

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

Doing our **BEST** work
Being our **BEST** selves



Thursday, October 8, 2015

Weekly Calendar

8:10 a.m. – Supervision Begins

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:10 a.m. unless attending the St. Mark's Program

8:10 a.m. – Breakfast Begins

8:25 a.m. – First Bell

8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell

3:20 p.m. – Dismissal

- Note: students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will be sent to the office to call for a ride

AM Preschool: 8:35-11:05 a.m.

PM Preschool: 12:45-3:15 p.m.

Monday 10/12/15

On-Line Conference Scheduling opens
Gallup Poll (5th Grade)

Tuesday 10/13/15

No Calendar Events

Wednesday 10/14/15

8:40 am – 3M to Life Skills
1:00 pm – 3O to Life Skills
2:00 pm – 3T to Life Skills

Thursday 10/15/15

9:15 am – 2nd Grade to Pumpkin Patch
DuTrac Kidz-R-Us Program Begins
Take Home Folders go home
Marshall Messenger goes home

Friday 10/16/15

1-hour late start (Staff PD)
2:00 pm – Guest Speaker to 3rd Grade

Upcoming Events...

10/21 – Fall Picture Day
10/21 – Life Skills (3rd Grade)
10/26-30 – Conference Week
10/29-30 – No School (Conferences)

Principal's Corner

Friday, October 9: Just a reminder that we will NOT have school on Friday, October 9. This is a scheduled Professional Development Day for teachers.

Morning Arrival Time:

Please be sure that your children **DO NOT** arrive to school prior to 8:10 a.m. as there is no supervision until that time. Also, students are not allowed to play on the playground or playground equipment during our morning line-up time. Upon arrival they should go directly to their assigned lines.

Conferences: Below is our conference schedule.

Tuesday, October 27

(4:00-8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 28

(4:00-8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 29

(8:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m.)

Additionally, we are using an on-line conference scheduling software to allow families the freedom to schedule the day and time that works best for their conferences. Parents can simply go to the Marshall website and click on the conference schedule link to register your child for conferences. Login by entering your child's legal or given first and last name. The password will be their legal or given first name. The conference scheduling link will open to parents beginning Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 a.m.

Kids Expo...

Who: Families/caregivers and children age 0 through elementary-school age

What: Everyone is invited to attend Kids Expo-Dubuque County, a wonderful family event. There is no charge and all activities are FREE!

Where: Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque

When: Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kids Expo-Dubuque County will offer health services for children, including immunizations, flu shots, oral health screenings, lead testing, vision checks, and developmental screenings. For immunizations and lead tests, families should make an appointment in advance through the Visiting Nurse Association at 556-6200.

This expo will bring together a variety of businesses and organizations with programs or services for families/caregivers of young children. Participants can attend at no charge and visit over 60 booths to ask questions and gather information about services offered to children and their families.

Throughout the day, entertainment and hands-on games, activities, and more will be available for the children. Free giveaways are offered at many of the exhibitor's booths. Don't miss it! www.dcearlychild.org

It's a Great Day to be a Marshall Eagle!

Third Grade News...

Third grade students have been busy trying to learn the routine and new things about third grade. We have 3 sections of 3rd grade this year. Each morning we start off with a short morning meeting that includes a greeting, sharing time, and discussing the day's schedule. The purpose is to build community, respect, and trust in our classrooms.

Math: In Unit 1 students practiced making bar graphs. Then they had to read and analyze the data table and graph. In Unit 2 students are practicing addition and subtraction strategies to become more efficient with their facts.

LEAD 21 - Language Arts: The theme for Unit 1 is **CHANGES**. Students have read about all kinds of changes in people's lives at home, in neighborhoods, and at school, and relate these changes to their own lives. Students have been practicing various reading skills such as determining important information, author's purpose, and making inferences.

Science: Students have been investigating magnets and enjoyed finding materials that stick to magnets. They are now starting to experiment with electricity. Students are given a motor, light bulb, wires, and battery, and put them all together to get the motor to run, and a light bulb to light up. They are really enjoying this investigation!

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Olberding and Mrs. Tauber

Music News...

We are having fun exploring the various techniques about music and the world. The Fifth grade students took a trip to the Five Flags Center to see the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

perform. In Fourth grade we are busy learning the note names of the Treble Clef and learning how to connect those notes with music that they see. In Third grade, we have been busy learning more about the music around us and what types of instruments there are. In Second grade, we have been working on learning songs for our Veterans Day program. First grade is learning different songs that go along with games that they enjoy. In Kindergarten, we have been having tons of fun learning how to sing and what different types of voices that there are. A lot of the songs we sing have a game to it and the students love singing along while playing the game.

Veteran's Day concert is November 10th, 2015 at 2:00pm and 6:30pm. This will consist of grades Second, Fifth, and 4th / 5th Grade Marshall Choir. A letter will be sent home in a couple weeks.

Mrs. Galusha

Clothing Guidelines...

We have always received strong support from our parents regarding appropriate school attire for our students. We hope that this cooperation continues regarding this issue as one more example of respect for all students at Marshall.

Below are the guidelines established for the clothing students wear to school. We believe modesty is important for a positive school environment. We ask you to review the following recommendations. If students wear clothing that is unacceptable, we will ask them to change or cover up.

* Wear shirts that cover the shoulders (straps at least 1" wide). This would exclude, as an example, halter tops, back-less shirts, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, tube tops or muscle shirts (with a deep hole under the armpit).

* Shirts and tops should not be cut low in the front or back and should be long enough to tuck into shorts, skirts or pants (no mid-section skin showing).

* Avoid short shorts or short skirts and very low cut pants. Mid-thigh or longer is a comfortable and modest length for shorts and skirts. Please select shorts, pants or skirts that do not have a low cut waist.

* Due to hygiene and health concerns, Do Rags, caps, scarves, sport head bands and wrist bands should not be brought to school.

* Protect your children's toes and feet by sending them in sensible shoes which allow them to walk, run, and play safely. Lace-up or slip-on shoes that cover the entire foot are expected to be worn at all times. In addition to other foot wear that school officials would deem unsafe, the following items are not allowed to be worn to school: flip-flops and other "open-toed" or "open-heeled" sandals, high heel/platform shoes or boots and oversized shoes/boots.

* **Gym Shoes:** All students should have a pair of gym shoes that can be left at school. The student's name should be printed permanently on the inside of both shoes. These must be clean and dry in order to participate in class. At the close of each physical education class, it is each student's responsibility to return his/her shoes to the storage area designated by each classroom teacher. This will usually be the hall locker.

Celebration Guidelines...

Birthdays and holidays are so exciting to celebrate! We often celebrate these special occasions with snacks, but due to our school and district wellness policy and possible allergies in the classrooms, we ask that you **DO NOT** send edible treats to school. Although it is not expected, you may choose to send something for a special occasion. If you do, we ask that it be nonedible as all edible treats will **NOT** be passed out and will return home.

Thank you for your support in following our school and district wellness policy.