



MESSENGER

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

Dear Marshall Families,

Another new year begins-Welcome 2019!

As we left 2018, we had the wonderful concert by our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders when they sang, danced and acted the night away in their performance of *Snow Biz*. All the hard work of the student definitely paid off, as it was a great night for all. It was so wonderful to see so many families join us to celebrate. A big thank you to Mrs. Galusha for her role in bringing us such an enjoyable evening.

The start of school after a significant break, always provides a good opportunity to reestablish a focus on learning. The new year has brought a renewed sense of energy and dedication. The staff and students have come back from their holiday break excited and rejuvenated. We continue to be dedicated to meeting the needs of every student at Marshall.

In the upcoming weeks, students will be taking mid-year assessments as we continue to use data to ensure we are doing our best for our students. This is our district's mid-year check to ensure the growth of all of our students.

We will be reviewing all the common area expectations for our students. They will be reminded of the "Rules of Excellence" that are required as they move around Marshall every day. Another review will be a conversation and controlled drill around our safety practices for intruders/lock down. We had this practice in the Fall but will repeat it again in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you all for a wonderful 2018 and allowing us to work with your children. Marshall is a very special place and we strive to do our absolute best every day! We would like to wish all of our families a happy, healthy and safe 2019!

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:

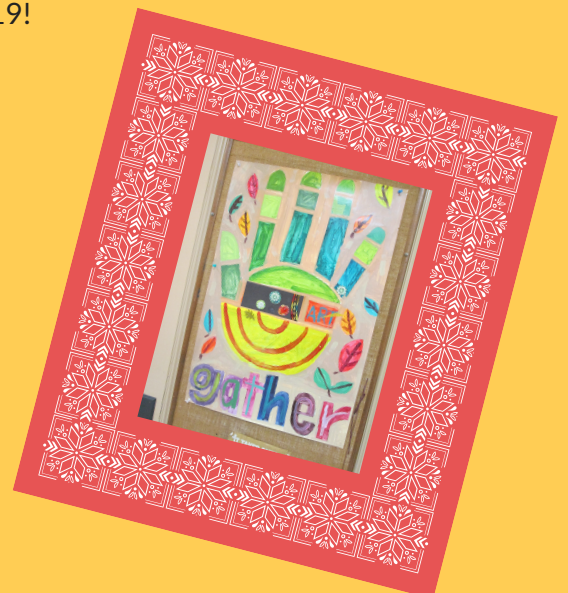
Marshall Eagles Soaring to Excellence

Our School's Mission:

Doing our BEST work....
Being our BEST selves

Our School's Character Traits:

Being Responsible, Respectful and
Caring



2019-2020 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FEBRUARY 4 - 7:30 AM

Do you have a child at home that will turn 4 on or before September 15, 2019? If so, they are eligible for the FREE Preschool program sponsored by the State of Iowa. The Dubuque Community School District sponsors 4 year old preschool programs in all of its elementary schools. The program is half day, you will choose either an AM or PM session. Each session is limited to 10 spots each. Your child does not have to attend preschool at their home elementary school. You may register your 4 year old at any of the DCSD elementary schools or any of the Community preschools run by daycare centers. The registration will begin on Monday, February 4 at 7:30 am. Registration forms will be available in advance, but will not be accepted before February 4. If you have questions, or would like an application, please call Marshall's main office at 563-552-4100.



OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SECONDARY GRADES OPENS ONLINE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Open enrollment for secondary grades (6-12) will open with online applications available at DCSD website (www.dbqschools.org)

LEISURE SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS UP NEXT - BASKETBALL FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 21

The After School Sports Basketball program is an introductory program for 4th and 5th grade students held at public elementary schools after dismissal for 90 minutes; advance registration is required. Please see the registration form available at schools for more details. Sign up by Thursday, February 7. Program cost is \$20 or Free, if reference guidelines are met by families.

DRESS YOUR STUDENT(S) FOR THE WEATHER

Our weather this season has been warm, hot, cool, cold and freezing, sometimes on the same day! Please have your student(s) dress in layers to be prepared for any type of weather. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the snow at recess.

2-HOUR DELAY - REMINDER NO BREAKFAST SERVED

Due to the time constraints when school is delayed, we are not able to serve breakfast at Marshall. Please make sure your student(s) receives breakfast at home on a 2-hour delay day.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 3

Back to school from Winter break!

JANUARY 21 - NO SCHOOL

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

JANUARY 24

Spring Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up

Online Sign-Up OPENS at 6:00 am

Conferences Held on February, 7, 13 & 14

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY 1 - NO SCHOOL

Professional Development for Staff

FEBRUARY 4

Preschool Registration for 2019-2020 Opens
7:30 am Bring Registration Forms to the Office
Space is limited, first come, first served



CONNECTING WITH MRS. FRANNIE SMITH

Connection Specialist

When kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absence is excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, they are three to four times more likely to graduate from high school, attend college and post-graduate studies than their peers who struggle with reading. [Attendance Matters!](#)

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

DCSD FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)

Did you know your school participates in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program? The FFVP is a grant that provides children with free FRESH fruits and vegetables during the school day. The goal of the FFVP is to create a healthier school environment by providing healthier food choices and expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables in children's diets. This increase in fruit and vegetable consumption will impact their present and future health!



WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: marshallptodbq@gmail.com

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

PTO SPLASH BASH - GRAND HARBOR RESORT & WATERPARK WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Join Marshall families for an indoor swim night! Swim from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at a discounted price for students and adults are free. Take a break from the Winter blues and enjoy the waterpark!

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER NIGHTS - Thank you!

PTO thanks all the Marshall families that supported the fundraisers at *Your Pie* and *Pancheros Mexican Grill*, both events were a huge success! Stay tuned for more events in the future at local businesses to continue community support for Marshall school.

PTO VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED (AND APPRECIATED!)

If you would like to support your student's school in a positive and fun way, please consider becoming a PTO volunteer/member. During the school year PTO needs help to run fundraisers and other events at school for students and staff. Contact us through our email account at marshallptodbq@gmail.com We would love to meet you and hear your ideas for Marshall School and PTO!

KWIK TRIP MILK MOOLA MILK CAP PROGRAM TO END MARCH 15, 2019

Kwik Trip Milk Moola Caps which earn Marshall 5¢ each, is discontinuing the collection program after 15 years. Over that time Kwik Trip has donated over \$4 million dollars to organizations in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Due to this program ending, please send your Milk Moola caps to Marshall as soon as possible. We will need to send them in by March 15, 2019 to collect our final earnings. Thank you for your support and the milk caps!

First and Second Grade received much needed new classroom carpets from PTO. Thank you PTO, we love them!!



ART ENHANCES MARSHALL'S HALLWAYS!

"Art tells a story." - Mrs. Lerche

