

Dear Marshall Families,

As always, I feel the school year has flown past! I cannot believe that we are in our last days. This year has been filled with hard work, unpredictability (the weather) and lots of new learning. I cannot tell you enough how grateful I am for all of the special gifts this school year has brought...so, I would like to say the following...

THANK YOU to our wonderful students. They have worked so hard to reach their full potential. Being a learner in today's world presents a new set of challenges. They have come so far, and now is the time to celebrate all that they have accomplished. Perhaps most importantly, we thank them for what THEY teach US every day. In addition, I would like to wish our sixth graders the best of luck as they transition to middle school. I know they will represent Marshall well! We will miss their energy, spirit, and leadership.

THANK YOU to our committed and caring staff. I am impressed daily by the family of teachers and support staff that I work with because they are going the extra mile to reach kids, and to help each other. This culture seems to be the RULE rather than the exception. I feel so fortunate to work with a group of adults who put students first, every day. We would like to wish Nadine Lerche, John Osweiler and John Gau a happy retirement at the end of this school year. We thank them for all they have done for the students of Marshall over the years. Their dedication and passion will be missed. We wish them the best on their exciting adventures ahead.

THANK YOU to our wonderful PTO. If you have not had the opportunity to be a part of PTO this year, please be aware of all the things that they support and make possible at Marshall School. Our "small but mighty" PTO has been instrumental in getting materials into the hands of our students, planning and staffing events and supporting our teachers. Our PTO family is a GREAT group of people to work with! Please consider joining our team next year!!!

THANK YOU to our parents for sharing the gift of your children with us this school year. You have been supportive and an important member of our team. Together we make Marshall great!

Finally, I would like to request two wishes...

I would like to make a wish for our students to continue to read, read and read over the Summer. Reading is very important to maintaining and growing reading and comprehension skills.

Summer is a nice break, but we will miss the faces we have grown accustomed to seeing every day! Therefore, I wish all Marshall families and staff a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

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



# COUNSELOR NEWS MS. MARKHAM

I want to thank all the students, families and staff members that have welcomed me my first year at Marshall. I have truly enjoyed getting to know all of you and I look forward to next year!

St Mark's Youth Enrichment is graciously providing their Apples for Students Program again to Marshall students in need. This is for students in grades Kindergarten through 5 for assistance with basic school supplies. I will be sending the applications home in Thursday mailbags for parents to fill out and return to school by Monday, May 20. Supplies will be delivered over the Summer to Marshall and given to students on Orientation Day, August 23. If you have any questions, please contact me at 552-4106.

Thank you again for all your support in my work as counselor. I hope I am expanding your student's focus on school and getting them ready to reach the next milestone.

I hope everyone has a safe, fun, and relaxing Summer. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in August!

## 2019-2020 PRESCHOOL UPDATE

**ALL** spaces are filled for Marshall's FREE 4-year old preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to our new class of young learners!

## 2018-2019 YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!

Please watch for yearbook order forms in your student's Thursday folder. The cost for the 2018-2019 yearbook is only \$7.00 for wonderful school memories. The yearbooks will be available on Orientation Day, August 23, 2019. We also have a few yearbooks from years past for sale for \$5.00. If you are interested, call the office to check for availability. Thank you for your support!

# POINT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

DATE: June 4, 2019 TIME: 6:30 pm

**LOCATION: Holy Trinity Catholic Church Basement** 

Come Learn What's Happening in the Point Area!

# **CALENDAR**

# MAY 9

Last Day for DuTrac Kids-R-Us Banking Program

#### **MAY 10**

Grade 5 Field Trip to Heritage Pond 10:15 am

#### **MAY 16**

NO St Mark's After School Program Today

#### **MAY 17**

FRIDAY START TIME ADJUSTMENT BEGINS Students Report to School by 8:40 am
NO St Mark's Before School Program Today
PTO Sponsored Student Walk-A-Thon

#### **MAY 23**

PTO Sponsored Family Fun Night 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm FREE Games, Bounce House and Concessions from Happy Joe's Pizza

#### **MAY 24**

NO LATE START- Students Report to School by 8:40 am LAST DAY for St. Mark's Before & After School Programs

**LAST DAY for Leisure Services After School Program** 

## **MAY 27**

**NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day** 

#### **MAY 31**

NO LATE START- Students Report to School by 8:40 am

#### **JUNE 5**

Grade 5 End of Year Celebration at 2:30 pm in the Gym

#### JUNE 7

NO LATE START- Students Report to School by 8:40 am ALL SCHOOL - Sutton Pool Day! Dismiss from the Pool LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Have a Great Summer!

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS - MRS. VONDAL & MRS. KOHL

Fourth graders recently took a field trip to Loras College to participate in "Go the Distance Day". While there, the students rotated through 20 stations to promote physical activity. Some of the student's favorites included the Big Pink Ball, Juggling, Hula-Hooping, Cup Stacking, and of course, Dancing! In math, students have been finishing up with area and perimeter, and will be beginning long division. Remember to be practicing multiplication and division facts nightly.

Students have finished a major research project about endangered animals. They wrote informative essays and created a brochure/book online showcasing their animals. This was a fun and engaging way for students to learn about a variety of animals and how to continue to protect them in the future.

We would like students to stay focused during the last few weeks of school. Your support with this will help them finish strong. Thank you for your continued support this school year!



# **MUSIC NEWS - MRS. GALUSHA**

May 7 was our final music program for the year. Kindergarten, first and second grades presented "bugz" a musical play. Thank you to students, staff and parents for making the show a success! Everyone worked very hard and it showed in the smiles from the students and the audience!





# PTO SERVES UP A DELICIOUS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

In recognition of *National Teacher Appreciation Week*, May 6 - May 10, PTO generously provided Marshall staff with 5 days of food and fun! Donuts, Coffee, Olive Garden and more!

Thank you also to *DuTrac Community Credit Union* for funding lunch from *Panchero's Mexican Grill* on Wednesday as part of the appreciation week. *DuTrac* is a great community partner working with Marshall students through their "*Kids-R-Us*" banking program every Thursday at lunch. Students are able to open savings accounts and make deposits with student bankers and representatives from *DuTrac*.

## **WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER**

Walk-a-Thon will be on Friday, May 17 at Marshall School. Students and staff will walk around the block to raise money that will go directly to PTO. Students will be asked to collect monetary pledges from family and friends only. The money should be sent to school with their pledge sheet before the Walk-A-Thon. PTO funds field trips, assists teacher's with classroom supplies, as well as enhancing Marshall in a unique and community oriented way. We have had many community sponsors donate items for prizes. The fundraising goal for this year's Walk-A-Thon is to \$2500.00! We can do it Marshall Families!

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Family Fun Night will be Thursday, May 23 in Marshall's courtyard (or the gym, as weather dictates) from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be FREE games, bounce house, face painting and DJ music. Pizza and water will be for sale from Happy Joe's Pizza. Pizza is \$2.50 a slice and bottled water \$1.00. This year tickets will be given out at games and turned raffled for larger sports and outdoor activity prizes. This event is always a favorite night for Marshall students and staff!

## **GREAT NEWS! MRS. NORTHOUSE - LRC**

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Northouse! She applied for and won a grant from the **Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools** for \$500.00. This grant will be put towards new library books. Thank you Mrs. Northouse for your dedication to improving Marshall's Learning Resource Center!



# **CLASSROOM FUN!**

