



# Malden Musketeer News

Malden Grade School where  
Teamwork Leads to Individual  
Achievement

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## Summer News and Notes

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Booster Club Meeting 9/6/16 7 p.m.
- \* RIPS Fundraiser Oct. 4th
- \* Labor Day– No School Sept. 5th
- \* Noon Dismissal Sept. 16th

August 18th marked the beginning of another school year at Malden Grade School. Everyone at Malden Grade School will work very hard to make your child's experience at school rewarding. We are going to emphasis Math this year. Parents please take time to practice basic facts and ask them what they are learning in Math.

As always, we would like to encourage you to read with your children on a regular basis. Be sure to ask them what they are reading during Stop, Drop, and Read. With your help we can continue to build strong readers which will in turn create successful students.

### New Staff

Malden Grade School is pleased to welcome new staff members. Michelle Hult is now the 3rd/4th grade teacher aide. She is a resident of the Malden community and has volunteered in the classroom previously. We would like to welcome Nate Jones as the new PE/Health teacher. He is a graduate of Dixon HS and Monmouth College. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Hult will be great additions to our school. Please take some time to welcome our new Malden Grade School family members. Dale Karls has joined the team as the new Tech. Consultant. Congratulations to all the new hires. We hope you have a great year.

### Open House: September 6th at 6:30.

Malden Grade School will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, September 6th. Please take this opportunity to come see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. There will be a Booster Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. following the Open House.

### Building Renovations

A big thank you to our custodial staff for all their hard work this summer. (Jim Drake, Josh Harr, Brock Griffin) Please make sure you check out the new bathroom ceilings, painted rooms, and painted outdoor sheds. It looks great!!!

## Summer School Success

Summer School concluded in late June and it was an amazing success. Thank you to Ms. Nichols and Mrs. Vandermoon for teaching and planning the activities. Students were exposed to a variety of fascinating units. The high-

light of the summer was the field trip to the WQAD newsroom. The students were able to sit at the anchor desk and see behind the scenes. Please consider sending your child next year. Special thanks to Alexis Absher for being Mrs. Vandermoon's aide.

### Walking and Bike Riding to school.

It has come to my attention that some students are walking/riding in the middle of the road. Please talk to your children about safe travel to school.

## Online Grading System/Parent Communication

For the fourth year, teachers will be trained and use TeacherEase to allow parents to check their child's grades at any-time. According to a survey conducted last year about 60% of parents utilized the service. We would like to see that increase this year. Please feel free to let me know if there are any glitches that prevent the use of the website. The younger level teach-



ers may have a more difficult time reporting progress as their assessments are much different than the Junior High. We still believe the best way to communicate with teachers about your child's needs is personal contact. We hope parents will use this tool to keep track of their students grades in a more efficient manner. We also encourage 5th-8th grade students to set up an account so they may check their grades on a regular basis.

Signing up for this service is free and easy. If a parent contacts the school and provides an email address, that address will be put in the system and an email with a login will be sent to the parent. Please see attached sign-up form.

### Be the first to know:

SIGN UP FOR BCR ALERTS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT MALDEN SCHOOL INFORMATION.

## Volleyball Begins

It is that time again. The volleyball season is underway. The girls have been working very hard in practice and Coach Swarczewski is excited about the opportunity to coach the Malden Team. The first home game was Monday, August 22 vs. DePue. There are currently 11 girls out for Volleyball. Other home games include; August 29th vs. LaMoille, Sept. 12th vs. Ohio, and Sept. 19th vs. Bureau Valley North.

The BVEC tournament will begin on September 24th at Neponset Please come and support the girls this season. **Note: All home Basketball and Volleyball games will start at 5:30 this year unless listed otherwise.**

*"A kind word often goes unsaid, but never goes unheard"*  
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## Malden Website

Malden Grade School has upgraded the website and it is much better than in years past. Please take some time to explore the website. We hope you will find the website user friendly with an increased amount of information and student related articles. Please feel free to contact the school with suggestions for what should be included on the site.

[maldengradeschool.org](http://maldengradeschool.org)

## Booster Club Meeting Set

The Malden Booster Club will have their first meeting of the year on September 6th at 7:00 p.m. The Booster Club raises money during the year to help provide additional materials for students and teachers. Please attend the meeting and join in helping provide the highest quality education for our students.

## Lunch Procedure Update

Everyone that is eating Hot Lunch must fill out a menu even if the child qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunch. Also, indicate on the menu if you desire milk on a day that your child is bringing sack lunch.

## Breakfast Program

Malden Grade School will continue the Breakfast Program. Students interested in breakfast will report to the cafeteria between 7:30 and 7:50. Students will receive a cereal, fruit, dairy, and milk. The price of breakfast is \$2 and free and reduced status does apply. Ordering breakfast can be completed by marking your interest on the back of the lunch menu. Free and Reduced lunch prices apply for the Breakfast Program.

## Booster Club News After-School Program

The Booster Club would like to welcome everyone back to school. Thank you to all the parents that signed up for something during registration. We still need help with **concession stands**. Contact Tricia Burden 303-5979. Keep saving your box tops. If you have not already donated \$4 or a case of water per family, please do so soon. All money raised during fundraisers goes for teacher mini-grants, field trips, library trips, and other items needed throughout the year. Thanks for your support and participation. First meeting is Sept. 6th at 7 p.m. Please join us.

Once again, Malden Grade School will host an After School Program from 3-6 p.m. During the afternoon, students will receive homework help, a healthy snack, and physical exercise. Please consider participating in the program and supporting the fundraising efforts throughout the year. Informational registration packets can be picked up in the main office. The first fundraiser of the year will be the very popular Rip's Dinner on October 4th. Please bring family and friends out for a great meal and a chance at numerous raffles.

### OPEN HOUSE

September 6th

6:30-7:00

Please plan to attend our Open House at Malden Grade School. Teachers will be available to answer questions and will also display student work. Parents should also plan to stay for the Booster Club Meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. to participate in planning exciting activities for our students.

## New Bus

Bus #2 is back on the road but it has a lot fewer miles. The Board decided to purchase a 2017 International 77 passenger bus. This bus will provide a more comfortable and safe ride to school and field trips. There is also hope to reduce maintenance cost as well. The State plans to reimburse 75% of the cost over the next 5 years.



## Budget Report

At the August Board Meeting, the 2016-17 budget was presented to the Board. The Malden School District expects to operate close to a balanced budget. The district continues to be in stable financial condition. The budget is available for review in Brenda's Office.

## Pre-School Openings Still Available

The Malden Pre-School Program is up and running for another great school year. There are still morning and afternoon spots available for children who have or will turn three by September 1st. If you have or know of a child who would be interested please contact the Malden Grade School Office at 643-2436. Open to children residing in the Malden, Ohio, or LaMoille School Districts. Students from other districts are welcome as long as their local pre-school is full.



### There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Bus Route Schedule
3. Teacher Ease Sign-Up
4. After-School Program Information
5. Parent Flyer