



Malden Musketeer News

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Special points of interest:

- * Feb. 10th BVEC GBB Tournament Begins at LaMoille
- * Feb. 13th 1st Scholastic Bowl meet vs. PCA
- * Feb. 15th Spelling Bee
- * Feb. 13th PHS visits to register 8th grade students
- * Feb. 20th No School- President's Day
- * March 9th P/T Conferences

Student News and Notes

Girls Basketball Update

The girls basketball season is off to a fine start. The girls have worked hard in practice and look to improve each time they are on the floor. The 7th grade team has already earned four victories.

Honor Roll Announced

Congratulations to the following students who were named to the Honor Roll; Season K, Jack M., Alexia B., Damian F., Alea G, Jake M., Jacob B.. High Honor Roll; Savannah H., Sydney M.*, Emmalith, Sarah H.*, and Kaleb C.

* indicates straight A's

Speech Contest

Malden will host the 2017 BVEC Speech Contest on February 22nd at 4:00 p.m. Malden students planning on participating include: Kaleb Cain, Abby Henderliter, Alea Goodman, Sarah Harris, Lexi Bohms, Sason Karns, and Sydney Mount. The students have been working very hard with Ms. Cunniff and Ms. Dye to polish their performances.

Malden GS- 2nd Best PARCC TEST SCORES of any elementary school in the county!!! Way to MGS.

Skate time

All Malden students will once again have the opportunity to roller skate during a two week period in February. This is usually one of the most fun-filled weeks in Physical Education for all ages. Thank you to the Booster Club for their continued financial support of this activity. Please take some time to talk to your child about responsible skating.



Gym Renovation Committee Update

A Gym Renovation Committee has been meeting to discuss possible improvements and upgrades to the Malden GS gym. The School District has committed to purchasing a complete floor refinish and repainting that will surely im-

prove the look of the gym. But like all things at Malden, we strive for the best. The committee is suggesting a campaign to improve the following aspects of the gym: new baskets, new scoreboard, fresh coat of paint, improved wall mats,

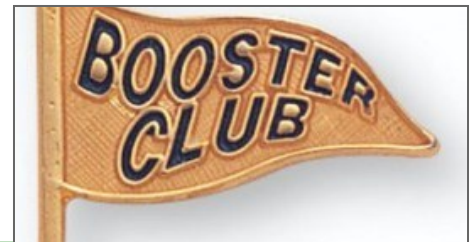
new score table, conference pennants, new American flag, and additional stage mats. The estimated cost for the project is near \$25,000. See the attached letter for additional information. We will be needing help as the project progresses.

Booster Club Information

The next Booster Club Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We will discuss and decide on the end of the year field trips for K-4, and 5-8 and Life Skills. Nominations for officers will be addressed at this meeting and then they will be installed at the April meeting. The Spring fundraiser committee will be established and/or give an update on progress for a Spring Fundraiser. We will also be deciding on some purchases that need to be made before the end of the school year which may include new classroom equipment, sports supplies, and other needs.

Thanks again to Becky Mount and Tricia Burden for organizing the Girls Basketball concessions and thank you to all that have helped with the concessions this year. Scholastic Bowl is coming up quickly and we need concession stand workers for those meets. Please let an officer know if you are able to help in any way. The Booster Club would like to thank all the families that actively participate in fundraising efforts. The money raised is used for all students so we would love to see increased participation in the future. If you are interested in helping with the Booster Club, please contact an officer.

Please come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. Your input and ideas are valued and needed.



Scholastic Bowl Season to Begin

The Scholastic Bowl team has been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming season. Coach Bejster has built a team that will surely have teams shaking in their boots when they walk in the door. Scholastic Bowl members have been practicing nearly every morning in the library. The first match is Monday, February 13th vs. PCA. Members of the team include: Kaleb C., Jake M., Alea G.,

Sydney M., Anna M.S., Kian S., Damian F., and Julian C. The season will conclude at the BVEC tournament March 13th at Buda.

"The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think." ~ Bill Beattie



Donkey Basketball

Mark your calendar. March 29 the After School Program will be hosting a Donkey Basketball game. Local celebrities will participate. This will surely be a great time. Please be on the look out for more information.

ASP Garden

Ms. Karen from the After-School Program is heading an initiative to break ground on a garden here at MGS. The garden will likely be located by the prairie grass. If you have any suggested items for the garden, let Karen know.

Kindergarten Reg.

Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Malden School Office between 8:30a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2017. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. Health and dental forms will be handed out during registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office. 815-643-2436.

Important Items to Note:

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

- If you were surprised by any of your students grades, please take the time to sign up for Teacher Ease which will allow you to check grades for all of your child's assignments. Contact the office for information. 643-2436
- Next Board Mtg. February 16th
- No School February 20th
- The Skating Unit will begin on

February 13th. Please send in skate money if you have not done so already.

- BVEC Girls BB Tournament @ LaMoille starting Feb. 10th
- PHS visits to sign-up 8th Grade students for classes Feb. 13th
- Speech Contest– Feb. 22nd at Malden 4 p.m.
- Sports Photos– March 1st. 1 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences March 9th
- Donkey Basketball March 29th 7:00 p.m.

PHS 8th Grade visit and class sign-up

Its hard to believe but it is time for the 8th graders to start thinking about next year. On January 27th, all the 8th grade students visited the school for a tour and information about their freshmen year.

On February 13th, Mrs. Hollman will visit MGS to assist 8th grade students in registering for classes. PHS should have sent each 8th grade parent a

Reading Challenge Award

Several Junior High students participated in the Christmas Break Reading Challenge. Each student was partnered with a staff member who read the same book. The partners then met after break to discuss the book. Students and adults were treated to a Ice Cream Sundae Party during lunch on January 12th. Thanks to all that participated and keep reading. I encourage parents to take this same challenge with your own chil-

dren.

Math Facts

Please help us with your child's Math Facts. We are on a mission this year to ensure that all students in the lower grades have mastered their appropriate math facts(+, -, X, /) Please work with your child's teacher on how you can help at home. Together a difference will be made.

Teen Showcase

The 7th and 8th grade students will be attending the Teen Showcase on March 30th. The event usually consists of 4 speakers that talk about important matters to Junior High and High School students. Malden has attended for the last several years and every year students get something positive out of the event. The students also receive a t-shirt and lunch. Please take time to thank a sponsor on the back of those shirts.

Junior High Pillar of Excellence

Starting this semester the Junior High is beginning a new initiative to help students succeed both in the classroom and out. The program is centered around five main topics: Integrity, Responsibility, Tardies, Organization, and Etiquette. Clear expectations have been presented to the students through several meetings. Specific areas of emphasis include: honesty, proper use of chrome books, following directions, working well with others, being prepared for class with pencil, completing homework on

time, traveling to and from class in an efficient manner, organized locker, manners, and appropriate social conversations. Students who do not exhibit these behaviors will be given a tally and tallies will be accumulated throughout the semester. At the end of the semester, students who have earned few tallies will be treated to a reward. We hope this program will help focus students specific goals that will help them to be successful at

There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Scholastic Bowl Schedule
3. After-School Program Information
4. Gym Renovation Letter