

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

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



Thursday, October 22, 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 10/26/15

No Calendar Events

Tuesday 10/27/15

Conferences

Wednesday 10/28/15

Conferences

Take Home Folders go home

Marshall Messenger goes home

NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thursday 10/29/15

Conferences

No School

Friday 10/30/15

No School

Upcoming Events...

11/2 – Community Groups

11/3 – Marshall PTO Mtg.

11/10 – 2nd & 5th Music Program

11/10 – No After School Programs

11/11 – Life Skills (3rd Grade)

11/18 – Life Skills (3rd Grade)

11/23 – Hearing Screenings (K-2)

Principal's Corner

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 close to parents on Sunday, October 25 at midnight.

No School: Reminder that there is no school on Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 due to Conferences.

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.

Attendance Update...

Whether your child is in Preschool or High School, regular daily attendance makes a huge difference! Every day, your child is learning something new and valuable! If he/she misses just 1-2 days per month, your child will develop a chronic absenteeism problem! What might your child miss out on at school?

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Your child is learning a new word or sound, a new math skill, and is making new friends!

Elementary: Your child is learning a new math skill or science concept! Your child goes from "learning to read" to "reading to learn!" They are learning to become independent, responsible and are continually learning to work with others!

Help your child develop good attendance habits! Our kids are **THE FUTURE!** It's never too early to start asking your child what he/she dreams of becoming! The sky is the limit! Make every second count!



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

Kindergarten News...

October is Fire Safety month! Kindergarten took a trip to our neighboring Fire Station on Monday Oct. 7th for field work. We will spend an entire week focusing on Fire safety and prevention in Social Studies. We encourage all families to develop and practice a safety plan in case of the unfortunate event of a fire emergency.

Our apple orchard trip was postponed due to stormy weather. Our students have been looking forward to going and learning more about apples, and there many valuable uses. In Science we continue to study trees and observing the changes that a tree goes through in the four seasons; particularly fall!

We finished Unit 1 in Lead 21 and took our first assessment test. We are excited to share your student's results with you at conferences this month! We began Unit 2, which focuses on using our 5 senses to learn about the world around us.

October is all about pumpkins in Kindergarten! We will write about pumpkins, count pumpkins, weigh and measure pumpkins, and study their life cycle.

Mrs. Ellerbach
Mrs. Moeggenberg

Health Education...

October: Relationships with Family/Friends. This month's health topic focuses on families—how they are different and alike, how they may change, and how family members and friends can help you stay healthy and safe. Children also discover the importance of showing respect, making wise decisions, and knowing how to resolve conflicts.

5th Grade News...

Fifth grade has had an exciting start to the school year. Following are just a few of the things happening in our classes already this year:

- * Field trip to the Dubuque Symphony
- * Leadership team chosen
- * Givercraft
- * Lego League
- * Recycling
- * Office runners
- * Pledge readers
- * Second grade buddy activities
- * Morning meetings
- * Lexia - computer reading program
- * DuTrac interviews
- * Band
- * Orchestra
- * Choir

All of this in addition to our regular curriculum. In LEAD 21, we have just finished Unit 1 where students wrote a Personal Narrative and did their inquiry project on how we find common ground with other cultures.

In Math, we have just finished up Unit 2 on large numbers and are going into Unit 3 where we will be learning about fractions.

During Science, we have been doing experiments dealing with mixtures and solutions and in history, looking at maps and beginning to learn about the early days of our country.

In Health, we have been talking about making good decisions and planning for a healthy life.

We are looking forward to a great year!!!

Mr. Roth and Mrs. Runde

Counselor News...

Classroom guidance lessons are well under way! All grade levels have been learning about group work and cooperation. They have all practiced the skills necessary to work together in a group. Students participated in activities geared at learning skills such as listening, making sure everyone is contributing, accepting others' ideas, using kind/respectful language, making suggestions rather than demands, encouraging others, and using patience.

As we continue to work together throughout the school year, we will revisit these skills. It's important for students to understand how to work with other people not just at school; but at home as a part of their family, when they play on a team, and, eventually, when they have a career. The skills needed to cooperate are often called "soft skills" by employers. You can help your child begin to develop these soft skills by:

- * Encouraging your child to do service work. Children can learn a lot about working with others by volunteering.
- * Encouraging your child to play a team sport.
- * Starting conversations about differences. Acknowledge that some people have ideas about people who are different from them.
- * Playing games as a family. Board games help children build many skills that apply to work (and school): cooperating with others, taking turns, following rules, controlling emotions, and learning new knowledge and skills.

Mrs. Hunold