



# MESSENGER

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

Dear Marshall Families,

Happy New Year to all our Marshall families! I hope 2020 brings the best to you and your family. I know we are excited at Marshall to ring in the New Year and look forward to all the new scheduled learning activities for our students and staff. We all enjoyed the break but missed our students and are so happy they are back with us again to work hard and have some fun.

January will bring the Winter testing window for our students. We will have MAP testing for grades 2nd-5th starting January 6th. FAST Reading testing for grades K-5th will be on January 21st. This new growth data will be shared with you during our February parent/teacher conferences. Continue to have your child(ren) reading and doing math at home to support their learning and to give them the highest potential for success.

Spring conferences will be held February 13th (4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), February 19th (4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) and February 20th (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). Please mark your calendars. Parents/Guardians will continue to use the online conference sign-up system. More information will be emailed closer to the conference dates. Remember, our goal is 100% conference participation for Marshall families!

Also, a reminder to help your child complete the monthly Reading Challenges posted on SeeSaw. Reading at home is such an important piece to helping students grow in their learning. The SeeSaw posts are then included in our monthly Marshee Assemblies. The Challenge for January is to read a book about animals. If your student needs a book, they may check one out during their classroom library time.

I am excited for 2020 and the potential it offers for our students and staff!

Yours in Education,  
Sheila Schmidt  
Principal

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We are Marshall Eagles, soaring to excellence by being respectful, responsible and safe.



## THIRD GRADE NEWS

### MRS. OLBERDING, MRS. VAN CLEVE, MRS. TAUBER

Third grade students have been hard-working, busy learners in the classroom. Along with our daily learning, we still continue to practice and emphasize our school and classroom rules to show excellence.

In Social Studies with Mrs. Olberding, students have been talking about Ruby Bridges and how she made history for our schools today.

Mrs. Van Cleve and Mrs. Tauber have been focusing on structures of life in Science, investigating seeds and after Winter break they will have crayfish in the classroom to observe.

Our new Math program is working to help students model and use a variety of strategies to solve addition, subtraction, and multiplication problems.

During the afternoon Language Arts block students are working on various comprehension strategies and skills along with fluency both in whole group and small group, using different stories to increase student engagement.

In Writing, students are getting the opportunity to brainstorm ideas to write about and to do more free writing along with using a focus zone.

Along with our Health curriculum, we have monthly visits from Geri Buelow, a Certified Prevention Specialist from the Substance Abuse Services Center. She teaches a Life Skills program to our students with each lesson focusing on promoting healthy lifestyles and good decision making. Students also enjoy our monthly Yoga Day to take time to practice mindfulness.

Thank you to all of our third grade families for supporting your students learning each day.

## SECONDARY OPEN ENROLLMENT OPENS ON JANUARY 15

The initial application period for the 2020-2021 school year for SECONDARY (Middle School and High School students) open enrollment will begin on Wednesday, January 15 and applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2.

Applications received after the March 2 deadline may be held until after August registration for consideration of class sizes.

## PLEASE NOTE: ELEMENTARY OPEN ENROLLMENT OPENS ON MARCH 16

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 8 & 9

Hearing Tests provided by *Keystone Area Education Agency*  
Scheduled for Grades K through 2nd

### JANUARY 13

Preschool registration for the 2020-2021 school year opens at 7:00 am across the district. Forms are available now within schools, or at the district office. Spaces are limited!

### JANUARY 15

Open enrollment for Secondary Schools Opens

### JANUARY 16

PTO Fundraiser at *Pancheros Mexican Grill*  
4840 Asbury Road, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### JANUARY 17

5th Grade to the *Eagle Watch* at Grand River Center  
11:30 am to 2:15 pm

### JANUARY 20

NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### JANUARY 22

Spelling Bee School Finalists Picked  
1:30 p.m. / Marshall Gym

### LOOKING AHEAD - FEBRUARY 8

Marshall Night - Dubuque Fighting Saints Game 7:00 pm  
Watch for more details for this fun night!



## THANK YOU! DUBUQUE RACING ASSOCIATION

Marshall School wants to say a big "thank you" to the Dubuque Racing Association! Marshall applied for the annual grant funded by them and we were awarded \$9200.00. With this funding we bought more books for our library along with iPads and cases to make up classroom sets for students to use.



# WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

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

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

## PTO FALL FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to all the Marshall families that participate in our fundraisers -  
PTO raised \$165.67 from the *Your Pie* event. Every little bit helps to support Marshall school!

## NEXT UP: January 16 - Night Out PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL - 4840 Asbury Road

Enjoy fresh Mexican fare at this quick service restaurant. Arrive between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm for Marshall's fundraiser time. PTO will receive 15% of purchases. *Pancheros*, where the burritos are better built! We hope your family will join us!



## MARSHALL 2020-2021 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 13 - 7:00 AM

The Dubuque Community School District will be hosting Preschool Registration for the 2020-2021 school year at each elementary school that provides preschool services. Spaces are limited and the registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Parents/Guardians are allowed to pick up registration forms in advance from schools, or the district office, but forms cannot be turned in until January 13 starting at 7:00 am at the school site's Main Office.

You will need to determine if you want your student to attend the AM or PM session for preschool, as classes are offered in half day segments only. Students do not have to attend their home school preschool. You may register at any of the DCSD's preschools. Please have all paperwork and documents ready before you arrive to register. Thank you and please call Marshall's office with any questions at 552-4100.



JANUARY 2020

# MARSHALL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS



**ATTENDANCE AWARD - 1MK**



**STAFF HOLIDAY SPIRIT!**



**KINDERGARTEN GINGERBREAD HOUSES**



**SPECIALIST AWARD - 5RS**



# NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



## GET INVOLVED! #ReimagineComiskey

City of Dubuque Leisure Services is planning for the future of Comiskey Park and needs your input to make it a success!

What do you love most about Comiskey Park? What changes could you imagine? How can the park best serve all members of the Dubuque community? Tell us what you think!

### Help Create a Plan for Comiskey Park

The City has multiple fun-filled community input sessions planned. Please join us and share your ideas!

- ◆ **January 9, 2020: Community Kick-Off**  
6-8 p.m. @ Audubon Elementary School

**Kids Welcome  
& Food Served  
At All Events!**

- ◆ **February 8, 2020: PARKitecture Workshop**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Fulton Elementary School  
*An interactive workshop for youth featuring Hip-Hop Architect, Mike Ford. The kids will use images and rap verses to create a vision for Comiskey Park. Lunch will be served.*

- ◆ **March 9, 2020: Park Plan Reveal**  
6-8 p.m. @ Fulton Elementary School

### Take the Re-imagine Comiskey Survey!



**Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXXX>



Scan the QR code or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/comiskey](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/comiskey) to:

- + Learn more about the project
- + Access the community survey online
- + Sign up to receive the Leisure Services brochure

#### Questions or Comments?

Contact City of Dubuque Leisure Services  
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