Marshall Elementary School 2015/16 Marshall Messenger Doing our <u>BEST</u> work Being our <u>BEST</u> selves



Thursday, March 31, 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 4/4/16

Jefferson to visit 5th grade

Tuesday 4/5/16

6:30 pm – Marshall PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm – Jefferson Open House

Wednesday 4/6/16

7:30 am – Marshall Site Council Mtg.

Thursday 4/7/16

Take Home Folders go home

Friday 4/8/16

1-hour late start (Teacher PD) 5:30 pm – PTO Family Dance

Opcoming Events...

4/12 - 1st Grade to E.B. Lyons

4/12 – 16/17 Kdg. Open House

4/13 – Loras Mini Dance Marathon

4/14 – Spring Pictures

4/19 – 1st/4th Grade Music Program

4/20 - Body Bee (5th grade)

4/28 – Clarke Presentation (K-5)

5/2 - Community Groups

5/3 – Jefferson Band @ Marshall

Principal's Corner

2016/17 Kindergarten
Open House: We will be hosting
a <u>Kindergarten Open House on</u>
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.

Appropriate Shoes:

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 "opentoed" or "open-heeled" sandals, high heel/platform shoes or boots and oversized shoes/boots.

Dogs: 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.

Community Groups...

During the month of March students have been learning about and showing acts of COURAGE. Students who have been "Caught Being Courageous" are nominated by classmates and staff for the opportunity to receive one of our "Capes of Courage". Ask your child about the ways can show courage at home and school?





Music News...

We are having fun exploring the various techniques about music and the world. The Fifth grade students are working on an Artist Research project. They each are searching information about an Artist that they find intriguing and making a flow chart about all the information they find.

In Fourth grade we are working on our concert music.

In Third grade, we have been busy doing a review on music notes and creating little compositions.

In Second grade, we have been working on the unit Peter and the Wolf. A fairytale story that has instruments that represent characters.

First grade has been busy working on their music for their concert.

In Kindergarten, we have been working on learning more songs and playing games with them. We are also learning the very basic music notes and how to clap the beats.

The next concert is on

April 19, 2016 at 2:00pm and
6:30pm. This concert will consist
of First grade, Fourth grade, and
4th/5th grade choir.

Mrs. Galusha

Library News...

Well, another successful Book Fair is in the books thanks to all of you! We will be purchasing over \$2000.00 in books and resources for our school in the coming weeks. Mrs. Pfab has been busy covering and labeling new books to be checked out.

The students and teachers have been introduced to a new set of books that the PTO purchased for us. These books are called LIGHTBOX and can be found on the Marshall website under Students/Library Online Search. We have purchased 24 hardback books that also come with unlimited online copies. This means every student at Marshall could be looking at 1 book at the same time. These online books are very interactive. Some of the titles include: The Liberty Bell, MLK, Sun, Moon, Hamsters, Deciduous Forests, and Blizzards just to name a few.

Mrs. Neumann

Technology News...

The computer lab has been abuzz with projects printing daily. Kindergarten has been drawing celebrations. 1st grade just presented their PowerPoints. 2nd grade just started working on Type to Learn. 3rd grade is wrapping up their Hero Kidspirations. 4th Grade is working on endangered species Printing Presses. 5th grade just finished timelines. Did I mention that pre-school has been coming in, also! Busy, busy.

Mrs. Neumann

Third Grade News...

Third grade is in the middle of a busy spring! We have just completed Unit 5 in LEAD 21, which was about heroes. The students were able to choose a hero

and dig a little deeper to find out more about them. A final product was created in the computer lab using the program Kidspiration.

In math students have been working on solving multiplication problems and learning multiplication facts. We will continue this throughout the rest of the year! Look for multiplication flashcards to be coming home soon! Please make sure your child continues to practice subtraction and multiplication facts nightly.

After the long holiday weekend we will be diving into our new science kits, learning all about water!

As spring sports practices start, please try to make sure students are getting their math and reading minutes in! It can be a bit challenging some evenings, but it is so important in order for students to keep building those skills! Thank you for supporting your child's efforts at home.

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Olberding and Mrs. Tauber

Middle School Open House Events...

<u>Jefferson Middle School</u>

Tuesday, April 5 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Washington Middle School

Tuesday, April 12 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Middle School

Tuesday, April 12 7:00-8:00 p.m.