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

Dear Marshall Families,

I continually speak of all the wonderful things happening at Marshall and how amazing our students and staff are; we are truly a Marshall family. Staff and students work hard every day, week and year. We are influencing each other's lives and finding success in many corners and at many turns. This success and hard work has translated into our Iowa School Performance Profile. It is like a report card for Marshall from the State of Iowa.

The Iowa Department of Education released the results in the Iowa School Performance Profiles, which details how schools fare under State and Federal accountability measures. Schools statewide were assigned ratings of "exceptional," "high performing," "commendable," "acceptable," "needs improvement" or "priority." We are happy to report that Marshall received a rating of "commendable" for our second year in a row. We grew 3 points from last year's average and are 6 points above the State average. This rating is based off 2018-2019 data. This data is primarily pulled from the Iowa Assessment scoring/growth, attendance information and conditions of learning survey.

The report also identifies schools requiring extra support based on student performance under the Federal Every Student Succeeds act. Schools are identified for "targeted support and improvement" if at least one student subgroup falls in the lowest 5% of schools statewide. Schools needing "comprehensive support and improvement" have overall scores in the bottom 5% of schools receiving Title I funding. We are also happy to report that we have met all State level performance expectations in our subgroup data. We are celebrating these outcomes for our students and staff and will continue to challenge ourselves to insure all students continue their growth and success.

Reminder: Conferences will be held on February 13th (4:00 pm-8:30 pm), February 19th (4:00 pm-8:30 pm) and February 20th (8:00 am-1:00 pm). Please mark your calendars. Conference sign up will again be electronically and will open for parents on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 am. Remember our goal is 100% family participation for conferences!

Thank you for all you do to support our teachers, paraprofessionals, staff and students at Marshall. Also, thank you for all you do at home to support your child(ren). We are all working towards the same goal of success for Marshall students! Yay Marshall!

Yours in Education,
Sheila Schmidt
Principal

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Our School's Mission Statement:

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



ART ROOM NEWS

MRS. WALL

The Art Room has been overflowing with creativity lately! Fifth Grade has been working hard on recycled object sculptures. Together we examined the work of artist Louise Nevelson and used her sculptures as inspiration. Students are using recyclable objects from both home and school to build their own abstract or representational sculpture. The next step is to add paint!

Fourth Grade is currently finishing up their collaborative art projects. In groups students planned and created one piece of art that was somehow meaningful to each person in their group. The students then titled their art work and presented it to the class, describing how it was made and why it was meaningful to each of them. It has been amazing to watch these kids work through challenges and make decisions together.

Third Grade has recently begun a new art project. Students took a close look at the Lucha Libre masks of professional wrestlers in Mexico, both male and female. Next, using various types of lines, shapes, and symmetry we will make our own Lucha Libre mask. Students will get to use many different materials, colors, lines and shapes to create their mask.

Second Grade is comparing and contrasting the murals on buildings around Dubuque. Their goal is to make a "mural" on a large piece of paper that represents one of three words that Marshall students are known for: Respectful, Responsible or Safe. Next, we will discuss why mural placement is so important and students will get to decide where in the school they'd like to put their "mural."

First Graders are taking on new roles as City Planners. Students are creating and naming their very own cities. Using construction paper and colored pencils we are designing our own skyscrapers and building decor. Each city has turned out completely unique and the kids are coming up with some incredible designs!

Kindergartners have been making everyone hungry with their pizza shapes. We've taken an in-depth look at geometric and organic shapes in our environment and used that knowledge to make a paper pizza. Each pizza is complete with circle pepperoni, triangle sausage, rectangle onion, diamond peppers and oval mushrooms. We've also been busy working on our coordination with scissors. Kindergarten has been doing an amazing job!

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3

Online Spring Parent /Teacher Conference Sign-up Opens

FEBRUARY 4

Marshall SITE Council Meeting / 7:30 am in the Library

FEBRUARY 7

NO SCHOOL / Professional Development for Teachers

FEBRUARY 8

Marshall Night / Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey Game

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Parent / Teacher Conferences / 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

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Parent / Teacher Conferences / 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
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FEBRUARY 21

NO SCHOOL / Enjoy your long weekend!

FEBRUARY 27

Second Trimester Ends

LOOKING AHEAD:

MARCH 2 - 2020-2021 School Year

Open Enrollment ends for Middle School & High School-4:30 pm

MARCH 16 - 2020-2021 School Year

Open Enrollment Starts for Elementary Schools

MARCH 16 to MARCH 20

NO SCHOOL / Spring Break

MARCH 31

Kindergarten Orientation for 2020-2021
At Marshall School- 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

SPRING BOOK FAIR
JOIN US IN THE JUNGLE !
FEBRUARY 13, 19 & 20
PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES





WHAT'S NEW, PTO?

Contact Marshall PTO at: marshallptodbq@gmail.com

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

PLEASE NOTE -- PTO MONTHLY MEETING DATE CHANGE

PTO will meet on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm in the Marshall library. We would love to see more parents and guardians attend our meetings to assist with upcoming events at Marshall. This meeting will cover Parent/Teacher Conference Support, Teacher Appreciation Week, Marshall Spirit Wear and more! We hope to see you, as it takes all of us working together to support our students and staff and continue Marshall's excellence.

PTO FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT - WE STRUCK UP SOME FUN!!

Thank you to all the families that attended Marshall's Bowling Night at Creslanes on January 21. Bowling is such a great indoor sport to help shake off the Winter blues!

NEXT UP: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MARSHALL HOCKEY NIGHT

Fighting Saints vs. Youngstown Phantoms / Puck Drop at 7:05 PM

Join Marshall's friends and families at the Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game on Saturday, February 8. Tickets may be purchased at Marshall's Main Office for \$10.00 a piece. Children age 3 or younger do not need to buy a ticket. Marshall will have a reserved area together! The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, January 31. Join us at the rink for an exciting night of hockey!

FIRST GRADE NEWS - MRS. HERMSEN & MRS. FELDERMAN MRS. MILLER & MRS. KAISER

After returning from our Winter break we have revisited our rules and expectations to help our classrooms be successful. With the snow, it is taking us much longer to get to our recess because students are not able to independently and quickly get ready to go outside. This is an easy thing to practice at home; putting on snow pants, snow boots, zippering and shoe tying.

We have set a side time each day after to lunch to regain focus for our afternoon. Students have been using newly purchased eye pillows to incorporate our yoga and mindfulness lessons into our daily routine.

We have been discussing simple problem solving skills and how to work together throughout the day. Students are able to show us growth in these areas daily with our math and reading groups.

In Reading we have been working on applying independently reading strategies. Just a reminder, please have your child read each day at home. They can read books and practice their sight words. If your child is fluently reading sight words, you can have them practice writing each word. Thank you for your continued support!



**2020-2021
AM & PM SESSIONS STILL
AVAILABLE AT MARSHALL**

Forms are available from the 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. A birth certificate is required at the time of registration for proof of age. Students do not have to attend their home-school preschool. Please call Marshall's office with any questions at 552-4100. Spaces are limited and the registration is on a first come, first served basis.

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Fighting Saints vs. Youngstown Phantoms

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY NIGHT

February 8, 2020

Puck Drop @ 7:05

\$10 Per Ticket



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Children 3 years and younger who do not need a seat do not need a ticket

Bring Family and Friends

To Purchase Tickets:

Order in the Marshall Main Office

Deadline to Purchase: January 31, 2020

Mystique Community Ice Center
1800 Admiral Sheehy Drive
Dubuque, IA 52001

season presented by
 **MidWestOne Bank.**

MARSHALL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS



NEW VERTICAL LEGO BOARD IN THE LIBRARY -- LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!
THANK YOU TO MR. DUEHR FOR THE DESIGN AND LABOR OF THE NEW BOARD!



MS. PERREARD, GT
TEACHER, WITH
SPELLING BEE WINNER,
MARCO HUERTA AND
RUNNER-UP, CHASE
RANSFORD.
CONGRATULATIONS!!



RECESS TIME!



NEW EARBUDS FROM
MARSHALL PTO FOR
CLASSROOM IPADS -
THANK YOU!



READBOX OF BOOKS
AT THE LIBRARY!



SECOND GRADE TEACHERS, MS. TILL AND
MS. SMITH, HAVE BATTLE OF THE PLAID
SHIRTS WITH MARSHMALLOWS!

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 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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DUBUQUE
Masterpiece on the Mississippi

