



# MESSENGER

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

Dear Marshall Families,

Leaves are falling, daylight is shortening and the temperatures have been dropping. We ask that you please make sure your child is properly dressed for school. Students should wear coats, pants, hats, mittens and other cold weather clothing when needed. If there is a Winter item your family needs help with purchasing, please call the main office for assistance.

Thank you to all of our parents/guardians who were able to attend conferences this Fall. In reflecting with many of the teachers, I know they value the opportunity to sit down and talk about student progress and support. We had 96% attendance with our goal always being 100%. We look forward to seeing you again for Spring conferences.

It is hard to believe that November 16 will be the end of our 1st trimester. Once again, the year is moving along quickly. This year's new Standards Based Report Card will be finalized on November 21 with all comments and grades available for you to view. If you have questions on how to access your child's grades please contact the office for support. You may also request a printed report card from the office. It is important that you view your child's report card to understand the progress he/she is making towards meeting grade level standards and to read the teacher's comments for further understanding on your child's progress this school year.

The month of November gives us the Thanksgiving holiday. It is always nice to reflect during this time of year about the past year and the many blessings we have received. I am extremely thankful for working with great staff, students, and parents. It is awesome to see so many people come together to support the students at Marshall. Thank you and have a great month of November!

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Schmidt, Principal

Grade 5 learned online safety during Digital Citizenship with Mrs. Northouse. This included learning how to be KIND to others when working online.

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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



## 2ND GRADE NEWS - MS. SMITH & MRS. WALTON

Our second grade students have been challenging themselves to do their best learning each day.

**In Reading**, we are working on comprehension skills. To practice our comprehension, we have been focusing on story structure. We have learned that every story has a beginning, middle, and an end. We are continuing to practice our comprehension skills as we read and learn about communities.

**In Math**, we are focusing on measurement. We have learned about tools we can use to measure items.

**In Science**, we continue to learn about solids and liquids.

**In Social Studies**, we have been focusing on the different types of communities that surround us.

Second grade students know their 5 classroom rules very well. One of the rules we are focusing on this week is rule #2: *"raise your hand for permission to speak."* We are proud of our 2nd grade leaders. Doing our Best Work and Being our Best Selves!

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 12 - 16

Marshall Leadership Food Drive for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Please donate nonperishable items.

### NOVEMBER 13

Artist in Residence Performance  
10:30 am-Hank Fincken as Thomas Edison

### NOVEMBER 15

Thanksgiving Meal for school lunch  
**THIS IS THE ONLY CHOICE FOR TODAY!**  
*Unless you bring a lunch from home*

### NOVEMBER 16

The DCSD First Trimester Ends

### NOVEMBER 20

PTO Skate Night at Skate Country 6 to 8 pm

Student Progress Reports available in  
Infinite Campus / Call the office if you would like a paper copy

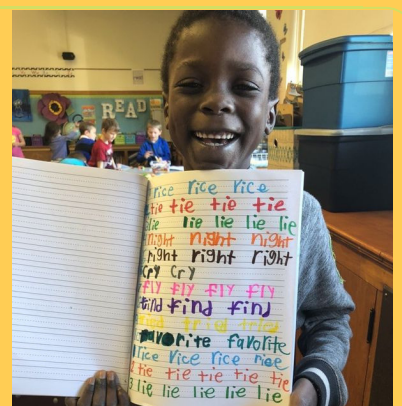
### NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23

NO SCHOOL / THANKSGIVING BREAK

### Attendance Award- 2 Walton CONGRATULATIONS!



Second grade enjoys their classroom activities!





# WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: [marshallptodbq@gmail.com](mailto:marshallptodbq@gmail.com)

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

## MARSHALL APPAREL ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED!

Thank you to for ordering Marshall apparel! The orders have arrived and will be sent home with students unless the office is notified with different instructions for delivery.

## BUTTER BRAIDS & LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA FUNDRAISER TOTAL

Thank you for participating in PTO's FALL fundraiser, these items were easy to sell and are delicious to eat! Through the sale of *Butter Braids* and *Little Caesars Pizza Kits* and *Cookie Dough*, Marshall's PTO earned over \$5000.00. Much of the money raised goes towards transportation fees for field trips. Thank you PTO for supporting our students exploratory learning outside of school.

## PTO SPONSORS SKATE NIGHT - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 / 6 TO 8 PM

Join your friends and family at Skate Country, 5630 Saratoga Road, for a Marshall PTO night. Admission is \$4.50 per student, rent or bring your own roller or inline skates. If you have questions, call the rink at 563-556-4224. Fun for all ages!

## WHAT DO BOX TOPS, PRAIRIE FARMS MILK CAPS AND MILK MOOLA CAPS HAVE IN COMMON?

They all earn money for Marshall School! *Box Tops* are worth 10¢, *Prairie Farms Milk Caps* are worth 5¢ and *Kwik Trip Milk Moola Caps* are worth 5¢ each. The combination of collecting each of these products earns Marshall approximately \$450.00 a year for student needs. Please have your friends and family collect for Marshall School. The more items we get, the more money we make! Thank you to the current families and staff members that assist with the sorting, counting and computer input of these items. PTO will be making a transition to take over the responsibilities of items soon.

Second Grade's Field Trip to the Convivium. Thank you PTO for paying for our transportation!





## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS - FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- When possible, please avoid scheduling appointments for your child during the school day or at a time requiring an early dismissal for your child.
- A note from the appropriate doctor confirming medical appointments requiring your child to miss school time should be sent to the main office after the visit.
- If an early dismissal is unavoidable, please provide a note to your child's teacher to alert him/her of your intent to call for your child early. This allows the teacher to plan and prepare materials and to have your child ready to go upon your arrival.
- Early dismissals requested for the convenience of parents/guardians are not considered "Excused" and will be counted as "Unexcused" according to District policy.

## 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.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK ONLY- Class party for the most items!

Mrs. Perreard's leadership students are collecting non-perishable items for the *Dubuque Food Pantry* at Marshall through Friday, November 16. The classroom that has the highest count will win a class party of their choice. Please donate, if possible, to support the needs of our local families.



## CONNECTING WITH MRS. FRANNIE SMITH

Connection Specialist

### Student Safety

Please help your child(ren) to develop the following safety habits. Reinforcement at home lets them know you and the school are working together to keep them safe

- Children should know their full name, address and telephone number
- Children should use the safest, most direct route between home and the school
- Always cross any road at approved corner crossings
- Use the pedestrian lights when using the crosswalk on Rhomberg Avenue, the lights are supervised between 8:10 am until 8:25 am and 3:15 pm until 3:30 pm by Marshall staff
- Permission should be given from parents and communicated to classroom teachers before children go home with friends

### 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](http://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!



Mrs. Hermesen's 1st grade class enjoys their time with their guest reader!



Third grade on the way to the an Art's Trek at Five Flags Theater on a PTO sponsored bus!