

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

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



Thursday, November 5, 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 11/9/15

No Calendar Events

Tuesday 11/10/15

2:00 pm – 2/5/Choir Music Program

No after school programming

6:30 pm – 2/5/Choir Music Program

Wednesday 11/11/15

ITP Testing (Grades 3-5)

8:40 am – Life Skills (3M)

1:00 pm – Life Skills (3O)

2:00 pm – Life Skills (3T)

Thursday 11/12/15

ITP Testing (Grades 3-5)

Take Home Folders go home

Marshall Messenger goes home

Friday 11/13/15

ITP Testing (Grades 3-5)

1-hour late start (Teacher PD sessions)

Upcoming Events...

11/16 – Elementary Band Concert

11/19 – Orchestra Concert

11/20 – Picture Make-up Day

Principal's Corner

Music Program: We will host a Music Program with our 2nd and 5th grade students on Tuesday, November 10. We will have a 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. program. Families are welcome to attend one of these programs which will have music celebrating the upcoming Veterans Day.

Cooler Temperatures:

We are seeing much cooler temperatures (especially in the morning). With that said, I would ask that you make a point to ensure that your child is leaving the house dressed appropriately for the weather. If they have a light jacket or sweatshirt, they should be wearing it to school. They can always put it in their book bag, for after school, if the temperature warms up during the day.

Bus Safety: If your child rides the bus to and/or from school, we would ask that you speak to them about the importance of sitting quietly on the bus. Our main goal is to get students to and from school safely. Please speak with your child, so we can provide safe transportation for all bus riders.

Conferences: I would like to thank all families who attended our recent Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences.

Iowa Testing Program...

Students in 3rd – 5th grade are currently taking the Iowa Testing Program (ITP) tests (formerly the ITBS). The ITP Test provides information on each student's skills and performance in many basic skill areas. Combined with other information like grades and input from teachers, these tests can help us identify student's strengths and weaknesses and help to develop the best educational plan for each student.

Here are some things you can do to help your child do his/her best:

- * **Encourage your child to take the test seriously** and not see the test as a nuisance or as a break from "real" school.
- * Continue to **maintain a consistent family routine**. Stress or conflict before the test may interfere with your child's performance.
- * Make sure your child gets a **good night's sleep** before the test and that he/she eats a **healthy breakfast in the morning**.

One of the most important factors of being successful during ITP is for students to attend all days of testing, try their best on the test, and do not interrupt others. Parents play a huge role in achieving this success; so please help us to provide a positive testing experience for your child.

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

PE News...

We are quickly moving through our first trimester here at Marshall, and with that, the first pacer and half-mile test have been taken. We are really trying to push the students to improve their running abilities. I have challenged each individual student to show an improvement from their first trimester times and scores through their final test in the spring.

The students are currently playing games and activities that allow them to increase their cardiovascular rate for 20 to 30 minutes per physical education class. I have stressed to the students that doing this once every 3 days is not enough. They need to create exercise habits for when they are not at school. These habits can include walking every day, riding their bike, playing with their pet, etc. With cold weather getting closer, it important to remind students that this is not an excuse to not go outside and exercise. They just need to dress properly.

Leisure Services will be offering a tennis program during the month of December. The days will be after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program is open to 5th graders, and 4th graders if we do not have enough sign up. There is no cost for this program. If interested, please contact Leisure Services.

Mr. Osweiler

Preschool News...

The preschool children have been busy this fall. We have been pumpkins and spiders. In our

art center the children have been creating pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, and spiders. We have also done some painting at the easel center. I enjoyed talking with all of you at conferences about how your child is doing in preschool. We have been working on writing our names, and the prewriting strokes. The children are really enjoying school and interacting with their peers. Enjoy this autumn season we really enjoy it in preschool!

Mrs. Allen

Title I News...

When Eric reads, he instantly recognizes most words. He reads sentences smoothly, understands what's happening in the story, and had good expression.



Eric is a fluent reader – his reading sounds like speech. Here are some ways to help your youngster read fluently.

Be a role model: When you read to your child, have them read along with you. Don't be surprised if they try to match their voice to yours. You can also alternate paragraphs or pages, or

take turns reading for different characters.

Choose the right book: Your youngster should recognize most of the words (one to two unfamiliar words per page are okay – that will keep them challenged). If they're having trouble reading smoothly, try picking an easier book.

Use expression: Punctuation marks are clues that tell us how to read something. Encourage your child to sound excited when they see an exclamation point, and make their voice go up for a question mark. Teach them to pause briefly at a comma and slightly longer at a period.

Check for understanding: If your youngster doesn't understand the book, they will sound choppy. And if they're reading one word at a time, they'll have a rough time following the plot. As they read, ask them questions to make sure they understand the story.

Mrs. Felderman
Mrs. Moldenhauer

Health Education...

November: Your Body / Growth and Development / Human Sexuality. This month's health topic focuses on children learning the stages of growth and the importance of healthful habits throughout life. Children also learn appropriate terminology and functions of their bodies.