

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

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



Thursday, January 21, 2016

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 1/25/16

MAP Testing (3rd-5th Grade)

Tuesday 1/26/16

MAP Testing (3rd-5th Grade)

Wednesday 1/27/16

No Calendar Events

Thursday 1/28/16

9:15 a.m. – 3rd Grade to River Museum

Take Home Folders go home

Friday 1/29/16

1-hour late start (Teacher PD)

Upcoming Events...

2/1 – Preschool Registration Opens

2/1 – Community Groups

2/2 – Marshall PTO Mtg.

2/3 – Marshall Site Council Mtg.

2/5 – No School

2/23 – Kdg / 3rd Grade Music Program

Principal's Corner

2016/17 Preschool: The Dubuque Community School District will be accepting registrations for the 2016/17 State-Wide Voluntary Preschool Program. Registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, February 1, 2016 on a first-come-first-served basis. Children must be four years old by September 15, 2016. All four-year-olds are eligible if they are a resident of the state of Iowa. You must provide proof-of-age upon registration, so please bring a birth-certificate, passport, or a signed immunization record as proof-of-age. Please contact the school office for more information.

2016/17 Kindergarten:

On Tuesday, February 16 we will hold office hours of 3:30-6:00 p.m. to receive paperwork for all incoming kindergarten students for the 2016/17 school year. This is an opportunity for parents to complete the necessary paperwork they need to have on file prior to their child registering for kindergarten this summer. Families should have received a mailing from the district office. However, if you did not receive this information and you have an incoming kindergartner, please plan to attend this event. We will host an Open House event later in the year, so students do not need to attend this event. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

A Note from the Superintendent...

Recently, FBI Victim Specialist Karen Gale spoke to over 250 parents and community members about Internet safety and ways to protect children from the dangers and consequences that can occur via technology.

Her message to families was a straightforward one – it is important for parents and family members to monitor their child's technology usage and have open conversations with them about it.

Karen recommended www.netsmartz.org, a site with **comprehensive Internet safety resources for parents, teens, tweens and kids.** The site, a service of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, has age-appropriate resources, videos and games on a variety of Internet safety topics.

I hope you take some time to review these resources and use those you find helpful. Most importantly, I hope you will continue to engage in conversation with your student about the appropriate use of technology.

We are pleased that the district was able to arrange for this presentation and I want to thank you for the continued role you play in keeping all of our students safe in and out of school.

Stan Rheingans - Superintendent

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

Fifth Grade News...

5th grade students are learning about current hot topics in the news.

In LEAD 21, the focus question for this unit is, "What forces work to change earth's surface?" They have been reading about the effects of global warming, El Nino, and how destructive forces can lead to the creation of new things.

Science directly ties in to this with the study of our ecosystem and the food chain. We have been studying the path of energy from the sun all the way through to the top consumers - bears and mountain lions. Students have built a red worm habitat that they are monitoring. It shows the power of even something very small on the health of our ecosystem.

Our field trip this month was to the Eagle Watch where we heard how the eagle was listed on the endangered list as recent as 1978, to today, where the eagle has made a comeback. In 2007, the eagle was officially taken off the endangered list.

Ask your student about all the things they are learning. Also remember, you are always invited to come in and see what is going on in our classrooms.

Mr. Roth and Mrs. Runde

Counselor News...

In classroom guidance lessons, K-2 Students are learning and reviewing the difference between tattling and reporting. We discussed the "Tattle Rules" and determined when it is important to either report something to an adult or when we can be problem solvers and fix our own problems. Students have learned about

several "tools" they can use when they have a problem with another classmate. Tools such as: saying "please stop, I don't like that", ignoring, sharing, taking turns, walking away, or finding another game/activity to play were all reviewed. Students will role play how to use their tools in order to solve their own problems rather than tattle.

3-5 students are reviewing the difference between bullying/harassment and having a conflict. To determine if a situation is bullying, 3 factors need to be present: it is one-sided, it is on purpose, and it happens repeatedly. Students are learning that conflict occurs when two (or more) people have a fight or a disagreement. Usually a solution can be found when we are in a conflict. We are learning/reviewing our conflict management tools (solutions) and will soon understand and practice how we can utilize a problem-solving model in order to resolve conflict.

Mrs. Hunold

DCSD - Food Service Substitutes Needed...

Food and Nutrition Services has employment opportunities available for substitute food service workers across the district. High school diploma required.

Applications available at:
www.dbqschools.org
Click on Careers

Winter Weather Guidelines...

* Students will be outside in the morning for line-up and for recess if the wind chill is **zero degrees** or above, so make sure they always wear the proper clothing for the weather.

* All students are required to bring boots to school every day beginning with the first snowfall. Additionally, students should have winter coats, hats and mittens / gloves at school each day.

* Students should have an extra pair of shoes at school (in addition to their boots), so they have something dry to wear on their feet during the school day.

* If students do not have boots they will be expected to remain on the blacktop at recess time, in order to keep their shoes and feet dry.

* All students who play in the snow or on the field are required to wear snow pants, hat, gloves and boots.

* **Note:** Families who need hats or gloves/mittens for their child should contact the school office as we have received donations from community groups for these items. Families are strongly encouraged to label your child's clothing with their first and last name. This will assist students to locate any lost or misplaced items.

FIRST 5 School Bus Rules...

- * Sit facing forward and stay seated @ **all times**.
- * Do **NOT** distract the driver with inappropriate behavior.
- * **Respect** the driver, attendant, and other students.
- * Do **NOT** bully or harass physically or verbally.
- * **NO** eating or drinking on the bus and "leave no trace."