



MESSENGER

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

Dear Marshall Families,

Spring has arrived, and we can feel it in the warmer temperatures and hear the chirping of birds outside our windows.

We see some definite changes in our students during this time of year. While teachers are trying to capture the last stretch of instructional time, our students want more than anything to be outside and having fun. Please encourage your child to continue to work to their fullest potential, even when they feel frustrated with the challenges of learning. The greatest amount of growth usually takes place when students have to work the hardest, and that is such an important part of learning! We have many District and State assessments scheduled for April and May, so it is imperative that our students continue to work hard and stay school focused.

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) for grades 3-5 have started. The students and teachers have worked hard all year and I am confident that the students will do well. The testing days are April 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 9:00-11:00 (1:30-3:30 if extra time needed). Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives to school on time and remains for the entire testing session. Avoid scheduling any trips or medical appointments during the testing window, if possible.

We will also be doing the following assessments:

- * FAST Reading (K-5th) on April 30
- * Conditions of Learning (3rd-5th) during the week of April 22
- * MAP (2nd-5th) during the weeks of April 29-May 17

The following are some Parent Tips to support your child at home:

- * Remind your child the test is important
- * Have your child get a good night sleep and eat a good breakfast
- * Make the morning of the test a pleasant one
- * Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions
- * Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely
- * Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions
- * Encourage your child to stay focused
- * Remind your child to stay positive and do their best

As always, we ask that you pay special attention to information that is coming home in your child's weekly folder, SeeSaw, Facebook and emails. Also, please check the dates in this newsletter for upcoming events. This time of year is filled with fun activities and important dates and we would not want anyone to miss anything.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and Happy Spring!

Yours in Education,
Sheila Schmidt
Principal

IN THIS ISSUE

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



LIBRARY & TECH LAB NEWS MRS. NORTHOUSE & MS. PFAB

In the Library we have been working very hard weeding old books from the nonfiction section. We have taken 989 very old books that are no longer relevant off the shelves. We have started replacing them with new, updated books. Thanks to your support of our book fairs, and the support of the PTO, we were able to purchase 596 new books! You may hear your children talking about the new books and we are grateful to be able to put these informative books into their hands. Many children are excited to read these new books, so please help by reminding your child to return their books EVERY WEEK, so others may have a turn.

I have also started working with some 4th and 5th grade students as they prepare for the *Battle of the Books*. They will compete individually at Marshall. The top five will then form a team and will be responsible for reading all of the *Iowa Children's Choice* books. They will compete at the district level by answering questions about the books.

The students have been learning a lot in the Technology Lab as well. I have had many lessons on Digital Citizenship with each grade level. I have talked to the students about staying safe online, never giving out private information and cyber-bullying. I have had many conversations with students about what they do and not do online. Many of them talk about the games they play and the conversations they have with other players. **To help our students stay safe, please remind them that they should never be talking to anyone online that they do not know. If they experience any online harassment, they should notify you and get off of the website, or game immediately.**

We have also been working hard on learning/reviewing our typing and coding skills in all grade levels. Remember if we are ever out of school, your student can always log in and practice their typing skills or code!

Finally, I have worked with many grade levels on different projects that arise, from PowerPoint to Green Screen activities and movie making. I hope that you have had an opportunity to see some of these projects on SeeSaw.

CALENDAR

APRIL 12

All school awards assembly at 2:45 pm
Preschool Family Fun at 3:00 pm

APRIL 15

Student Fee Statements Home to Parents/Guardians
Payment plans are available

APRIL 16

Leisure Services Track Practice 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

APRIL 18

PTO Meeting (*rescheduled*) at 6:00 pm in Library
Leisure Services Track Practice 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

APRIL 19

NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

APRIL 23

Leisure Services Track Practice 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

APRIL 25

Leisure Services Last Track Practice 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm
Kindergarten Open House for 2019-2018 Students
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - MRS. ELLERBACH & MS. SCHUELLER

As we near the final stretch of our Kindergarten year, we are reminded of how far we've come since the start. It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for the final FAST screen of the year at the end of April into May! We encourage families to keep reading books from their reading bags and continue to practice their sight words. It is always so rewarding to compare the growth of each student throughout the year and celebrate all of the successes!

We are currently on Unit 5 in Lead 21, *Let's Celebrate*. This unit focuses on how we celebrate in different ways; from the big holidays to daily celebrations. We are reading further to answer the questions: *What are everyday and special family celebrations? How do people celebrate and show pride in our country?* Students are learning to make connections to themselves and the world around them.

In Math, we continue to focus on the fundamentals of number sense, which includes, number ID, counting to 100, writing numbers, decomposing numbers, comparing numbers, and solving math story problems.

Our focus in Social Studies and Health during the month of April is on caring for our world. We understand that if we are good to the earth and the people among us, that the earth and people will be good to us in return.

In Science, we will be learning about materials and resources that the earth provides for us, and how we can use those materials in our everyday lives. This is such a fun, hands on unit for our students!

We recently took our first field trip to the *University of Dubuque Heritage Center* to watch *Locomotion: The Science and Circus Arts Show*. Our students were an excellent audience. It was great to see all our students excited and learning science concepts in such a fun way! *We want to thank the **Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools** for making this trip possible for us!*

CONNECTING WITH MRS. FRANNIE SMITH

Connection Specialist

Who: THE POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

What: Invites you to join them for their monthly meetings

Where: Holy Trinity Church

Why: Connect with your neighbors, learn about what's going on in the Point area including this month's topic - "*How to promote post-graduation alternatives including increasing the blue collar work force.*"

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.



WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: marshallptodbq@gmail.com

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

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE FIGHTING SAINTS GAME!

The game was full of fun and excitement! Marshall families helped the *Fighting Saints* celebrate *Mascot Mania Night!*

FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS FRESH FOOD FUNDRAISER

Marshall families loved our night out at Freddy's! Thank you for supporting our school and PTO!

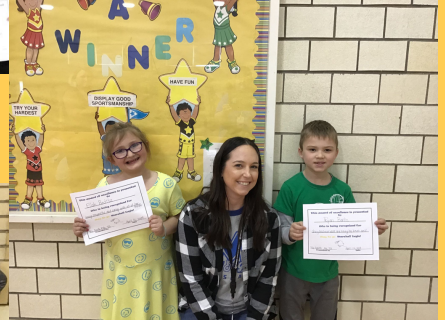
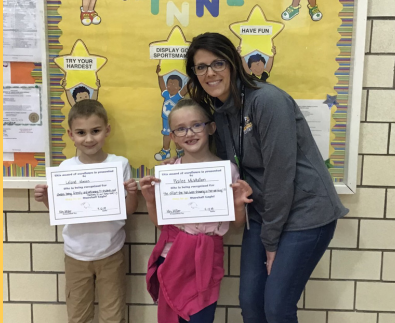
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MORE FUN FILLED PTO ACTIVITIES

- PTO will be supporting students with a *Walk-a-Thon* on Friday, May 17 at Marshall School
- *Family Fun Night* will be Thursday, May 23 in Marshall's Courtyard (Rain or Shine)

~GREAT MARSHALL ASSEMBLY~ YOGA IN THE GYM!



AWARDS ASSEMBLY



MUSIC GENRE COUNTRY & ROCK DRESS UP DAYS!

