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*Monthly Newsletter of Marshall Elementary School
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Dear Marshall Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to our staff and students. I had a wonderful winter break but missed Marshall. I am so happy to be back with the staff and students and seeing their wonderful smiling faces again. They make Marshall so special. I am looking forward to January as it will have us very busy.

This month, we will once again be reviewing all the safety protocols put in place at Marshall. Some of these protocols are used daily and others are drills of safety. The week of January 24th classrooms will be reviewing the intruder lessons with students and then on Friday, January 28th we will do an all-school intruder safety drill. This is the same information that students received in September.

January is also the time for us to do our Winter testing. Students will take the FAST reading assessments in grades K-5th. Also, students will take the MAP reading and math assessments in grades 2nd-5th. Please make sure your students are ready for school with a good night's rest (no electronics) and a healthy breakfast.

Winter is here and so are the cold temperatures. Please send your students to school with hats, mittens, and coats. If students want to play in the snow at recess, they will need to bring snow pants and boots. Otherwise, they will play on the cement which is a snow free zone. Please let the office know if you need assistance with finding warm clothing for your child.

Finally, we are doing a January "reset" at Marshall. Students cleaned out their desks and lockers before break. Students should NOT be bringing any extra food or other "non-school" items (toys, purses, makeup, etc.) to school. These items risk being lost, broken, or misplaced and are a distraction to the learning environment. If you could please have this conversation with your child and help by checking his/her bookbag and clearing out any unnecessary items. I would greatly appreciate it.

I am excited for 2022 and all the possibilities that are ahead for our students as we work hard to continue our learning through the remainder of the school year. Thank you for all you do to support and contribute to your student's learning. Marshall is Awesome!

Sheila Schimdt
Principal

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SAVE THE DATE:

Kindergarten Welcome Event on April 26th, 2022.

This is time for all new Kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year to visit Marshall. You will meet the teachers and see the building.

More information will follow.



THIRD GRADE

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THIRD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Olberding and Mrs. Van Cleve

Since returning from winter break, 3rd grade students have been reviewing and practicing classroom and school expectations. Here's a look at some upcoming content in our subject areas.

MORNING MEETING: Our Second Step curriculum has students learning about Emotion Management through various stories, discussions, and activities.

MATH: Students worked together in small groups to use a pan balance scale to find the mass of different objects in grams. We will be working on addition and subtraction strategies for multi digit numbers. Be looking for multiplication flash cards to be coming home sometime this month.

LANGUAGE ARTS: Through the whole group and small group instruction, students are working on fact and opinion and idioms. We will practice dictionary skills and write an opinion writing piece as well. Students are also continuing to work on fluency and comprehension skills in reading.

SCIENCE: We will have new classmates in the classroom... Crayfish! This is an exciting hands-on learning experience for students to study structures of life.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Students are learning about migration and movement. They have heard stories about immigrants and why people immigrate to different countries. We will also learn about different cultures and diversity.





JANUARY

CALENDAR

January 6-7: FAST Testing K-1st Grade

January 11: FAST Testing 2nd-5th Grade

January 17: NO SCHOOL

January 18-February 3: MAP Testing 2nd-5th Grade

January 18: 5th Grade Field Trip

Week of January 24: Intruder/safety lessons in all classrooms

January 28: All School Intruder Drill

SPRING CONFERENCE DATES

Thursday, February 17th: 4:00pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, February 23rd: 4:00pm-8:30pm

Thursday, February 24th: 8:00am-1:00pm



SECOND STEP FOCUS



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SECOND STEP-

This month, our schoolwide theme is emotion management. In our morning announcements and school assembly we'll be prompting 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
- Calm Down: Breathe, count, 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 include 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 the tools to use together when your child is upset.



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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Registration for free 4-year-old preschool will begin on Monday January 10th, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents or Guardians may register in person beginning at 7:00am on Monday, January 10th. Proof of age, preferably a birth certificate, is required to register a student. Other accepted proof-of-age documents are: Passports, or a signed immunization record.

Free four-year-old preschool is open to students who are four by September 15th.

Space may be limited in some facilities and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Preschool registration paper is available to complete in advance beginning on the district's preschool websites, or in person at the schools.

2022 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS 4TH AND 5TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL CAMP:

This Program will meet for 90 minutes (following school dismissal) on Mondays and Wednesday. Placing an emphasis on learning volleyball fundamentals, team concepts, sportsmanship, participation, improved health/fitness, and fun practice! Practices will be held from January 24-February 17. Canceled practices will not be rescheduled.

Registration Deadline is Thursday, January 13. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. There is a registration fee of \$24.00.

