

Marshall Elementary School

2017/18 Marshall Messenger

Marshall students are...

Respectful, Responsible & Caring



Friday, March 9, 2018

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.

Friday 3/9/18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Tuesday 3/13/18

Spring pictures for all students

Thursday 3/15/18

Open enrollment forms available online only for elementary schools.

Friday 3/16/18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Wednesday 3/21/18

5th grade field trip to Clark University.

Friday 3/23/18

1-hour late start (District PD)

Monday 3/26/18 – Friday 3/30/18

No School – Spring Break

Principal's Corner...

Dear Marshall Families,
The month of March certainly came in like a lamb, it was a beautiful sunny day! Although the groundhog did predict six more weeks of winter, these past few days have been full of surprises. I

am choosing to be optimistic that we will see calmer and warmer weather as we move through the month, perhaps it will even go out as it came in. However, this time of year brings fluctuating temperatures, so please remember to dress your child appropriately as we do go outside for recess unless raining, or below zero.

I would like to take a moment to talk about the safety and security at Marshall and at the district level. We are all working together to put the safety of our students first. The district has links on their website for you to utilize when processing and talking with your child(ren) about safety. At Marshall we will continue our practice of locked doors at all times, and visitors needing to check into the office and wear visitor identification. Please identify yourself when buzzing the school's main door on Rhomberg Avenue and bring your driver's license when visiting to help with this process.

We have just completed our spring conferences and I really enjoyed seeing all of you at Marshall. It is so important to share with your child and your child's teacher all the wonderful things that are going on in his/her classroom and with his/her learning. Your support is a valuable resource and important to us as we all work together for what is best for our

students. In addition, report cards are now ready to be viewed for Trimester 2, make sure to check them out online, or call the office and request a printed copy. Many times, I am asked by parents, "What can I do at home to help my child be successful at school?" My answer is quite simple, "Read with your child every day." Before, during, and after the reading, praise your child, direct a discussion about the story, ask questions, visualize the story, offer information, share personal reactions, and relate the story to life experiences. Most of all enjoy the story together and let your child see that reading is fun. Cherish this special time together!
Yours in Education,
Sheila Schmidt
Principal

Library News...

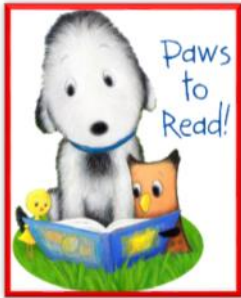
The Marshall Library has been extremely busy this year. We are very impressed with our students and their passion for reading. To motivate more kids to find books to read and establish a lifelong love for reading the Marshall Library has established a monthly reading incentive program. The *Texas Roadhouse* gives away free kids' meals to every student that hands in a completed reading calendar at the end of every month. The calendar

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has been established to help teachers stress the importance of reading to all students. Students who complete the calendar each month with parents' initials and signatures are entered into a drawing for door prizes. The students can win anything from stickers, socks, word search books, or *Vertical Jump Park* gift cards.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair this



February was a hit with the "Paws for Reading" theme. The Marshall Library sold over

\$2400.00 in books at the book fair. Thank you for your continued support!

Overdue Library Books

Please remember to return library books to school on time so your student is able to check out books the next week. If you currently have any lost book fines, please pay the balance as soon as possible so the library may replace the lost books to use next year.

Technology News

Keyboarding

Keyboarding skills are essential to becoming a 21st Century learner. Keyboarding instruction is delivered to Marshall students 1st through 5th grade. The students are using www.typingclub.com to practice typing skills. Typing Club can be accessed through the Clever portal. The faster the students can type the easier it is for students to perform daily writing tasks in the classroom. The more keyboarding practice, the better typist they will become.

Office 365

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

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 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. 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.

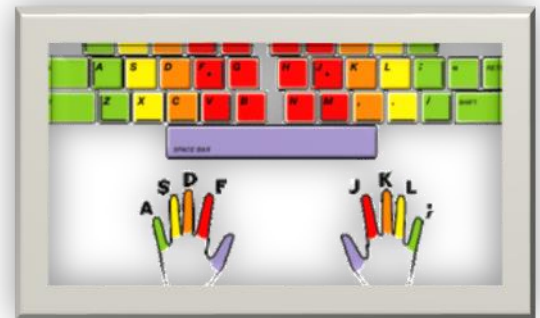
To familiarize yourself with digital citizenship please take a look at www.commonsense.org and www.nearpod.com. Both are

excellent resources for teaching kids about the importance of online safety.

Community Note/Event...

Join other parents for FREE parent sessions on Trauma Informed Care in the Schools, and Raising Children with Difficult Behaviors. Both sessions will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center at 3100 Dodge Street. Come to one, or both sessions. All parents, grandparents and care givers are welcome!

Jim Sporleder will present on Friday, April 13 from 4:00-6:00 pm: Trauma Informed Care in Schools. Heather Forbes will present Friday, April 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm: Raising Children with Difficult Behaviors.



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Resource...

Visit the Multicultural Family Center's website to learn more about their FREE programs. They have awesome events, enrichment and academic activities for your child. Programs are FREE for everyone! Visit their website, or stop by today at 1157 Central Ave. <https://www.mfcdqbq.org/>

Attendance Tip...

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to be academically successful. Please continue to have consistent bed time and morning routines. Routines help your student come to school prepared to learn. If you have questions about attendance, or learning more about how attendance affects your child, please contact Mary Bridget, Connection Specialist at 563-552-4142.

Parent Tip...

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents, families and schools work together, your child succeeds!

Please encourage your child to read every day and sign their monthly reading calendar! Students who read every day and turn in their monthly calendar get an opportunity to win AWESOME door prizes. Check out the purple March calendar that went home with your child.

2018-2019 School Year

Preschool...Available

Marshall still has openings for both the morning and afternoon sessions of preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a child who turns four by 9/15/18, they are eligible for FREE 4-year old State sponsored preschool. The openings are on a first come, first served basis. Please call the office for more information, or with any questions at 552-4100.

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