

# Marshall Elementary School

## 2015/16 Marshall Messenger

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



Thursday, March 10, 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 3/14/16

No Calendar Events

#### Tuesday 3/15/16

2016/17 Elementary Open Enrollment Application process opens

#### Wednesday 3/16/16

No Calendar Events

#### Thursday 3/17/16

Progress Reports go home  
Take Home Folders go home

#### Friday 3/18/16

1-hour late start (Teacher PD)

### Upcoming Events...

3/24 – No School (Teacher PD)

3/25 – No School

3/28 – No School

3/29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Planetarium

4/1 – Community Groups

4/4 – Jefferson Students visit 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

4/5 – Jefferson Open House

4/5 – Marshall PTO Mtg.

4/6 – Marshall Site Council Mtg.

### Principal's Corner

#### 2016/17 Kindergarten

**Open House:** We will be hosting a **Kindergarten Open House on April 12 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** A letter will be mailed to all prospective kindergarten students and their families in a couple weeks. Please contact the school office to RSVP for the Open House or with any registration questions.

**2016/17 Preschool:** We are accepting registrations for the 2016/17 State-Wide Voluntary Preschool Program. 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. Please contact the school office for more information.

**Crosswalks:** For the safety of your children, parents are urged to use the crosswalk, at the lights, when crossing Rhomberg Ave. We have staff there to assist students and parents in getting across the street safely.

**Dogs:** Due to health and safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on school grounds at arrival and dismissal times. Please either keep your dog at home or in the car when coming to the courtyard to pick up your child.

**No School:** Reminder that there is no school on Thursday, March 24, Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28.

### St. Mark's Weather-Related Program Changes...

In the event of bad weather, St. Mark's Community Center will follow these policies:

- \* If **school is cancelled:** no before and after-school program.
- \* If **school is released early** because of bad weather: no after-school program.
- \* If **school is delayed** (with the exception of our normal Friday one-hour late starts): no before-school programs, but after-school programs will be held following release of school until 5:30.

### Preschool News...

February was a fun and exciting month in Preschool! Our main focus was on friendship, and what it means to be kind to all of our friends. The children really enjoyed talking about friends and doing some acting, to show what being a good friend looks like. During the month of March, we have some fun and exciting things planned. We already talked about our showcase author: Eric Carle. Now we are focusing on all things green! The children will be making some fun shamrock projects and we might get a visit from a pesky leprechaun. Ask your preschool child all about it!

Mrs. Allen

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

## Kindergarten News...

Kindergarten is currently on Unit 6 in lead 21, Life All Around. This unit focuses on the concepts of the characteristics, needs, and growth of living things. We are reading further to answer the questions: What are living things? How do plants and animals grow and change?

In math our focus this month is on using standard and non-standard units of measuring. We will be learning about fractions and proportions. We are also comparing numbers, determining one less and one more than a target number, as well as greater than, less than or equal to.

In Social Studies we discussed the process of the Presidential Election going on now in connection to President's Day in February. We incorporated our previous unit of Lead 21 to identify the different "symbols" of our country. For example: the flag, statue of liberty, the eagle, etc.

Thank you to all parents who visited with us at conferences.

Mrs. Ellerbach  
Mrs. Moeggenberg

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## Fifth Grade News...

**Language Arts** – Students are just completing a unit called New People, New Places. In this unit we discussed how our country began and how it continues to change over time. They also are working on making timelines that answer the question, "What events have shaped America?"

**Math** – Fifth grade is finishing a unit on decimals and probability. Our next unit will teach the connections to division and the methods we use to divide and the importance of remainders.

**Science** – We are just finishing the unit on Living Systems and will soon be going in to the Sun, Moon, and Planets unit. In Living Systems, students made and maintained a red worm habitat and talked about composting. They grew wheat grass and studied the importance of light and nutrients on plants. At the time of this writing, we are waiting for our butterflies to "spread their wings" and continue to look at their digestive systems and how they compare to ours. All of this has been interesting but has lent itself to some unusual smells from our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

**Career Café** – Fifth grade feels extremely lucky to be able to listen to community members share information about their jobs. Thanks to Ms. Hunold who organizes all of this!!! About once a month, students get to choose what speaker they want to listen to and while they eat lunch, are informed about the requirements, benefits and stories involved with their jobs. We have had engineers, police, firefighters, county conservation, nurse, writers, chefs, to name just a few. What a great opportunity for our students to learn about job opportunities and start to think about their future!

**Important dates coming up!** March 29 – Planetarium visit at Loras College. April 20 – Body Bee at Clarke University. May 20 – Heritage Pond field trip.

Mr. Roth and Mrs. Runde

## Counselor News...

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students have been participating in Career Café once again this school year. Career Café is a fun way to learn about different career opportunities as well as meet different members of the Dubuque community.

During each Career Café opportunity, several community members are invited to speak to small groups of students during their lunch period. They tell about their position and field questions from the students. So far this year we have had the pleasure of exploring a variety of careers such as: an engineer, a park ranger, a police officer, an aesthetician/massage therapist, a social worker, a retail manager, the owner of a construction company, and a court reporter.

Career Café is a great learning experience for our students. It is important to begin career exploration at a young age because it can expose students to career paths they may have never considered. It also enables them to test out who they are against the real world and begin to wrap their heads around the many career opportunities actually available. In addition, career exploration helps students to begin to understand how they feel about various types of work, working conditions, and work activities. Finally, career exploration helps students start to understand why they are in school as well as the various post-high school education and training options and/or requirements.

I am always looking for volunteers to speak to our students about their career. If you are interested in being a part of a Career Café session, please get in touch with me!

Mrs. Hunold