



Malden Musketeer News

Merry Christmas!!!

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*Malden Grade School
where teamwork leads to
individual achievement.*

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Special points of interest:

- * Dec. 3,5,7,8 BVEC Tourn.
- * Dec. 20th Movie at Apollo K-8
- * Dec. 12th Winter Concert
- * Dec. 15th Board Meeting
- * Dec. 22nd Classroom Christmas Parties
- * Dec. 22nd 2 p.m. dismissal

Student News and Notes

Cheerleaders Host Little Poms

The Cheerleaders hosted a cheerleading workshop for young ladies on November 5th. The girls performed a cheer and a dance routine in front of a packed house on November 7th. There were about 25 girls in attendance and it appeared that all enjoyed the experience.

Jacob Burns was named to the Malden Invitational All Tournament Team.- I apologize for omitting this in last month's edition of the newsletter.

Christmas Concert

The Malden Christmas Concert will be held on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Band students need to be at the school at 6:30 and all other students need to be in their classrooms by 6:45. If your child can't attend the concert, a note needs to be given to Mrs. Ribas as soon as possible. The students have been working hard to prepare for this year's concert. The general music classes and band will perform songs that are peppy in nature. Fourth grade students will perform with their recorders. The After School Program will also have a bake sale and lottery tree raffle.

Doors open at 6:30p.m.

Malden Students use Front row

Students grades 3-8 have been using an online program called Front Row. This program diagnoses the student's math ability and provides lessons. Ask your child about their progress.

Remember to work with your child and their math facts at home. Mastering math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) are the keys to a successful Math student.



Veteran's Day Assembly

On Friday, November 11th, students and staff invited veterans to a Veteran's Day assembly and breakfast. About 30 guests attended the event that featured student performances and a special breakfast.

Thank you Veterans

The 1st-4th grade students performed the National Anthem, the Boy Scouts presented the colors, and Kaleb and Kaden gave speeches. The event was very well received by our honored guests. Thanks to Mrs. Pinter for organizing the event.

A special Thank You to Jim Rawlings who was the featured speaker. Mr. Rawlings spoke on how serving in the military requires the six pillars of character the students are learning during Character Counts.

Booster Club Information

The 2nd meeting of the year was held on November 1st and there is much information to report. The club heard from the teaching staff who reported that they would plan and execute the Chili Supper this year, which made \$1400 for the school. Please remember to continue to save Box Tops. Running class totals are displayed outside Brenda's office. Manna cards will be available for another order before Christmas. Please contact Becky if you are interested in ordering gift cards. They are a great gift idea for those who live far away. If you are interested in serving as an officer please contact Becky or Mr. Patterson.

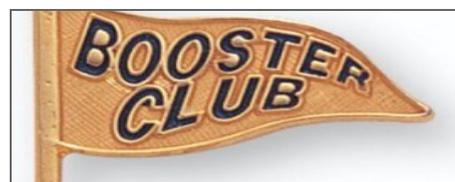
The following purchases were approved

- 1/2 of the roller skating unit was funded
- \$250 matching funds for the Sun Foundation Grant
- \$200 for PE weights
- Sponsored K-8 and Life Skills to attend a Christmas movie at the Apollo.
- \$50 for privacy shields for test taking
- Funding for the spring Character Counts field trip

It was reported the fall fundraiser made around \$1800 and the cooler donated by Mr. Jones' uncle raised \$300.

Ballgame Supervision

Just a reminder to parents that the policy at Malden Grade School is that if your child is not in Junior High and is attending a game at Malden, that child needs to have adult supervision present. I have noticed an increase in younger students running around and even sometimes being on the court during play. We encourage attendance of young children but please help us supervise. Thank You.



Character Ed.

November 29th students who earned enough tickets in the Character Counts program were rewarded with an educational field trip to Rockford. Students have been working hard in the areas of Fairness, Responsibility, Caring, Respect, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship. The school has seen an improvement in behavior and we hope that all students will qualify for the spring reward. Thank you to the Booster Club for supporting this effort.

Read with Your Child

Parents can be great role models when it comes to their child's education. Please take time to model reading and discuss what your child is learning at school. Thanks for all that you do to support our school.

**"We Read to Know that
We are Not Alone"
C.S. Lewis**

Fitness Gram

Mr. Jones has implemented fitness and fitness training as a central part of his Physical Education curriculum. Mr. Jones will measure progress by using Fitness Gram which is a set of physical activities that can be measured. The child will be given the tests in the Fall and Spring. We are excited to see the progress that will be made by our students.

Gym Renovation

Malden GS is looking to create a group to look at a possible gym renovation/upgrade. This group would function similarly as the Playground Upgrade Committee. The group will meet to discuss improvement ideas, a timeline for change, and possible means to raise funds. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mr. Patterson at 815-643-2436.

Chili Supper

On November 17th, the Malden faculty and staff hosted a Chili Supper. The event was a great success earning just over \$1400. The most in history. Thank you to all that worked and donated the awesome pies for the event. Thank you to our great community that continues to support our students with incredible generosity. The entire profit was donated to the Malden Booster Club. A special thanks to Ms. Nichols for leading the event.

MASP Bake Sale

The Malden After School Program will be raffling off Lottery Trees. For only \$5, you will have an opportunity to win a Lottery Tree with 50 \$1 scratch off tickets. There will be two trees raffled off this year.

Please visit the bake sale at the Christmas Concert to support the After School Program.

Important Items to Note:

With the school year in full swing there are many activities on the horizon:

- Dec. 2 BVEC Tournament begins
- Dec. 20th K-8 and Life Skills students will view a Christmas movie at Apollo Theater.
- Christmas Concert– December 12th, 7p.m. Doors open at 6:30
- Next Board Mtg. December 15th
- Dec. 19th– 1st/2nd grade Craft Day

- Please send your child in proper winter attire. If your family is struggling to provide winter coats, you can contact me confidentially at mikepatt30@gmail.com or 815-643-2436.
- Dec. 22nd– Breakfast with Santa
- Congratulations to all the Eighth Grade athletic participants. Eighth grade recognition night was Nov. 28th.
- Dec. 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th- BVEC Boys Basketball Tournament begins at Bradford

Student Council Christmas Raffle

The Malden Student Council will begin selling tickets for a number of Christmas raffles. Tickets will be 3 for \$1.00 and can be purchased from any Student Council member or Brenda in the office. There will be something for everyone. Winners will be announced on Dec. 22nd. Good luck to all that purchase tickets.

Reminder: Please drop off students using the back alley. We will have a staff member at the door or supervising outside. Thank you.

Winter Wonderland Program Community Invitation

Malden Grade School cordially invites the entire community to attend the Winter Wonderland Concert on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. This year's program will be sure to not disappoint.

Special Holiday Guest Appearance Expected.

Please come celebrate the holiday season with the fine students of Malden Grade School.

BCR Alerts

With the winter weather on its way, it is a perfect time to sign up for BCR Alerts. To sign up go to the school website– maldengraeschool.org– and click on Parent Resources– School Closures and click the link to BCR Alerts. You will receive a text message with updates of school related issues and school closures.

PARCC Test Results

Malden Grade School recently received PARCC results from tests taken last Spring. The test is designed to determine if students are on track to be college ready. Test results were mixed, but we did have the second highest scores in the conference. We identified Math as an area that we will concentrate on this year and already have made changes to improve performance.

School Improvement Team Update

The School Improvement Team has worked very hard to implement activities that will help our school reach our School Improvement Goals. The following are new activities that have been implemented: Character Counts Program for K-4, new textbooks for 3rd/4th, a new class schedule for Jr. High, students can wear regular shoes to PE which allows for more time in class, an emphasis on Math, and individualized recess time for K-4. Goals are listed in the next column.

Goals

1. Curriculum: MGS will establish a consistent K-8 curriculum that will meet the needs of all learners and align to the state standards.
2. Staff Development: MGS will provide staff adequate training to meet the needs of each learner to ensure that all student and staff needs are met.
3. Productivity/Efficiency– MGS will maximize the use of time and materials to enhance student growth.

Thank You Staff Sergeant Griffin

Thank you to Staff Sergeant Tyler Griffin for presenting to Malden Grade School a flag that was flown over Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on September 9, 2016. The flag will be prominently displayed near the main entrance to the school. Staff Sergeant Griffin is a former student of Malden Grade School and the son of Pre-School Para-Professional, Tammy Griffin.