



# MESSENGER



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

Dear Marshall Families,

We are moving into the month of February and with this new month we are hoping for warm temperatures and great days of learning. There are some exciting new “things” happening at Marshall.

We are the selected school to partner with John Deere in a new initiative called Inspire Partner School Program. This program will connect the John Deere staff and the Marshall staff to create new learning opportunities and support for our students. John Deere’s staff will be coming to Marshall on a scheduled basis to connect with our students and then with our families in a variety of ways. We are just in the beginning stages of planning and collaborating around this exciting new opportunity, but we are looking forward to welcoming John Deere employees into our school to support our Marshall work.

We also need to announce the spring arrival of 7 new Marshall Eagles!! We have 6 teachers having babies at Marshall, starting in February through May. If you are doing the math my numbers don’t quite add up, yes one lucky mommy is having twins!!! Exciting time at Marshall. We love to see our Marshall family grow. Congratulations to all our mommies!

Molly Markham, our school counselor, will be out for most of the spring with her new bundle of joy. Her temporary replacement will be Anne Trausch. Please look further into this Messenger to find out more information about Anne. Please call the Marshall office if you have any questions. We welcome all substitutes that will be supporting us this spring.

February also brings our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. Please remember to sign up for a time. They will be offered both in-person or virtual, whichever you prefer. We hope to have 100% attendance as our partnership is very important to the success of all our students. I cannot wait to see everyone again!!

Finally, February is the month of celebrating Valentine’s Day and the ones we love. Just a reminder, as always if you are sending valentines to school that we do not allow any food items to be sent or attached for the safety of all.

I encourage everyone to pause and tell the important people in your life how much you appreciate them and love them. Take care of each other. Happy February Dear Marshall Families. We care about you and love you.

Sheila Schmidt  
Principal

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# SECOND GRADE

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## SECOND GRADE NEWS:

**Mrs. Walton, Ms. Till and Ms. Smith**

This trimester in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, we are learning about geography and our landscape. We have focused on natural resources and ways that we can use them responsibly. Our students are feeling motivated to make a difference in our world by treating our landscape with kindness and compassion.

In Second Step, we are learning about managing our emotions. We have discussed the different emotions we feel. All feelings are okay! Some feelings are comfortable, while others are uncomfortable. Discussing how to cope with these feelings has encouraged our classroom community to be supportive of each other.

We've seen a lot of growth in our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, academically and emotionally!! We are so proud of them and we look forward to seeing their growth as the year goes on.





# CALENDAR

## February Dates

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mrs. Meadows Baby Due Date**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>- No School- Teacher Professional Development**

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>- PT Conference sign-up opens at 7am**

**Week of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>- Counselor Appreciation Week**

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>- Hearing Screening – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- PT Conference Sign-up closes at 4:00PM**

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>- PT Conferences and Book Fair: 4:00PM-8:30PM**

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Mrs. Markham and Mrs. Lindenberg Due Date**

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>- PT Conferences and Book Fair: 4:00PM-8:30PM**

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>- PT Conferences and Book Fair: 8:00AM-1:00PM**

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- No School**

**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Weber Due Date**



# SECOND STEP FOCUS



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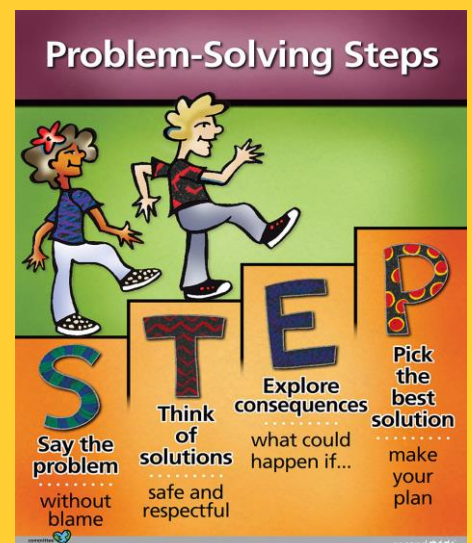
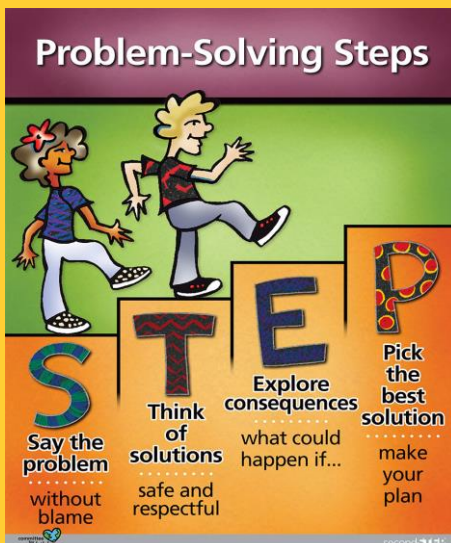
## SECOND STEP-

This month, our schoolwide theme is problem solving. In our morning announcements and school assembly we'll be reminding students to use the *Second Step* Problem-Solving Steps:

- S: Say the problem
- T: Think of solutions
- E: Explore consequences
- P: Pick the best solution

As you can see, the first letter of each step spells the word “step.” Remember “step” helps students solve problems with each other in a safe and respectful ways.

*Second Step* lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message that solutions need to be safe and respectful. You will be receiving Home Links about the steps that describe why solving problems is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her learn and practice the steps. We hope the steps will be helpful for you and your child when there are problems at home.





# IMPORTANT NEWS



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## IN DISTRICT TRANSFER/OPEN ENROLLMENT:

In December, the district updated School Board Policy #6218 In-District Open Enrollment to streamline the application timeline between elementary and secondary schools. At the same time, the name of the policy changed from In-District Open Enrollment to **IN-DISTRICT TRANSFER** to more accurately reflect the transfer between schools within the Dubuque Community School District.

**Under the updated policy, BOTH the elementary and secondary in-district transfer application periods will be as follows:**

**Applications Available:** January 15, 2022

**Deadline:** March 1, 2022

Visit the District's [In-District Transfer \(formerly In-District Open Enrollment\) - Dubuque Community Schools \(dbqschools.org\)](https://dbqschools.org) for more information or to apply beginning on January 15.

### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE CURRENTLY TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE DISTRICT:

- If your student is fully approved for in-district transfer for 2021-2022 school year, you **DO NOT NEED TO REAPPLY** for the 2022-2023 school year.
- If your student is conditionally approved, you **DO NEED TO REAPPLY** for the 2022-2023 school year using the application below.

Look at our wonderful Marshall Teachers and their much-anticipated new Marshall Eagles!



Mrs. Weber (2-28-2022)

Mrs. Walton (5-16-2022)

Mrs. Markham (2-22-2022)

Mrs. VanCleve (3-24-2022)

Mrs. Lindenberg (3-6-2022)

Mrs. Meadows (2-22-2022)

We can't wait to meet the newest members of our Marshall Family!!



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# WELCOME MR. FOLEY



*Visit our FACEBOOK Page: Marshall Elementary School*



Hello,

I'm Mr. Foley, I'm the new Connector at Marshall. In this role, I will be building relationships with both kids and families. My goal is to work together to make your child's time at Marshall a positive and successful experience.

As I begin to learn more about our students, I'll be making more connections to our families and help provide resources and additional opportunities at Marshall.

Before coming here, I worked at Roosevelt Middle School. I grew up in Dubuque. I went to Kennedy Elementary, Jefferson Junior High, and Hempstead High School. I went to college at the University of Iowa.

I've coached football, basketball, and track in the Dubuque Community School District. Nothing has given me more readily defined sense of purpose than working with kids. The best part about working at school is the relationships that come from it. Whether it's with kids or staff members, those relationships will forever hold a special place in my heart.

A healthy lifestyle is important to me. I enjoy lifting weights, going for walks, the outdoors (especially in the summer so I can golf,) and cooking. My favorite sports teams are the Iowa Hawkeyes, Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs. My favorite TV shows are Seinfeld, Parks and Recreation and The Office. If you see me around, please don't hesitate to stop and say hello.

Robbie Foley  
Connector

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# COUNSELOR CORNER



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS. MARKHAM:

I will be out most of the spring enjoying my new bundle of joy. My due date is 2-22-22. My temporary replacement will be Anne Trausch. She will be subbing for me part-time during my absence.

Mrs. Trausch attended graduate school for school counseling and has experience subbing for school counselors in DCSD. In addition to working with students individually and in-groups, she is fully prepared to provide students and families with similar supportive services as I do.

On most weeks, Anne will be at Marshall 3 days, and the days of the week will vary depending on her schedule. For this reason, she will be focusing her time on individual and group counseling services.

I plan to return from maternity leave the beginning of May. Let's welcome Mrs. Trausch to Marshall.

If you have any questions, please call Marshall School at 563-552-4100.

Molly Markham  
Marshall School Counselor



# BOOK FAIR NEWS



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## BOOK FAIR NEWS:

**THERESSA NORTHOUSE: LRC/TECH TEACHER**

Book Fair is fast approaching... with that being said, below is information that you will need.

Dress up week- We will have a dress up week during the week of, February 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

### Monday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- Color Day

Pk- Color is Pink/Purple

K- Green

1- Red

2- Blue

3- Yellow

4- Orange

5- Black

Support Staff- Tye Dye

Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>- Dress like a snowman

Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Day- Marshall Gear or Blue/Yellow

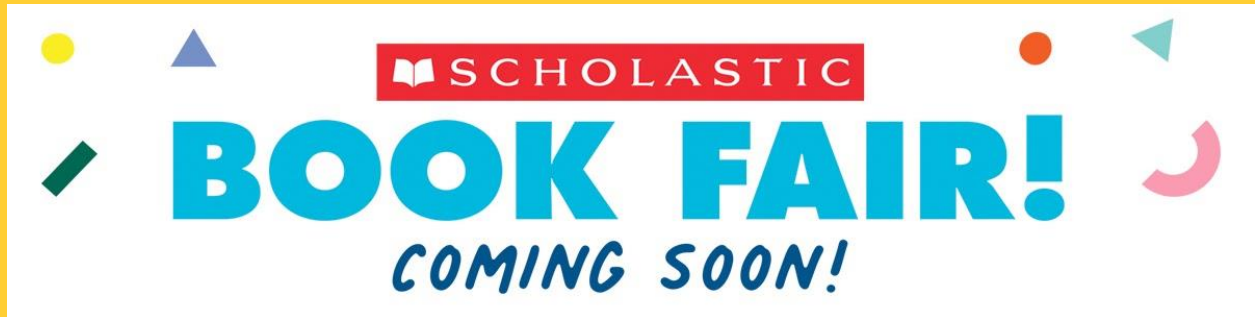
Thursday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>- Inside Out Day- Wear your clothes inside out

Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- Mustache Day





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Dear Parents and Families,

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our spring Book Fair will be familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> at Marshall Elementary.

Our Book Fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it the Fair, then **shop at our school's online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: [Published Homepage \(scholastic.com\)](https://www.scholastic.com)

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there.

Happy Reading,

Sheila Schmidt  
Principal  
Marshall Elementary