



MESSENGER

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

Dear Marshall Families,

In an elementary building, March always begins with the big question, "Did it come in like a lion, or a lamb?" I am hoping it came in like a lion so we can anticipate less snow and warmer temperatures as we look to the end of March. We are all hoping for no more delays or cancellations and a consistent schedule ahead.

Thank you for adjusting your schedule around all our changes in our school day. Moving forward we will have an additional 25 minutes of instruction added to our day to make up for lost time. Our new dismissal time will be 3:45 pm with all after school activities starting after that time. Teachers have rearranged their day to make the extra minutes have the most impact for students with a high focus on reading, writing and math.

I would like to congratulate Stephanie Vondal, as she is the *Anderson-Weber-Toyota Teacher of the Month* for March. Mrs. Vondal teaches 4th grade at Marshall and is a person with a big heart. She sets high expectations for herself and her students. Mrs. Vondal's classroom is filled with hard work, new learning, fun and laughter. She is so deserving of the *Teacher of the Month* and we are proud to have her as a part of the Marshall family.

Winter trimester report cards will be finalized on March 15. If you requested a copy be sent home in for the Fall trimester, then you will again have a copy sent to you for the Winter trimester. If you would like to make a new request for a printed report card, please call the Marshall office.

Open Enrollment for elementary schools will open on March 15th for the 2019-2020 school year, please watch for an email from the district explaining the new guidelines. All open enrollment applications are found online at the DCSD website. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the Marshall office.

Finally, reminder that March 23rd is Marshall night at the Fighting Saints Game. The game time is 7:05 pm, so call all your friends and family and then call or visit the Marshall office to purchase your tickets. We had a lot of fun last year and hope to see more Marshall families join us this year. Cost is \$10 per ticket.

Enjoy your March Spring Break from school, I hope it is filled with relaxation, fun and warmer temperatures!!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Schmidt, Principal

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PRINCIPAL SCHMIDT

CALENDAR

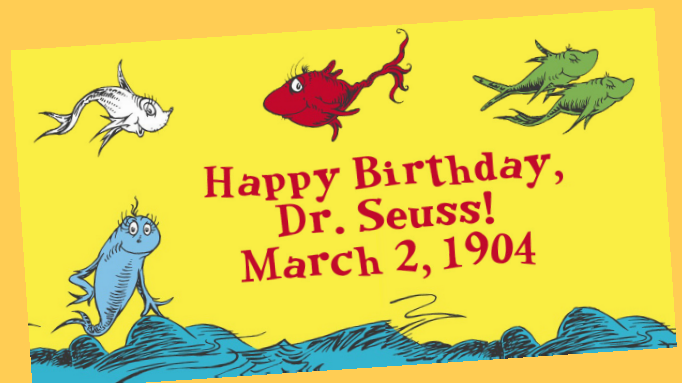
CLASSROOM NEWS

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





NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

During the week of March 4 through March 8 we will be celebrating *National School Breakfast Week!*

The theme this year is, "School Breakfast, Start Your Engines!" Help us celebrate by going to your school cafeteria to have a healthy breakfast and start your day off on the right "track!"

Each day you join us for breakfast you can enter your name in a drawing to win a fun prize! Check out the breakfast menu to see what we will be serving at <https://dbqschools.nutrislice.com/menu>

2019-2020 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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 it's 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.

If you have questions, or would like an application, please call Marshall's main office at 563-552-4100.

HURRY TO REGISTER! Space is now limited for both the AM and PM 2019-2020 sessions.

CHECK THIS OUT! - JOIN THE FUN!
MUSIC DRESS UP DAYS!

2-HOUR DELAYS - NO BREAKFAST SERVED & NO ST. MARKS MORNING PROGRAM

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.

St. Marks is not able to run morning program on 2-hour start delays.

CALENDAR

MARCH 4

The 25 extra minutes to the school day for the rest of the year begins; dismissal time is now at 3:45 pm for Marshall students

MARCH 7

Student Spring Pictures (optional)

Please do not wear green due to the green screen in use for background choices

MARCH 11

Band Fest at Hempstead HS at 6:30 pm

MARCH 14

Marshall's Leisure Service's 4th & 5th grade basketball team has a final game at Fulton at 4:30 pm. Parents are responsible for getting team members to Fulton by 4:15 pm. Go Marshall!

MARCH 15 -Elementary Open Enrollment Time

Applications are NOW available through May 1 at the DCSD website. All applications are submitted electronically. Information on the changes for the 2019-2020 school year applications will be sent to parents.

NO SCHOOL

MARCH 25 TO MARCH 29 - SPRING BREAK

Genre Days

MUSIC DRESS UP DAYS
March 18-22, 2019

Rock Star Hair Monday— Tease it! Spray it! Color it! Spike it!
Go all rock and roll on your hair today to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month!

Opera Tuesday— Dress up in your finest clothes as we celebrate the music of the opera.

Country Music Wednesday— Let's go back to the early days of country music. Blue jeans, flannel shirts, overalls, boots and cowboy hats will make you a country superstar today!

Blues Thursday— Wear blue today to celebrate the soulful coolness of the blues music.

Classical Music Friday— Classical music is everywhere and today let's celebrate it by wearing a classic white t-shirt!

CONNECTING WITH MRS. FRANNIE SMITH

Connection Specialist

Did you know that St. Marks Community Center provides before school, after school and Summer enrichment programming for Marshall students? Yes it does, and we thank you St. Marks for supporting Marshall School year round!

Registration is currently open for Summer programming for incoming kindergarten - 5th grade. To register please go to this link, space is limited: <http://stmarkyouthenrichment.org/programs/>

DUBUQUE SITE - Open to students entering kindergarten-5th grade Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Breakfast (starting at 8:10 am) and lunch will be provided as part of the program. Expect your child to work heavily on their reading and math skills, while learning how to be a great kid! Field trips will round out their enrichment exploring Dubuque, the surrounding areas, meeting new heroes and growing to be their own person.

ST. MARK ArtSMARTS - Open to students entering 3rd-5th grade Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

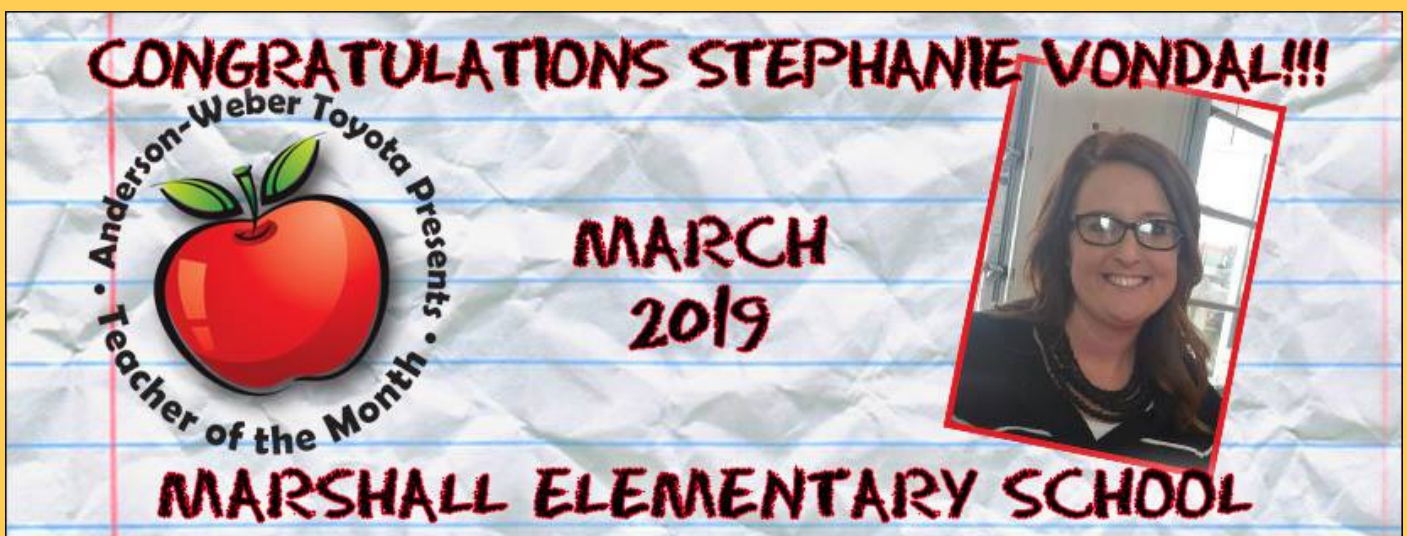
This will be a heavy art enrichment program in partnership with the Dubuque Museum of Art. Expect your children to explore the Dubuque art scene with our staff and the staff at the museum. Field trips and excursions will be art based. To apply for St Mark ArtSMARTS please email Melanie at mseier@stmarkyouthenrichment.org

INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION -

When you register you will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 per family. This is different than the tuition fee, up to \$250 for the programs, which is income based. All families must pay the non-refundable registration fee when they complete their registration form.

After the registration fee is received and the on-line form is completed, you will be contacted by the St. Mark staff regarding the status of your application. Although you may be approved for registration, a mandatory parent information session is still required before your child can begin attending program.

WE HAVE A WINNER!



Marshall's very own fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Vondal, was recently nominated, and won, the *Teacher of the Month* award from local car dealership, Anderson-Weber-Toyota. The award gives Mrs. Vondal a cash prize of \$250.00 for her classroom plus she gets to drive a new Toyota Prius for the month of March!



WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: marshallptodbq@gmail.com
Visit our FACEBOOK page: [Marshall School PTO](#)

"THANK YOU TO PTO!"

PTO has developed a system for teachers to fill out an application to apply for classroom needs payed for by our generous PTO. So far our classrooms will be receiving building blocks (PK), seating, tables, student white boards, iPads and more books for our library . PTO ROCKS!

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!

"GET YOUR TICKETS, HERE!"

MARSHALL NIGHT WITH THE DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS - SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Tickets are on sale in the Marshall office for *Marshall Night* with the *Fighting Saints*. Tickets are \$10.00 per person for adults or students. Please pay cash or a check made out to Marshall PTO. This is a great event for all ages full of fun and excitement! We hope you will join other Marshall families to cheer on the *Fighting Saints* as they play the *Tri-City Storm*. The puck is dropped and the game will start at 7:05 pm at the *Mystique Community Ice Center*. Marshall School will celebrate *Mascot Night* with the *Fighting Saints*!



MARSHALL CELEBRATES DR. SUESS' BIRTHDAY AND READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY!



Thank you to our guest readers from the community and the DCSD Forum office. Each classroom enjoyed having a Dr. Seuss book read to them by our enthusiastic volunteers!

**You have BRAINS in your HEAD.
You have FEET in your SHOES.
You can STEER yourself in any
DIRECTION you CHOOSE.
- Dr. Seuss**