

# Marshall Elementary School

## 2016/17 Marshall Messenger

### Marshall students are...

### Respectful, Responsible & Caring



Thursday, November 10, 2016

## Daily Schedule

**8:10 a.m. – Supervision Begins**

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:10 a.m.

**8:10 a.m. – Breakfast Begins**

**8:25 a.m. – First Bell**

**8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell**

**3:20 p.m. – Dismissal**

**AM Preschool: 8:35-11:05 a.m.**

**PM Preschool: 12:45-3:15 p.m.**

**Monday 11/14/16**

No Calendar Events

**Tuesday 11/15/16**

No Calendar Events

**Wednesday 11/16/16**

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

**Thursday 11/17/16**

4:00 pm – Volleyball @ Sageville

Take Home Folders go home

**Friday 11/18/16**

1-hour late start (District PD)

11:50 am – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Café

**Monday 11/21/16**

Marshall Spelling Bee

**Tuesday 11/22/16**

Marshall Messenger goes home

Take Home Folders go home

**Wednesday 11/23/16**

No School

**Thursday 11/24/16**

No School

**Friday 11/25/16**

No School

## Principal's Corner

### 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.

### Playground Hours:

Please be aware that the hours have changed for when our playground is open to the public on school days. The new hours begin at 5:00 p.m. This later start time allows our after school programs to utilize the playground during their program hours.

### Morning Arrival Time:

Please be sure that your children **DO NOT** arrive to school prior to 8:10 a.m. as there is no supervision until that time. Upon arrival they should go directly to their assigned lines.

### Breakfast Program:

Reminder that we do not serve breakfast on days with a 2-hour late start.

## Overdue Library Books...

Please remember to return library books to school on time so that the students are able to check out books the following week. If you currently have any fines it would be great to have them paid so we can replace the lost books as soon as possible.



## Health Topic...

November's topic is... 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.

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## Library News...

The Marshall Library has been extremely busy this fall. I'm very impressed with all of the students and their passion for reading. To motivate more kids to find their reading passion the library will be starting a reading initiative some time before Thanksgiving break. Happy Joe's sponsors the Happy Reader Club. The Happy Reader Club is designed to help teachers stress the importance of reading to all students. Students will have monthly reading goals and upon reaching those goals will receive a Happy Joe's pizza certificate as a reading reward. Students will be required to maintain a reading log with the number of minutes he/she is reading each night. There are certain types of books that will not qualify as Happy Reader Club books. Those books include: comic or cartoon books, picture books, and choose-your-own-ending books. Students can only earn one certificate per month even if the student surpasses his/her original reading goal.



## Scholastic Book Fair...

The Scholastic Book Fair this fall was a pirate theme. The students seemed to really enjoyed acting and speaking like pirates! The All for Books fundraiser was a huge success! The students who brought in the most money during the campaign got to dress up like a pirate and get his/her photo taken in front of the green screen. We then dropped in a photo of a pirate ship in the background. It seemed to be a great motivator for students to round up as much change as they possibly could find at home! Thanks again for your support of the All for Books Scholastic fundraiser for books in the Marshall Library!



## Technology News...

Technology is on the rise at Marshall. Preschool, kindergarten, and first grades all have five new iPad airs each and an iPad storage cabinet, too. The iPads in the classrooms are primarily used for Lexia and ST Math, but can also be used for SeeSaw, iMovie, Chatter Pix, and much more! We are so excited and grateful to the Dubuque Community School District for providing our school with these new devices.

## Keyboarding...

Keyboarding skills are essential to becoming a 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. Keyboarding is currently being taught to both 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. The students are using [www.typingclub.com](http://www.typingclub.com) to practice typing skills. Students can use this Web site at home to practice. The faster the students can type the easier it is for students to perform daily writing tasks in the classroom. In addition to Typingclub.com students can also log onto [www.typing.com](http://www.typing.com) the same way they log into their Clever accounts. Keyboarding is currently being reviewed in all grades, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. Any time the students can get more keyboarding practice the better typist they will become.

First graders will begin learning keyboarding skills right after Thanksgiving break. Students will be introduced to typing and then we will practice each day consecutively until winter break for approximately 20 minutes per session. Hopefully the initial instruction and practice will encourage students to become accurate and efficient typists which will then lead to an employable skill and become a skill for the students' lifetime.

## Office 365...

Office 365 is currently available to all students who attend Dubuque Community School District. All students, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>

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grades, are aware of their usernames and passwords to log into Office 365 from any Internet connected device. All Microsoft applications such as MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, MS Outlook, etc. are available for a free download to a student's home computer. Simply access the student's Office 365 account via the Marshall Web page. For more directions for downloading the Office Suite of programs contact Vicky Stelzer, Marshall Technology Information Coach, at [vstelzer@dbqschools.org](mailto:vstelzer@dbqschools.org). The Office Suite is a \$500 value that DCSD students can download for free as long as they are a student in the Dubuque Community School District.

of digital citizenship lessons through an online company called Nearpod. Marshall students will be working through a variety of Nearpod lessons during their once a week "tech time" with Mrs. Stelzer. Some titles of the lessons include: Going Places Safely, A-B-C Searching, Keep it Private, Sending E-mail, Follow the Digital Trail, The Power of Words, and many more. To familiarize yourself with digital citizenship please take a look at [www.commonsense.org](http://www.commonsense.org) and [www.nearpod.com](http://www.nearpod.com). Both are excellent resources for teaching kids about the importance of online safety. For more information contact Vicky Stelzer, Marshall Technology Information Coach, at [vstelzer@dbqschools.org](mailto:vstelzer@dbqschools.org).

people seek the unknown?" Students have also been working on a persuasive essay in writing. They were able to choose their own topic and wrote to persuade other students to agree with them. Have your child tell you about the topic that they chose and see if they can persuade you!

In Math, students are focusing on area and division. Students have learned many different ways to find area, including using the algorithm, length x width. We have also started to learn long division. Although this is challenging, we have spent several days working on strategies to help us divide. Please continue practicing math facts at home.

We are also working in a unit in Science called, "Mixtures and Solutions." Students have been introduced to some fundamental ideas in the field of chemistry. Students will develop a stronger understanding of the properties of mixtures and solutions.

Please watch for progress reports coming home in late November!

Mr. Roth, Mrs. Runde and Ms. Clements

## Digital Citizenship...

Digital Citizenship is a hot topic throughout elementary, middle and high schools throughout the United States and throughout the world. The way we treat others online and the digital footprint students leave behind can impact a student's future. The Dubuque Community School District has purchased a series

## Fifth Grade News...

In Lead 21, students just completed a unit called, "Seeking the Unknown." In this unit, students are researching why people explore the unknown. The focus question of the unit is, "Why do

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# 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.

During the month of November, guidance time in many classrooms will be spent working on the health curriculum. We will talk about the medical terms for our body parts as well as the ways in which boys' and girls' bodies differ. In addition, we will learn how to keep our bodies safe from unwanted/uncomfortable touches and learn/review the body safety rules: "No, Go, Yell, Tell!"

Mrs. Hunold



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org) & [gradelevelreading.net](http://gradelevelreading.net)