTO Fundraiser for Little Caesars & Butter Braids due with payment

OCTOBER 9

Leisure Services Soccer Game at Audubon, vs Audubon. Arrive at 3:45 pm

OCTOBER 11

FALL CONFERENCES Start at 3:50 pm
Scholastic Book Fair opens in library

OCTOBER 17

FALL CONFERENCES Start at 3:50 pm
Book Fair 3:50 pm to 8:00 pm

OCTOBER 18

FALL CONFERENCES Start at 8:00 am
Book Fair 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

OCTOBER 19

NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 24

PTO FUNDRAISER Little Caesars & Butter Braids are delivered for pick up after school in the gym

Science – The first unit in science is Motion and Matter. Students have been engaging in hands on activities to explore magnetism and forces.



WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: marshallptodbq@gmail.com

Visit our FACEBOOK page: [Marshall School PTO](#)

MARSHALL APPAREL ORDER COMING SOON!

PTO will once again offer Marshall School apparel for purchase. T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants are among the items that will be available. Order forms will be out around conference time.

MARSHALL FALL HARVEST EVENT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

PTO is sponsoring a Fall Harvest Event for Marshall families from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on our playground. Children are welcome to wear costumes, play games and do activities with their families.

JOHN MARSHALL OPEN HOUSE - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that attended the John Marshall Open House. Our canned goods donation to the Dubuque Food Pantry was a success! We loved seeing your pride for Marshall School through your donations and ringing of the Marshall bell!

BUTTER BRAIDS & LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA - PICK UP PRODUCT WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24, 2018

Please pick up the fundraiser products you ordered for delivery after school. PTO will have the items in Marshall's gym for your convenience. Pick up ends at 5:30 pm unless other arrangements are made. If you are unable to pick up on this date and/or time, please feel free to arrange for a family member or friend to pick up for you. Thank you for your support!

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL - Thank you!

PTO's partnership with Chipotle Mexican Grill netted a donation of \$217.00 for Marshall School! Be on the lookout for more potential dine out nights sponsored by PTO.

THANK YOU PTO FOR OUR CONFERENCE DINNERS - FROM MARSHALL STAFF

PTO will be supporting Marshall staff by providing dinner for our teachers on October 11 and October 17 during conferences. Having food delivered to school makes it ideal for teachers to eat during a break from their busy conference schedules. Thank you!



ATTENDANCE REMINDERS - FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

If your student will be absent from school, please call the main office at 563-552-4100 before the tardy bell at 8:40 am (9:40 am on Fridays) or as soon as possible. If you know of a planned absence due to an appointment or family commitment, please call the office with the date(s) prior to the event. The office will call parents, guardians and emergency contacts to check on the safety of missing students whom we do not receive an excuse for their absence. These will be recorded as unexcused when parent/guardians cannot be reached. Attendance is tied to performing well in school, the more your student is here, the more they learn!

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 LIBRARY & TECH TEACHER - MRS. NORTHOUSE!

Mrs. Northouse received a check for \$500.00 for our library. This money was donated through a partnership with the *Scholastic Book Club* and the James Patterson Partnership. Thank you and congratulations Mrs. Northouse for applying and receiving this donation! Many new books will be purchased for our Marshall students to enjoy!



CONNECTING WITH MRS. SMITH

Marshall's Connection Specialist

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the habit of good attendance early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance

DID YOU KNOW:

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind academically
- Missing 10 percent (or about 6 days every trimester) can make it harder to learn to read
- Being tardy to school also impacts your child's ability to learn
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves

Start building this habit in preschool, going to school on time, every day. Good attendance will help your children do well in elementary, middle school, high school, college and as a working adult.

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!





Each month your 5th grader will be coming home with a brand new Scholastic book. These books are to be kept at home to build your own library. Donors across greater Dubuque sponsored children to receive one new book each month of school. We are extremely appreciative for this opportunity!



Kindergarten students practice their percussion skills in music class with Mrs. Galusha!