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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 hope you enjoyed the recent holiday break and cooler weather! We are excited to spend the next few weeks wrapping up 2021 and celebrating our successes. It is hard to believe that another year will be coming to a close.

Our first trimester has ended and all of you should have access to your child's report card through Infinite Campus. Please login and check out the work your child has accomplished and read the teacher comments to inform you on your child's progress. Contact our office staff if you are not sure how to access the report or if you would like a paper copy.

A reminder that our Winter Break is from Thursday, December 23, 2021- Friday December 31, 2021. During the break, I would like for you to remember to have your child read for 20 minutes or more each day. **Reading is such a powerful tool** for building a child's mind.

I wish that each of you have a safe and joyful winter break and take time to enjoy your family.

I will miss all our students over the break and will look forward to seeing them back on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Sheila Schimdt

Principal



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PRE-K NEWS

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Pre-K News, MRS. WEBER

The Preschool class has been learning how to identify feelings. We have been listening to stories, singing songs, and playing games that fit our second step curriculum. They have been working hard on writing their names and identifying the letters in their first names.

The month we will be learning some new letters of the Alphabet. (C, D, and G.)

We have Mrs. Northouse coming into our classroom to do a coding activity! The Preschoolers will be working with a robot that is shaped like a bee. They will have to program their robot using directional arrows to find different letters of the alphabet.



C D G



CALENDAR

December 16- 5th Grade Band Concert at Hempstead- 6:30

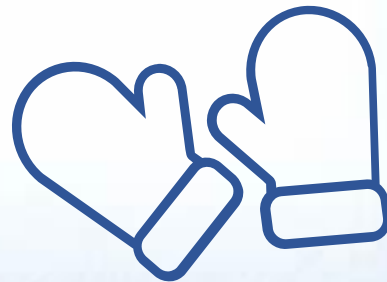
December 21- 5th Grade Orchestra Concert at Hempstead 6:30

December 23- December 31- Winter Break

January 3- Students return from Winter Break

January 6 and 7- FAST testing K-1st Grade

January 11- FAST testing 2nd-5th Grade





Library & Tech News



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LIBRARY NEWS:

Hello Marshall Families! We have been very busy since the school year started. In the library, we have had lots of reading incentives for the students. Our 4th and 5th graders have been writing books reviews on the books they have read. Our 3rd graders are working on filling their reading BINGO cards. Be sure to ask your students about these! We have also gotten MANY new books for the library. The children now have so many new titles to choose from, please encourage them to look for a book they have never read before! As you know, fines go out every month. If your child has an overdue book, please return it to the library and we can delete the fine associated with it. If the book is lost, simply pay the fine and we can use that money to replace what is missing 😊

TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

In Technology, we have been working on several things. As of now, every classroom has had 2 lessons around being good citizens when they are online. These lessons teach children how to be safe when they are playing games with strangers online, as well as keeping private information to themselves and not sharing it with anyone online. We have also had coding lessons in each grade level. Several classes have worked with Beebots. The students have loved coding these robots to go where they want them to. This year, the 4th and 5th grade classrooms are focusing on computer science skills. We are learning about sequencing, looping, and algorithms. Every month, they will be participating in a computer science class. Our younger students have been working hard on learning how to use Seesaw! They have had fun completing activities and taking a few selfies.

If you have not yet connected to your child's classroom Seesaw, please reach out to the teacher- you are missing out on a lot.

Mrs. Northouse



SECOND STEP FOCUS

JANUARY



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SECOND STEP- JANUARY

In January, our schoolwide theme is emotion management. In our morning announcements and school assembly we'll be promoting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we'll be reminding them to use their *Second Step* skills to calm down:

- Stop- Use your signal
- Name your feeling
- Clam down: Breath, Count and use Positive self-talk

These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

Second Step lessons specifically teach about calming down strong emotions such as anger, disappointment, frustration, and anxiety. You'll be receiving Home Links that describe why managing strong emotions is important and includes fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify strong feelings and calm down. We hope the Home Links will give you tools to use together when your child is upset.





IMPORTANT NEWS



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The Open Closet is a **FREE shopping experience.**



- ✓ Gently used clothing for all ages
- ✓ Shoes, purses, bedding

1st Saturday
each month

9:00 – 11:00 AM

3rd Thursday
each month

3:00 – 5:00 PM



The Open Closet
St. John's Lutheran Church
1276 White Street, Dubuque
(563) 495-0885

We also accept donations of gently used clothing and bedding. Please call for drop off times.

Marshall Elementary's 4th & 5th Grade Book Review Network



Join the network:

- Read a book
- Write a review
- Take a picture reading your report to an adult
- Send the picture to Mrs. Ervin aervin@dbqschools.org
- Turn in your Book Review to your teacher or Mrs. Ervin
- Each report enters you in a monthly drawing for a bundle of **20 blue tickets.**

The Open Closet is every 1st Saturday of each month and 3rd Thursday of each month.



COUNSELOR CORNER



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Dear Parents,

With the cold weather here, it's time for us to get out the Winter Gear! Please, be sure to send your children to school with their gloves, hats, and winter coats to keep them warm at recess. When there is snow on the ground, students are required to wear boots and snow pants if they would like to play on the playground or in the field during their recess time.

Students that don't have snow pants or their boots will be required to stay on the black top during recess.

If you are experiencing financial challenges and your child needs winter wear, please contact Ms. Markham at (563) 552-4106. Ms. Markham coordinates donations of new and lightly worn clothing items.

Thank you,

Counselor

Molly Markham

